

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$100,000 in OPCD for Comprehensive Plan outreach and engagement in 2021

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action would impose a proviso on appropriations in the Office of Planning and Community Development's (OPCD) budget proposed for outreach and engagement work regarding the next major Comprehensive Plan update. The 2021 Proposed Budget appropriates \$100,000 GF for this purpose. The proviso will be lifted after OPCD presents its work plan, including plans for a Racial Equity Toolkit, to the Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee.

Under the Washington State Growth Management Act, the City is required to update its Comprehensive Plan every eight years. The next major update is due in 2024. The Urban Village Strategy for growth was adopted as a foundation of the Comprehensive Plan in 1994 and has been the guiding strategy for comprehensive plans in Seattle ever since. The purpose of the urban village strategy is to concentrate growth in "urban villages" and "urban centers" where jobs, transit and services are readily available.

In the 26 years since adoption of the first Comprehensive Plan, Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities throughout the city have been displaced from areas like the Central District. Data suggests that this is largely driven by a lack of housing options, particularly in areas with high access to opportunity north of the Ship Canal, in the face of unanticipated growth. Coupled with restrictions on development capacity, this has led to gentrification of areas such as the Central District, Chinatown-International District, Beacon Hill, Columbia City, and Delridge.

In 2018, the Council adopted Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) 29-4-B-1-2018, which requested that "OPCD, DON, and OCR prepare a racial equity analysis of Seattle's strategy for accommodating growth" as part of "pre-planning work in anticipation of the next major update to the Comprehensive Plan."

The Executive has provided a response to the SLI, but has not yet presented its proposed community

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outreach and engagement work program to the Council.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following budget proviso:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2021 budget for the Office of Planning and Community Development for outreach and engagement regarding the next major update to the Comprehensive Plan may be spent unless the Chair of the Council's Land Use and Neighborhoods committee, or the successor committee with purview over the Office of Planning and Community Development, files a certification with the City Clerk that the Office of Planning and Community Development, the Department of Neighborhoods, and the Office for Civil Rights have briefed the committee on their work plan for Comprehensive Plan outreach and engagement, including a racial equity toolkit."