

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	500	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Create new Community Safety and Communications Center

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Lise Kaye

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 Council Budget Action would recommend passage of CB \_\_\_\_ to establish a new Community Safety and Communications Center no later than June 1, 2021 within the Executive Department. The recommended ordinance would also transfer the following functions from the Seattle Police Department to the new Center: the 911 Communications Center, the Parking Enforcement Officers unit, and the Community Service Officers program. Finally, the budget action would impose a proviso.

CB \_\_\_\_ would also create the position of Director of the Community Safety and Communications Center to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Director would be subject to reappointment and reconfirmation every four (4) years. The Director's position would be classified as an Executive 3 and would be subject to reappointment and reconfirmation every four (4) years.

The Mayor's 2021 Proposed Budget package includes CB 119935, which would create the Seattle Emergency Communications Center, the primary function of which would be to operate the City's primary 911 call center, which would be transferred from the Seattle Police Department. The 2021 Proposed Budget package also includes CB 119934, which would transfer the Parking Enforcement Officers unit to the Seattle Department of Transportation. CB \_\_\_\_\_, which would pass the 2021 Adopted Budget, includes associated appropriations and position transfers to complete the two transfers.

The Mayor's proposal in CB 119935 would take effect 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but it is not clear how quickly SPD call center could transition to the new Seattle Emergency Communications Center. At a minimum, activation of the new Seattle Emergency Communications Center would be subject to receipt of federal Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) to allow the Center to access criminal justice records, which takes a minimum of four to six weeks. However, creation of the proposed Community Safety and Communication Center would be more complex, as it would also involve transferring two additional work

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	500	A	001

groups, defining an appropriate organizational structure and creating new internal and intra-departmental procedures.

## PROVISO

The proposed Council Budget Action would establish a target activation date for the new Center of no later than June 1, 2021 and would impose a proviso providing temporary appropriation authority under the existing Budget Service Level(s) for the 911 Communications Center, the Parking Enforcement Officers unit, and the Community Service Officers program until that date. After June 1, the appropriation authority would revert to the Community Safety and Communications Center unless Council passes a new ordinance that revises the transfer of appropriations and position authority from the Seattle Police Department to a new Community Safety and Communications Center.