



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda - Revised

Monday, January 13, 2020

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

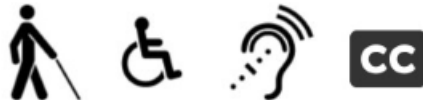
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Debora Juarez, Member
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Teresa Mosqueda, Member
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Meeting Location:

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Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council>

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

[IRC 236](#)

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Attachments: [Introduction and Referral Calendar](#)

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

These are the only Bills which the City Charter allows to be introduced and passed at the same meeting.

- [CB 119734](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of December 30, 2019 through January 3, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM:

1. [CB 119731](#) AN ORDINANCE related to elections; prohibiting foreign-influenced corporations from making independent expenditures or contributing to campaigns and independent expenditure committees; amending Sections 2.04.010, 2.04.260, 2.04.270, 2.04.360, and 2.04.370 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC); and adding a new Section 2.04.400 to the SMC.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 6 - González , Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Proposed Amendment 1](#)

[Proposed Amendment 2](#)

2. [CB 119732](#) AN ORDINANCE related to political advertising and qualified public communications; expanding commercial advertisers' duty to maintain and provide records regarding political advertising and qualified public communications; amending Sections 2.04.010 and 2.04.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 6 - González , Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 31925](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the Seattle City Council's opposition to the Trump administration's escalation toward war with Iran and to attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State, and requesting the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington State congressional delegation.

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

K. OTHER BUSINESS**L. ADJOURNMENT**



Legislation Text

File #: IRC 236, **Version:** 1

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Introduction and Referral Calendar

List of proposed Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt) and Clerk Files (CF) to be introduced and referred to a City Council committee

Record No.	Title	Committee Referral
<u>By: Mosqueda</u>		
1. CB 119734	AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of December 30, 2019 through January 3, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.	City Council
<u>By: Sawant</u>		
2. Res 31925	A RESOLUTION expressing the Seattle City Council's opposition to the Trump administration's escalation toward war with Iran and to attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State, and requesting the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington State congressional delegation.	City Council for Introduction and Adoption
<u>By: No Sponsor Required</u>		
3. CF 314443	Application of Peak Campus Development to rezone an approximately 32,600 square foot site located at 4731 15th Ave NE from Neighborhood Commercial 2 with a 65 foot height limit (NC2-65) to Neighborhood Commercial 2 with a 75 foot height limit and M Mandatory Housing Affordability suffix (NC2-75 (M)) (Project No. 3035720-LU; Type IV).	Land Use and Neighborhoods
<u>By: Herbold</u>		
4. Appt 01533	Reappointment of Tara Henriksen as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2021.	Public Safety and Human Services
<u>By: Herbold</u>		
5. Appt 01534	Reappointment of Fritz Chess as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2022.	Public Safety and Human Services
<u>By: Herbold</u>		
6. Appt 01535	Reappointment of Kurt Howell Lustig as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to December 31, 2022.	Public Safety and Human Services
<u>By: Herbold</u>		
7. Appt 01536	Reappointment of Brad Middleton as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2022.	Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

8. [Appt 01537](#) Reappointment of Hugo Sotelo as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2022. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

9. [Appt 01538](#) Appointment of Barbara Williams as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2020. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

10. [Appt 01539](#) Reappointment of Lawrence Low as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2020. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

11. [Appt 01540](#) Reappointment of June I. Michel as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2020. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

12. [Appt 01541](#) Appointment of Joe L. Hailey as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2021. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Herbold

13. [Appt 01542](#) Appointment of Lorna K. Stone as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2021. Public Safety and Human Services

By: Sawant

14. [CB 119656](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; providing that transitional encampments for homeless individuals are allowed on any property owned or controlled by a religious organization without approval of a permit under the Seattle Land Use Code, to permit transitional encampments for homeless individuals as an interim use on all publicly owned or private property within the City of Seattle, and providing for renewal of temporary use permits for transitional encampments as a Type I decision of the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; amending Sections 23.40.002, 23.42.054, 23.42.056, 23.76.004, 23.76.006, 23.76.032, and 23.84A.038 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Ordinance 124747. Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments

By: Sawant

15. [CB 119726](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to termination of residential rental tenancies; prohibiting evictions in winter months; and amending Section 22.206.160 of the Seattle Municipal Sustainability and Renters' Rights

Code.



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of December 30, 2019 through January 3, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$28,621,338.16 on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered 4100297355- 4100300209 plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, E-Payables of \$106,233.85 on PeopleSoft 9.2 9100005236- 9100005289 and Electronic Financial Transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$73,521,431.64 are presented for ratification by the City Council per RCW 42.24.180.

Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 13th day of January 2020 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 13th day of January 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)



Legislation Text

File #: CB 119731, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE related to elections; prohibiting foreign-influenced corporations from making independent expenditures or contributing to campaigns and independent expenditure committees; amending Sections 2.04.010, 2.04.260, 2.04.270, 2.04.360, and 2.04.370 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC); and adding a new Section 2.04.400 to the SMC.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council makes the following findings of fact:

A. The City of Seattle welcomes immigrants, visitors, and investors from around the world. However, its elections should be decided by the people of Seattle and not by foreign investors or the business entities over which they exert influence.

B. Foreign nationals have used and may continue to use U.S. business entities to funnel funds into U.S. elections, which is in violation of federal laws prohibiting foreign spending in U.S. elections. There are recent instances of intentional and targeted foreign interference in domestic local elections, including in San Diego, where in 2017, a businessman was convicted in federal court of unlawfully funneling foreign funding into local elections through third parties and shell corporations in order to support politicians who might support his real estate development plans; and in New York, where, in 2019, four individuals have been indicted on charges stemming from a scheme in which they laundered foreign money into U.S. elections via shell corporations and straw donors.

C. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has acknowledged the validity of legislation “to protect the country’s political processes after recognizing the susceptibility of the elections process to foreign

interference,” including in municipal elections. (*United States v. Singh*, 924 F. 3d 1030, 1043 (2019)).

D. The United States government has concluded that the 2016 presidential election was subject to extensive foreign involvement, as set forth in the U.S. Director of National Intelligence’s January 2017 report on “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections” and in Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s “Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election,” publicly released on April 18, 2019.

E. The United States government has concluded that Russia, China, Iran, and other foreign actors are engaged in ongoing campaigns to undermine democratic institutions, as set forth in the joint statement “Combating Foreign Influence in U.S. Elections,” issued by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on October 19, 2018.

F. The FBI has concluded that foreign influenced operations include “criminal efforts to suppress voting and provide illegal campaign financing,” as set forth in FBI Director Christopher Wray’s press briefing on election security on August 2, 2018.

G. The United States Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court have recognized the need to protect U.S. elections (including local elections) from foreign influence through the ban on contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals imposed by 52 U.S.C. 30121 and upheld by the Supreme Court in *Bluman v. Federal Election Commission*, 800 F. Supp. 2d 281 (2011).

H. It has been affirmed by the Supreme Court that “the United States has a compelling interest... in limiting the participation of foreign citizens in activities of American democratic self-government, and in thereby preventing foreign influence over the U.S. political process.” (*Bluman v. Federal Election Commission*, 8000 F. Supp. 2d 281 (2011), *aff’d* 575 U.S. 1104 (2012))

I. Current law does not adequately protect against foreign interference through corporate political spending by U.S. corporations with significant foreign ownership, as explained by Federal Election

Commissioner Ellen Weintraub in her July 19, 2017, statement “How Our Broken Campaign Finance System Could Allow Foreign Governments to Buy Influence in Our Elections and What We Can Do About It.”

J. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, major capital investors, corporate managers, and corporate governance experts broadly agree that ownership or control of one percent or more of shares can confer substantial influence on corporate decision-making.

K. Corporations with foreign ownership have been increasingly politically active in recent years, including in local elections in Seattle and around the country.

L. Business entities have a fiduciary duty to their shareholders, including shareholders around the world, and generally prioritize the interests of such shareholders, which may diverge substantially from the interests of the citizens of Seattle and of citizens of the United States.

M. Political spending by foreign-influenced business entities, even when they are simply acting in the perceived interests of their investors rather than being purposefully used to funnel foreign money into local elections, can weaken, interfere with, or disrupt Seattle’s democratic self-government and the faith that the electorate has in its elected officials.

N. To protect the integrity of Seattle’s democratic self-government, it is necessary to prevent foreign-influenced business entities from influencing Seattle elections by spending money in local candidate elections or contributing to independent expenditure committees.

Section 2. Section 2.04.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124694, is amended as follows:

2.04.010 Definitions

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“Candidate” means any individual who seeks election to the office of Mayor, member of the City Council, or City Attorney of the City, whether or not successfully. An individual is deemed to seek election when ~~((he or she))~~ the individual first:

1. Solicits or receives contributions; or
2. Makes expenditures or reserves space or facilities with intent to promote ~~((his or her))~~ the individual's candidacy for office; or
3. Announces publicly or files for office; or
4. Purchases commercial advertising space or broadcast time to promote ~~((his or her))~~ the individual's candidacy; or
5. Makes expenditures or solicits or receives contributions to explore the possibility of seeking election to City office; or
6. Gives ~~((his or her))~~ consent to another person to take on behalf of the individual any of the actions in subsections 1, 2, 4, or 5 of this ~~((section))~~ definition.

“Charter” means the Charter of The City of Seattle.

“Chief executive officer” means the highest-ranking officer or decision-making individual with authority over a corporation’s affairs.

“City” means The City of Seattle.

“Commercial advertiser” means any person who sells the service of communicating messages or producing political advertising.

“Commission” means the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission established by Section 3.70.010.

“Continuing political committee” means a political committee which is an organization of continuing existence not established in anticipation of any particular election.

“Contribution” means a loan, loan guarantee, gift, deposit, subscription, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, pledge, payment, transfer of funds between political committees, or transfer of anything of value, including personal and professional services, for less than full consideration, but does not include:

~~((a) interest))~~ 1. Interest on moneys deposited in a political committee’s account;

~~((b) ordinary))~~ 2. Ordinary home hospitality;

~~((e) the)~~ 3. The rendering of legal or accounting services on behalf of a candidate or an authorized political committee, but only to the extent that the services are for the purpose of ensuring compliance with City, county, or state election or public disclosure laws;

~~((d) the)~~ 4. The rendering of personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers;

~~((e) incidental)~~ 5. Incidental expenses personally incurred by campaign workers not in excess of \$25, in the aggregate, during the applicable period, personally paid for by a volunteer campaign worker; or

~~((f) an)~~ 6. An internal political communication primarily limited to the members of a political party organization or political committee, or to the officers, management staff, or stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or to the members of a labor organization or other membership organization. For purposes of this definition, “members” are those who ~~((i))~~ (a) regularly pay dues in exchange for benefits from the organization, or ~~((ii))~~ (b) are able to vote, directly or indirectly, for at least one ~~((1))~~ member of the organization’s governing board, or ~~((iii))~~ (c) adhere to a code of conduct, the violation of which may subject the members to sanctions that could adversely affect their livelihood, or ~~((iv))~~ (d) participate in the organization’s policy-formulating committees.

For the purposes of this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04, contributions other than money or its equivalents shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value of the contribution. Sums paid for tickets to fundraising events such as dinners and parties are contributions; however, the amount of any such contribution may be reduced for the purpose of complying with the reporting requirements of this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04 by the actual cost of consumables furnished in connection with the purchase of such tickets, and only the excess over actual cost of such consumables shall be deemed a contribution. Without limiting the foregoing, the financing by a person of the dissemination, distribution, or publication, in whole or in part, of broadcast, written graphic, or other form of political advertising prepared or approved by a candidate, a political committee, or the authorized agent of a candidate or political committee is a contribution to the

candidate or political committee.

“Corporation” means a corporation, company, limited liability company, limited partnership, business trust, business association, or other similar entity.

“Elected ((Official)) official” means any person elected at a general or special election to the office of Mayor, member of the City Council, or City Attorney of the City and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in any such office.

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“Final report” means the report described as a final report in Section 2.04.375.

“Foreign-influenced corporation” means a corporation for which at least one of the following conditions is met:

1. A single foreign owner holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of one percent or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation;

2. Two or more foreign owners, in aggregate, hold, own, control, or otherwise have direct or indirect beneficial ownership of five percent or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation; or

3. A foreign owner participates directly or indirectly in the corporation’s decision-making process with respect to the corporation’s political activities in the United States.

“Foreign investor” means a person or entity that:

1. Holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or other applicable ownership interests of a corporation; and

2. Is a government of a foreign country; a foreign political party; a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country; or an individual who is not a citizen of the United States or a national of the

United States and who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“Foreign owner” means (1) a foreign investor; or (2) a corporation wherein a foreign investor holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has directly or indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting shares in an amount that is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the total equity or outstanding voting shares.

“In-kind labor” means services provided by a person who volunteers all, or a portion, of ~~((his/her))~~ the person’s time to a candidate’s election campaign, and who is not paid by any person for such services.

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Section 3. Section 2.04.260 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123070, is amended as follows:

2.04.260 Treasurer’s reports-Contents ((;))

A. Each report required under Section 2.04.250 shall disclose:

1. The funds on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;
2. The name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions during the

reporting period, together with:

- a. The money value and date of each contribution; ((;))
- b. The aggregate value of all contributions received from each such person during the

applicable period; ((;))

c. The occupation and the employer’s name, city, and state of each individual whose contributions in the aggregate during the applicable period exceed \$100.

Contributions of \$25 or less in the aggregate from any one person during the applicable period may be reported as one lump sum so long as the campaign treasurer maintains a separate list of the ~~((contributor’s))~~ contributors’ names, addresses, and the amounts of each of their contributions, but if the treasurer does not maintain such a list, then the name, address, and amount of each contribution shall be reported;

d. A copy of the certification provided pursuant to subsection 2.04.270.D, by the chief executive officer of any corporation making a contribution, that the corporation is not a foreign-influenced corporation.

3. Each loan, promissory note, or security instrument to be used by or for the benefit of the candidate or political committee made by any person, together with the names and addresses of the lender and each person liable directly, indirectly, or contingently and the date and amount of each such loan, promissory note, or security instrument;

4. The name and address of each political committee from which the reporting committee or candidate received, or to which that committee or candidate made, any transfer of funds, together with the amounts, dates, and purpose of all such transfers;

5. All other contributions not otherwise listed or exempted;

6. The name and address of each person to whom one or more expenditures were made in the aggregate amount of more than \$50 during the reporting period, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure;

7. The total sum of expenditures;

8. The surplus or deficit of contributions over expenditures;

9. The disposition made of any surplus of contributions over expenditures;

10. Such other information as the Commission requires by rule adopted pursuant to the Administrative Code in conformance with the policies and purposes of this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04;

11. Funds received from a political committee not domiciled in the state and not otherwise required to report under this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04 (a “nonreporting committee”). Such funds shall be returned unless the nonreporting committee files with the City Clerk no later than the tenth day of the month following any month in which a contribution is made a statement disclosing:

a. The name and address of the nonreporting committee,

- b. The purposes of the nonreporting committee,
- c. The names, addresses, and titles of its officers or, if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible leaders,
- d. A statement whether the nonreporting committee is a continuing one,
- e. The name and office sought of each candidate in the City in support of whom the nonreporting committee made an expenditure,
- f. The City ballot proposition concerning which the nonreporting committee made an expenditure, and whether such committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition,
- g. The name and address of each person residing in the state or corporation which has a place of business in the state that has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more than \$25 to the nonreporting committee during the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of such contributions,
- h. The name and address of each person in the state to whom an expenditure was made by the nonreporting committee on behalf of a candidate or political committee, the amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure, and the total sum of such expenditures; and

12. Investments made of campaign funds under Section 2.04.215 and interest dividends and/or other income received.

B. The correctness of each report shall be certified as required by all applicable laws and ordinances.

Section 4. Section 2.04.270 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124694, is amended as follows:

2.04.270 Independent expenditures; contributions to out-of-state committees-reports ((-))

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C. A person with the expectation of making an independent expenditure or expenditures by disseminating an advertising message or messages that the person reasonably expects to be received, read,

viewed or heard by 1,000 or more individuals in a single calendar year shall, within two business days after the initial dissemination of the advertisement, deliver a copy of each such advertisement to the offices of the Commission, along with a statement disclosing the method of dissemination of the advertisement and an estimate of the expected quantity of the advertising. This requirement applies only to all independent expenditures that are required to be reported, i.e., an individual spending \$100 or more of ~~((his or her))~~ the individual's own funds and anyone spending any amount of the funds of others. This disclosure does not substitute for the disclosure requirements of other sections of this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04.

D. Any corporation making an independent expenditure or contributing to an independent expenditure committee shall, within seven business days after making such expenditure or contribution, file with the City Clerk a statement of certification signed by its chief executive officer under penalty of perjury, avowing that after due inquiry, the corporation was not a foreign-influenced corporation on the date such expenditure or contribution was made. The corporation shall also provide a copy of the statement of certification to any independent expenditure committee to which it makes a contribution.

Section 5. Section 2.04.360 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 116368, is amended as follows:

2.04.360 Application ((-))

Sections 2.04.350 through 2.04.370 ~~((and 2.04.400 through 2.04.480))~~ apply only to candidates in any primary, general, or special election for the offices of Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney of The City of Seattle.

Section 6. Section 2.04.370 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended Ordinance 125611, is amended as follows:

2.04.370 Mandatory limitations on contributions to candidates

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D. No candidate for Mayor, member of the City Council, or City Attorney of the City shall solicit or receive campaign contributions of more than \$500 from any person in any election cycle.

E. Contributions from foreign-influenced corporations prohibited

1. No candidate for Mayor, member of the City Council, or City Attorney of the City shall solicit or receive campaign contributions from a foreign-influenced corporation.

2. Any corporation making a contribution to a candidate for Mayor, member of the City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle shall, within seven business days after making such contribution, file with the City Clerk a statement of certification signed by its chief executive officer under penalty of perjury, avowing that after due inquiry, the corporation was not a foreign-influenced corporation on the date such contribution was made. The corporation shall also provide a copy of the statement of certification to any campaign to which it contributes.

~~((E))~~ F. The limitations imposed by this ~~((section))~~ Section 2.04.370 shall not apply to:

1. A candidate's contributions of ~~((his or her))~~ the candidate's own resources to ~~((his or her))~~ the candidate's own campaign, or contributions to the candidate's campaign by the candidate or the candidate's spouse or state registered domestic partner of their jointly owned assets;

2. Independent expenditures as defined by this Chapter 2.04 except as provided by Section 2.04.400;

3. The value of in-kind labor; and

4. Contributions consisting of the rendering of clerical or computer services on behalf of a candidate or an authorized political committee, to the extent that the services are for the purpose of ensuring compliance with City, county, or state election or public disclosure laws.

~~((F))~~ G. The limitations imposed by this ~~((section))~~ Section 2.04.370 shall apply to contributions of the candidate's spouse's or state registered domestic partner's separate property.

~~((G))~~ H. The limitations in this Section 2.04.370 shall be adjusted commencing before the 2019 election cycle, and prior to each election cycle thereafter, by the Commission to account for inflation or deflation using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, CPI-W, or a successor index, for the

period since the effective date of this measure or the prior adjustment, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor. The declaration of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries ((each)) every September 30, regarding the rate by which Washington State's minimum wage rate is to be increased effective the following January 1, shall be the authoritative determination of the rate or percentage of increase or decrease to be adjusted, except that the Commission may round off the new figures to amounts judged most convenient for public understanding.

Section 7. A new Section 2.04.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added to Subchapter IV of Chapter 2.04 as follows:

2.04.400 Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees

A. No foreign-influenced corporation shall make an independent expenditure in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle, or a contribution to an independent expenditure committee that has conveyed, implicitly or explicitly, that contributions to the committee may be used in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle.

B. An independent expenditure committee may dedicate any contributions that do not comply with the restrictions of Section 2.04.400 for use in elections outside Seattle or for other lawful purposes.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this ordinance or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
Legislative	Lish Whitson/(206) 615-1674	

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to elections; prohibiting foreign-influenced corporations from making independent expenditures or contributing to campaigns and independent expenditure committees; amending Sections 2.04.010, 2.04.260, 2.04.270, 2.04.360, and 2.04.370 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC); and adding a new Section 2.04.400 to the SMC.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This bill would amend the City’s regulations regarding campaign finance limits and reporting of campaign expenditures. It addresses a gap in the City’s election regulations that can undermine the integrity of the City’s elections by allowing foreign influence in campaigns and increase the risk of corruption or the appearance of corruption, including quid pro quo corruption through campaign contributions and independent expenditures by foreign-influenced corporations.

The bill would prohibit contributions from foreign-influenced corporations to both campaigns and independent expenditure committees. It would define “foreign-influenced corporation,” “foreign investor” and “foreign owner.” The bill requires corporations that intend to make contributions to campaigns or independent expenditure committees to certify that they are not foreign-influenced corporations. It prohibits campaigns and independent expenditure committees from accepting contributions from foreign-influenced corporations.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission has indicated that they would require additional staff to enforce these and existing regulations. One Strategic Advisor 1 position to enforce these and other Election regulations would cost approximately \$149,000 in 2020.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

None identified

3.a. Appropriations

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

3.c. Positions

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission would enforce the legislation.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
None identified.
- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**
Not applicable.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None

Amendment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 119731: Definition of “Independent Expenditure Committee”

Councilmember Herbold

Amendment 1 to CB 119731 would add the definition of “ independent expenditure committee” to Section 2.04.010, “Definitions,” of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC). This definition was inadvertently left out of CB 119731.

Independent expenditure committees are a subcategory of political committees. An independent expenditure committee would be defined as a political committee that makes an independent expenditure, or a contribution to another independent expenditure committee, totaling at least \$1,000 in an election cycle. Under CB 119731, foreign-influenced corporations are prohibited from making contributions to independent expenditure committees.

This amendment also makes technical corrections to and updates the language of the existing definitions of “independent expenditure” and “knowledge,” as shown.

Amend Section 2 of CB 119731 to include the definitions of “independent expenditure” and “knowledge” and add a definition of “independent expenditure committee.” Make technical corrections to the definitions of “independent expenditure” and “knowledge.” Language added to CB 119731 is shown in red below. New language to be added to the SMC is shown with an underline. Language to be removed from the SMC is shown struck out and surrounded by double parentheses.

Section 2. Section 2.04.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124694, is amended as follows:

2.04.010 Definitions

* * *

“In-kind labor” means services provided by a person who volunteers all, or a portion, of ~~((his/her))~~ the person’s time to a candidate’s election campaign, and who is not paid by any person for such services.

“Independent expenditure” means an expenditure on behalf of ~~((;))~~ or opposing any election campaign, when such expenditure:

1. ~~((is))~~ Is made independently of the candidate, ~~((his/her))~~ the candidate’s political committee ~~((;))~~ or agent, or ~~((of))~~ any ballot proposition committee or its officers or agents; ~~((;))~~

~~2. ((and when such expenditure is)) Is made without the prior consent, or the collusion ((;)) or ((the)) cooperation, of the candidate, ((or his/her)) the candidate's agent or political committee, or the ballot proposition committee or its officers or agents; ((;)) and~~

~~3. ((when such expenditure is)) Is not a contribution as defined in this Section 2.04.010.~~

An independent expenditure is made by a person on the earliest of the following events:

(a) the person agrees with a vendor or provider of services to make an independent expenditure; or (b) the person incurs the obligation to make an independent expenditure; or (c) the person pays for an independent expenditure.

“Independent expenditure committee” means any political committee that makes an independent expenditure, or makes contributions to other independent expenditure committees, totaling \$1,000 or more in an election cycle for a City election.

“Knowledge.” A person knows or acts knowingly or with knowledge when:

1. ~~((the))~~ The person is aware of a fact, facts, or circumstances or result described by an offense in this ~~((title))~~ Title 2; or

2. ~~((he or she))~~ The person has information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that facts exist, which facts are described by an ordinance defining the offense, in violation of this ~~((title))~~ Title 2.

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Amendment 2 to Council Bill (CB) 119731: Title of Section 2.04.400

Councilmember Herbold

Amendment 2 to CB 119731 would simplify the title of Section 2.04.400 by changing it from “Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees” to “Independent expenditures.”

Proposed Section 2.04.400 includes both a prohibition on contributions by a foreign-influenced corporation to an independent expenditure committee and a prohibition on independent expenditures made directly by a foreign-influenced corporation. Amending the title will clarify that the section discusses multiple avenues for making an independent expenditure.

Amend Section 7 of CB 119731 to simplify the title of Section 2.04.400. Language added to CB 119731 is shown in red below. New language to be added to the bill is shown with a double underline. Language to be removed from the bill is shown with a ~~double-strikeout~~.

Section 7. A new Section 2.04.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added to Subchapter IV of Chapter 2.04 as follows:

2.04.400 ~~Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees~~ Independent expenditures

A. No foreign-influenced corporation shall make an independent expenditure in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle, nor a contribution to an independent expenditure committee that has conveyed, implicitly or explicitly, that contributions to the committee may be used in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle.

B. An independent expenditure committee may dedicate any contributions that do not comply with the restrictions of Section 2.04.400 for use in elections outside Seattle or for other lawful purposes.



Legislation Text

File #: CB 119732, Version: 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE related to political advertising and qualified public communications; expanding commercial advertisers' duty to maintain and provide records regarding political advertising and qualified public communications; amending Sections 2.04.010 and 2.04.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council makes the following findings of fact:

A. The public has an interest in knowing the source, funding, and nature of paid advertisements that are intended to influence legislation on political matters of local importance, and these should be fully disclosed to the public.

B. Legislating on political matters of local importance is fundamental to voters' assessment of elected officials.

C. Timely disclosure of the identity and sources of funding for electioneering communications and communications that are intended to influence legislation on political matters of local importance is vitally important to the integrity of local elections and voters' assessment of their elected officials.

D. The City has a compelling interest in providing voters with information about political communications concerning both candidates for local office and legislative matters so that voters can be fully informed.

E. The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized the public's interest in knowing who is speaking about a candidate or issue, and who is funding that speech, because disclosure ensures compliance with campaign finance restrictions and accomplishes the well-recognized important government interest in

informing the electorate. In addition, disclosure avoids confusion regarding the funding sources of political advertisements and communications. Abuse of existing law allows special interest groups to fund advertisements designed to influence elections and legislative matters while permitting the special interest groups to conceal their identities by using ambiguous or misleading names. The proponent of the advertisement or communication has a First Amendment right to speech, but individual citizens have a competing First Amendment interest in seeking to make informed choices in the political marketplace. By way of example, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld federal requirements for broadcasters to keep, and make public, records regarding political advertisements, including the contracts between broadcasters and persons requesting the broadcaster's services for dissemination of electioneering communications. (*McConnell v. FEC*, 540 U.S. 93 (2003); *Citizens United v. FEC*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010).)

Section 2. Section 2.04.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 119731, is amended as follows:

2.04.010 Definitions

* * *

“Political advertising” means any advertising displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or television presentations, or other means of mass communication, used for the purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support in any election campaign.

“Political committee” means any person (except a candidate or an individual dealing with ~~((his))~~ the individual's own funds or property) having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any ballot proposition.

“Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)” means the Public Disclosure Commission established by RCW ~~((42.17.350))~~ 42.17A.100.

“Public office” means any elective office of the City.

“Qualified public communication” means any paid advertisement (including search engine marketing, display advertisements, video advertisements, native advertisements, and sponsorships) that communicates a message relating to any political matter of local importance, including (1) legislation, as defined in Section 2.06.010, or (2) an elected official’s position on such legislation, in an effort to influence the development, proposal, drafting, consideration, reconsideration, promotion, adoption, enactment, rejection, approval, disapproval, veto, or failure to take action upon such legislation.

“Sponsor” means the candidate, political committee or person paying for ~~((the))~~ a political ~~((advertising))~~ advertisement. If a person acts as an agent for another or is reimbursed by another for the payment, the agent’s principal or the source of the reimbursement is the sponsor.

As used in this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 2.04, the singular shall include the plural and conversely, and any gender ~~((, any other,))~~ shall include all others as the context requires.

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Section 3. Section 2.04.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123070, is amended as follows:

2.04.280 Commercial advertisers’ duty to report ~~((:))~~

A. Each commercial advertiser that has accepted or provided political advertising and/or a qualified public communication during the election campaign shall maintain documents and books of account open for public inspection during normal business hours through the campaign and for a period of no less than three years after the date of the applicable election. In the case of a qualified public communication, each commercial advertiser shall maintain documents and books of account open for public inspection from the first date on which the qualified public communication appears and for no less than four years after the last date on which the qualified public communication appeared. ~~((during normal business hours,))~~ Such documents and books of account ~~((which))~~ shall ~~((specify))~~ contain:

1. The names and addresses of persons from whom it accepted political advertising or qualified

public communications, including, if the person is a business entity, a list of the chief executive officers or members of the executive committee or of the board of directors of such entity;

2. The exact nature and extent of the advertising services rendered, including:

a. The advertisement;

b. The rates charged for the advertisement;

c. The name of:

1) The candidate or elected official to which the advertisement refers and the office to which the candidate is seeking election or which the elected official holds,

2) The election to which the advertisement refers, or

3) The legislative issue to which the advertisement refers (as applicable);

d. In the case of services provided to or on behalf of, a candidate, the name of the candidate, the authorized committee of the candidate, and the treasurer of such committee; and

3. The consideration and the manner of paying that consideration for such services.

B. Each commercial advertiser that must comply with subsection 2.04.280.A (~~(of this section)~~) shall deliver to the Executive Director, upon (~~(his or her)~~) the Director's request, copies of such information as must be maintained open for public inspection pursuant to subsection 2.04.280.A. (~~(of this section.)~~)

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this ordinance or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
Legislative	Lish Whitson/(206) 615-1674	N/A

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to political advertising and qualified public communications; expanding commercial advertisers’ duty to maintain and provide records regarding political advertising and qualified public communications; amending Sections 2.04.010 and 2.04.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This bill would amend the City’s regulations regarding commercial political advertising. It addresses a gap in the City’s campaign finance regulations that can undermine the integrity of the City’s elections and increase the risk of corruption or the appearance of corruption, including quid pro quo corruption through undisclosed commercial political advertising.

It defines a “qualified public communication” as a paid advertisement regarding a political matter of local importance, such as legislation. The bill requires that commercial advertisers maintain public records regarding qualified public communications and clarifies the types of records that commercial advertisers must keep.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?
None identified.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
None identified

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

3.c. Positions

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission would enforce the legislation.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**
No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
None identified.
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**
Not applicable.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None



Legislation Text

File #: Res 31925, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION expressing the Seattle City Council’s opposition to the Trump administration’s escalation toward war with Iran and to attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State, and requesting the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington State congressional delegation.

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration’s policies toward Iran, including air strikes and the prominent drone assassination of Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani in Iraq, are risking war, and have already resulted in retaliatory missile strikes on U.S. bases in Iraq on January 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, ordinary people, especially women, young people, and marginalized communities, always pay the greatest price of imperialist war; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. wars in Afghanistan, beginning in 2001, and in Iraq, beginning in 2003, have not expanded the freedom, democracy, standards of living, or safety of ordinary people in the Middle East; and have not increased the safety of people in the U.S., and instead caused massive loss of human life and ongoing suffering in Afghanistan and Iraq, and among U.S. soldiers; and

WHEREAS, *The New York Times* reported that on January 4, 2020, Department of Homeland Security agents detained and questioned over 60 people of Iranian descent, the vast majority of whom are U.S. citizens, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Blaine, Washington, including Seattle residents and families with small children; and

WHEREAS, there are reports of Iranian Americans being detained at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council believes that it is unacceptable and contrary to Seattle’s “welcoming city”

policy for law enforcement to detain and question Seattle residents due to their ethnic or national heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) asserts that “all U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and visitors should be treated with dignity,” and condemns “government discrimination against people based on heritage, race, country of origin, religion, or any other part of their identity because it contributes to a climate of hostility that disproportionately impacts the most marginalized”; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal has announced that she is introducing legislation to enable people to have attorneys present during questioning by Border Patrol officers; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2020, the Iraqi Parliament voted unanimously to expel all U.S. military forces from Iraq, to which President Trump threatened, “If they do ask us to leave, if we don’t do it in a very friendly basis, we will charge them sanctions like they’ve never seen before ever”; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2020, President Trump threatened on Twitter to strike targets, “important to Iran & the Iranian culture”; and

WHEREAS, the Geneva Conventions classify the targeting of cultural sites as a war crime; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and U.S. Representative Ro Khanna introduced legislation to block President Trump from deploying any funding for military action against Iran without the approval of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress is considering a resolution to direct the President pursuant to Section 5(c) of the 1973 War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of the Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran; and

WHEREAS, since World War I, Iran’s lucrative oil resources have been the target of imperialist intervention and international conflict; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 working people in Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon built mass movements against poverty,

corruption, ethnic oppression, and authoritarian rule; however the threat of war with the U.S. has cut across momentum for that movement, and strengthened the authoritarian Iranian regime; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council believes that what is needed instead of war with Iran is a mass anti-war movement in the U.S. and globally in solidarity with the movements in Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon, campaigning for democratic rights and against poverty, corruption, and ethnic division; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The Seattle City Council opposes war with Iran, and opposes military action that could lead to war. The Seattle City Council urges the United States Congress to support legislation to prevent further military escalation with Iran along with legislation to defend the democratic rights of people at the border, and requests that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate this position to the Washington State congressional delegation.

Section 2. The Seattle City Council expresses its outrage at the targeting of Iranian Americans for detention and questioning at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Blaine, Washington, and at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The Seattle City Council demands the Department of Homeland Security respect the democratic civil rights of all, regardless of country of origin, and urges the Port of Seattle to publicly oppose these injustices. The Seattle City Council requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate this position to the Washington State congressional delegation and to the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
LEG	Ted Virdone x48803	

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION expressing the Seattle City Council’s opposition to the Trump administration’s escalation toward war with Iran and to attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State, and requesting the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington State congressional delegation.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The Trump Administration’s policies toward Iran, including air strikes and the prominent drone assassination of Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani in Iraq, are risking war, and have already resulted in retaliatory missile strikes on US bases in Iraq on January 7, 2020.

Ordinary people, especially women, young people, and marginalized communities, always pay the greatest price of imperialist war. The United States war in Afghanistan, beginning in 2001, and in Iraq beginning in 2003, have not expanded the freedom, democracy, standards of living, or safety for ordinary people in the middle east; and have not increased the safety of people in the United States, and instead caused massive loss of human life and ongoing suffering in Afghanistan, Iraq, and among United States soldiers.

The New York Times reported on January 5, 2020 that on Saturday January 4, 2020, Department of Homeland Security agents detained and questioned over 60 people of Iranian descent, the vast majority of whom are US citizens, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Blaine, Washington, including Seattle residents and families with small children. There are also reports of Iranian Americans being detained at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

This resolution expresses the Seattle City Council’s opposition to the Trump administration’s escalation toward war with Iran and opposition to attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State, and requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington Congressional delegation.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

No

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete sections 3.d., 3.e., and 3.f. and answer the questions in Section 4.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned/required in the future?

No

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCW 64.06.080.

No

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

No

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

No

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities.

This resolution supports the democratic civil rights of people of Iranian descent who may be targeted by Border Patrol Agents.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

List attachments/exhibits below: