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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-001-A

Increase OPCD by \$394,000 GF for long-range planning

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Mark Solomon, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(394,375)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(394,375)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by \$394,000 GF to restore funding for a vacant long-range planning position that would be defunded in the 2026 Proposed Budget (\$194,000), and add funding for environmental review (\$150,000 (one-time)) and outreach and engagement (\$50,000 (one-time)) regarding Resolution 32183, the Comprehensive Plan docketing resolution.

OPCD currently has one filled long-range planning position to work on Comprehensive Planning projects, and other long-range planning efforts, and one vacant position that would be left unfunded in 2026 under the 2026 Proposed Budget. This CBA funds that second position.

Resolution 32183 asks OPCD to study a number of different changes to the Comprehensive Plan, including analyzing adding new Neighborhood Centers, and expanding the boundaries of other Neighborhood Centers. Absent the funding included in this CBA, OPCD would have limited resources to implement that Resolution.

ATTACHMENT: No**TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING**

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2026		\$194,375

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2026		\$200,000
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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTIONV1

OPCD-001-BIncrease OPCD by \$194,000 GF for long-range planning

SPONSORSMaritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(194,375)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(194,375)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by \$194,000 GF to restore funding for a vacant long-range planning position that would be defunded in the 2026 Proposed Budget.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2026		\$194,375

2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

OPCD-002S-A

Request that OPCD report on community outreach related to zoning changes

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Rob Saka, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) report on policies and procedures to effectively conduct outreach regarding changes to zoning. During the public outreach regarding zoning changes related to the One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan update, Council heard from many residents that more effective outreach needed to be done. This SLI asks OPCD to report on effective outreach and engagement tools, particularly mailers. In particular, it asks OPCD to respond to the following questions:

1. What policies should be in place to effectively conduct outreach regarding zoning changes? What approaches work better if the change is to the text of the land use code? What approaches work better if the change is to the zoning map?
2. OPCD's primary tool for conveying information about its projects is the OPCD website. What brings people to use the OPCD website? How do members of the public currently learn about new projects?
3. How do people attending OPCD meetings learn about the meetings? Are there known gaps in who is informed about OPCD events, or who attends events? What could be done to reach those people who are not able to attend OPCD's events?
4. What are best practices from other large cities for outreach and engagement on major planning projects? What do their outreach and engagement budgets look like?
5. If the City were to mail notices regarding zoning changes:
 - a. What would the cost be to send mailers to the entire city?
 - b. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone within a typical neighborhood center?
 - c. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone in a single Council district?
 - d. What would the cost be to send mailers to everyone in a specific zip code?

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: June 30, 2026

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-003-A

Increase OPCD by \$100,000 GF for outreach and engagement and extend the term of an outreach and engagement position

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Rob Saka, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(100,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(100,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by \$100,000 GF for outreach and engagement, including \$50,000 for outreach by mail, and it would extend the term of a term-limited Planning and Development Specialist, Senior-BU position from January 31, 2027 to January 31, 2028.

The Planning and Development Specialist, Senior position (10007407) was added in the 2022 Adopted Budget to support OPCD's work on outreach and engagement related to the Comprehensive Plan update. Work on regulations implementing the Comprehensive Plan is anticipated to continue at least through 2027.

This CBA would maintain OPCD's staff capacity for outreach and engagement through the next stages of the Comprehensive Plan update process and would increase OPCD's financial capacity to undertake outreach and engagement on major planning projects over time through strategies identified under Statement of Legislative Intent OPCD-002S-A-1.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Planning and Community Development	00100-BO-PC-X2P00	2026		\$100,000

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-005-A

Proviso \$200,000 JumpStart Fund in OPCD to expand the scope of a reparations program

SPONSORS

Joy Hollingsworth, Rob Saka, Debora Juarez

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$200,000 JumpStart Fund in the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) to expand the scope of a reparations program. The 2026 Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 JumpStart Fund in the Equitable Development BSL to "develop a process for the administration of an Equity Housing Fund focusing on remedying historical injustices for descendants of Black slaves." The funds would be used for consultants with related expertise and related program costs.

Work on this study is intended to commence after the Office of Civil Rights completes a reparations study, and it is intended to influence the Office of Housing's (OH's) allocation of funds as part of a four-year initiative to allocate OH housing funds to a series of investments that will benefit descendants of Black slaves.

This proviso is intended to broaden the scope of analysis beyond housing investments, and to ask OPCD to look at a collection of investments around all historical impacts of discrimination touching on culture, community, and commerce. Impacts to be addressed should focus on descendants of slaves, Black lineage, African diaspora, and chattel slavery. Examples of community investments include support for clinics; black churches, and other hubs of historical gathering; informational sharing; and resource sharing. See also OCR-010-A and DON-008-A for related budget actions.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) 2026 budget for the Equitable Development Initiative Budget Summary Level (OPCD - BO-PC-X2P40), \$200,000 is appropriated solely to develop a proposal for administration of coordinated funds to support investments in housing, culture, community and commerce focusing on remedying historical injustices experienced by descendants of Black slaves, people of Black lineage, members of the African diaspora, and descendants of chattel slavery and may be used for no other purpose. OPCD should work with the Office of Civil Rights, the Office of Housing, and the Department of Neighborhoods on this project."

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION**ATTACHMENT: No**

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-007-A

Increase OPCD by \$6 million GF for a community clinic in Rainier Beach

SPONSORS

Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(6,000,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(6,000,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by \$6 million GF (one-time) to support a new community health clinic in Rainier Beach, such as the Tubman Health Center Project. The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom has previously been granted \$2.1 million in funds through the Equitable Development Initiative. This CBA would support infrastructure improvements such as street, sidewalk and utility upgrades and neighborhood improvements informed by community input.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Equitable Development Initiative	00100-BO-PC-X2P40	2026		\$6,000,000

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

V1

OPCD-008-A

Increase OPCD by \$3 million GF for a public market project

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(3,000,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(3,000,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) by \$3,000,000 GF (one-time) to increase funding for a public market in the Highland Park community, such as the African Community and Housing Development International Public Market project. Previously the International Public Market project has been granted \$5 million through the Equitable Development Initiative. A commitment for these funds in the 2026 budget would help to make the project fully funded.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OPCD	Equitable Development Initiative	00100-BO-PC-X2P40	2026		\$3,000,000

2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

OPCD-009S-A

Request that OPCD report on the design and cost of a pilot project to increase access to healthy food in underserved areas

SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Rob Saka, Debora Juarez

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) work in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to report on the design of a pilot project to explore new models for increasing access to healthy food retail in underserved areas and costs to implement the project. This pilot project is outlined in OPCD's response to SLI OPCD-003S-A (Clerk File 323511) and would involve collaboration between public and private partners to pursue joint development opportunities and establish a limited number of neighborhood-based food markets throughout the city. The goal as described in that response would be to develop a replicable framework that aligns with Seattle's regulatory environment and funding landscape while offering real-world insights that inform future food access strategies. This work may be in conjunction with the Mayor's Executive Order 2025-10, which directs city departments including OPCD, OSE, and OED to identify potential property acquisition in food deserts to support grocery stores (or pharmacies) in partnership with the private sector.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: June 1, 2026

2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

OPCD-010S-A

Request that OPCD update the Neighborhood Snapshots demographics

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) update the Neighborhood Snapshots (Snapshots) demographics profiles in 2026, expand the collection of Snapshots to cover all neighborhoods in Seattle, and include demographic data by Council District. Each Council District Snapshot should include demographics data with comparisons to citywide averages, statewide averages, and nationwide averages.

Background:

The Neighborhood Snapshots are a collaboration between the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) and OPCD that have been historically hosted on DON's website. In the third quarter of 2023, DON published an updated webpage and series of Neighborhood Snapshots covering 33 areas of Seattle. The snapshots were published as print-friendly, one-page PDFs, with a map and basic demographics for each area covered. A consultant produced the snapshots and OPCD and the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) assisted DON with data and advised on contents.

Going forward, OPCD will lead the design and production of the Neighborhood Snapshots and OPCD will host the future snapshot updates on OPCD's webpage. OPCD will collaborate with DON and OIRA to ensure the snapshots continue to be useful for all three departments and community stakeholders, and they will continue to work together to build awareness of the availability of the snapshots and other resources. The plan is for OPCD to update the snapshots and begin hosting them on the OPCD website in 2026.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods

DUE DATE: June 30, 2026