



City of Seattle

Seattle City Council

Attachment A to the 2021 Statements of Legislative Intent Resolution

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OCR	002	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that the Executive participate in a work group regarding implementation of the 2019 Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) report

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Tammy Morales

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Kshama Sawant, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

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11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that representatives from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the Mayor’s Office, and members of the City’s Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) network participate in a work group that the Council will convene to review and determine how to implement remaining report recommendations from the Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) conducted on the structure and functions of OCR. Council Central Staff and staff from the Council committee that has jurisdiction over OCR will lead and staff the work group.

In the fall of 2017, the Council passed Ordinance 125470, creating additional protections for the OCR director, including requiring just cause for removal and consultation with commissions and staff before appointments. The ordinance also asked OCR to conduct and complete an RET on OCR’s permanent structure; leadership appointment or designation; and duties and responsibilities. It asked that OCR include OCR staff, City departments, community members, anti-racist community-based agencies, and partner agencies. The Council asked for the RET after discussion of concerns from City employees and the community at large regarding the design and structure of the OCR, including whether community and City employee concerns about OCR could be addressed through some degrees of separation or OCR’s independence from the Executive branch. The RET team issued a report (the "RET report") with recommendations in August 2019.

Since the preliminary discussion about OCR’s structure began in 2017, both the Executive and Council have added staff and resources to OCR’s budget to address concerns regarding understaffing, need for outreach staff, and the need for additional RSJI staff. The remaining items in the RET report address the underlying structure of the office and ability to advocate for equity and anti-racism. Recommendation 3 from the RET report was to establish an independent community oversight board. Recommendation 5 from the RET report was to ordain and invest in strengthening RSJI. The Council intends that the work group that this SLI would form will build on the work already completed by the RET team in the RET report regarding how to increase independence from the Executive, including answering questions and investigating topics that the RET team was not able to complete given its time limitations.

This SLI requests that the Council-convened work group assess the status of the RET report

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OCR	002	A	003

recommendations (particularly 3 and 5), consider which parts of the recommendations are ripe for implementation, and outline the steps needed to move forward with implementing those recommendations. The SLI requests that the work group provide the following deliverables to the Chair of the Council committee with jurisdiction over OCR:

By March 31, 2021: Detail which parts of recommendations 3 and 5 are ready to move forward, and what is needed (i.e., legislation, funding, etc.) to implement the recommendations.

By June 30, 2021: Draft ordinances and/or cost estimates as may be needed to implement the changes.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Community Economic Development

Date Due to Council:

March 31, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
OED	002	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that OED develop strategies to support farmers markets

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Kshama Sawant, Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Economic Development (OED), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Fire Department (SFD), Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks), Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), and Department of Neighborhoods (DON) draft legislation for Council consideration that would implement changes to code and business practices, including the creation of a master farmers market permit and lower permit fees, to reduce barriers for farmers markets. This should include updating and formalizing Multi-Departmental Administrative Rules 09-01, related to a pilot strategy for permitting farmers markets in the public right-of-way and on Parks' property, and evaluate whether additional staff support for farmers markets is necessary. In addition, OED, SDOT, SFD, Parks, OSE, and DON should conduct a racial equity analysis on any proposed changes.

OED, SDOT, SFD, Parks, OSE, and DON should submit the materials and/or a progress report to the Community Economic Development Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 30, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Community Economic Development

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2021

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OED	004	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that OED develop a construction impacts mitigation program for small businesses

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Economic Development (OED) collaborate with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to propose a strategy for funding and distributing financial assistance to small businesses that are adversely impacted during the construction of City-led transportation projects, with the goal of establishing a program in OED by late 2021 or 2022. The proposed strategy should include: potential eligibility criteria for recipients; funding options; a Racial Equity Toolkit analysis; and other relevant considerations.

OED and SDOT should submit a response to the Community Economic Development Committee and the Central Staff Director by August 2, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Community Economic Development

Date Due to Council: August 2, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
FAS	002	B	002

Budget Action Title: Request that FAS provide a report on small business Business and Occupation tax relief options

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Tom Mikesell

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) provide a report on options to provide Business and Occupation tax relief to small business. The report should quantify tax revenue impacts and FAS administrative costs for options that target relief based on at least the following criteria: annual taxable income, number of full time equivalent (FTE) positions, and business type by North American Industrial Classification System category. The report should provide for scalability based on alternative decisions about applicability of each of these criteria. The report should include options that consider any combination of waivers, credits, and minimum taxation threshold changes, and should allow for comparison of options based on administrative costs and level of tax relief provided. Finally, the report should include implementation timelines, beginning from passage of authorizing legislation, for each option.

The City Council requests that this report be provided to the Finance and Housing Committee by July 1, 2021

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council: July 1, 2021

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HSD	002	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD carry forward unspent funding for senior congregate meal programs to 2021

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Amy Gore

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) carry forward any unspent 2020 funding from the Asian Counseling and Referral Services' (ACRS) Senior Congregate Meals contract into the 2021 Budget for the same purpose.

ACRS acts as fiscal sponsor for nine Senior programs: the Vietnamese Senior Association, Lao Senior Association, Hmong Senior Association, Seattle Korean Elder Association, Korean Senior Club, Duoc Su Temple, Kent Bhutanese Group, Samoan Wellness Group, and Club Bamboo. The 2020 Adopted Budget included \$402,142 contracted to ACRS to support congregate meals and certain cultural activities for the seniors served by these programs. However due to the social distancing required by COVID-19, many of those funds could not be used for their intended purpose. This SLI would request that HSD (1) carry forward any unspent funds from the 2020 contract as part of the 2020 Carry Forward Ordinance and (2) use these funds to supplement the ACRS Senior Congregate Meal programs contract in 2021, currently funded at \$393,289.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council:

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RET	001	B	002

Budget Action Title: Request that SCERS provide a report on sources and uses of City retirement funds and performance of the SCERS II plan

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Debora Juarez

Staff Analyst: Tom Mikesell

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) provide a report encompassing sources and uses of City retirement funds and performance of the SCERS II plan to increase transparency to the public.

The Council requests that SCERS, in consultation with other City departments if necessary, provide a report to the Council by July 1, 2021 that covers sources and uses of City retirement funds, the performance of the SCERS II plan, and options to merge with the State Public Employees Retirement System..

The report should cover, at a minimum:

I. In graphs covering the SCERS I and SCERS II plans separately, if possible, the sources and uses of retirement funds over the past 10 years including:

- A. Sources of funds:
 1. City tax dollars / City government contributions toward employee pensions (existing employees and retirees)
 2. Employee contributions
 3. Investment earnings
 4. Any other sources

- B. Uses of funds:
 1. Payments to beneficiaries
 2. Contributions to the retirement fund
 3. Asset management/investment fees
 4. SCERS administrative costs
 5. Any other costs

C. In consultation with other departments if necessary, please include a separate graph showing City

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RET	001	B	002

payments for firefighter and police officer pensions.

II. Performance of the SCERS II plan, including a calculation of the impact on the plan funding ratio, and the total City cost savings (across all funds), from the SCERS II changes implemented in 2017. The report should also include any recommendations for changes to the SCERS system to meet either of the outcomes of achieving a 100 percent funding ratio sooner than 2042 and/or decreasing City retirement system costs.

III. Identification of options to merge all or a portion of the City retirement system with the Washington State Public Employees' Retirement System. These options should include a high level assessment of fiscal and administrative implications where applicable.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council:

July 1, 2021

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FAS	001	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that FAS report on potential space for a food bank in Belltown

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Kshama Sawant, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Lish Whitson

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) assess publicly-owned property in Belltown or the surrounding area that could accommodate the Puget Sound Labor Agency's (PSLA) food bank. The PSLA is currently located in the Labor Temple, which is in the process of being sold to a new owner. This request asks FAS to report back by March 31, whether there are any publicly-owned facilities that could accommodate the food bank, either temporarily or long-term.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2021

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MO	001	A	002

Budget Action Title: Request that the Executive recommend strategies for consolidating urban forestry functions

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Kshama Sawant, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Executive, Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), and Urban Forestry Interdepartmental Team evaluate models for consolidating the City's urban forest management functions and, based on this evaluation, make recommendations on how changes could be implemented. Currently, there are nine City departments that have a role in managing Seattle's urban forest:

- OSE coordinates citywide policy development, updates the Urban Forest Management Plan and monitors its implementation, and provides administrative support for the UFC;
- Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) manages trees in the public right-of-way.
- Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Center, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) manage trees on their property;
- SPU engages community in urban forest stewardship on both private property and in the right-of-way;
- Seattle City Light maintains trees near power lines;
- Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Planning and Community Development develop policies and plans; and
- SDCI enforces regulations for trees on private property.

Specifically, the evaluation should consider whether to transfer staff and regulatory authority from SDCI and SDOT to another department or office in order to improve Seattle's urban forest, particularly in regards to the removal of trees. The recommendations should: (1) include a potential timeline for implementation; (2) consider staff involved in policy development, permitting and inspections, maintenance, community engagement, and stewardship; (3) identify code amendments needed to effectuate any changes; and (4) provide an estimate of costs, including potential savings, for implementing the proposed reorganization.

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MO	001	A	002

The Executive should submit the report to the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee and the Central Staff Director by September 15, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council:

September 15, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
OPCD	004	A	001

Budget Action Title: Report by OPCD, OH, and SDCI on displacement monitoring gaps

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), the Office of Housing (OH), and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), in consultation with the Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, report to the Council on (1) options for addressing the displacement monitoring data-collection gap for naturally occurring affordable housing, (2) the status and outcomes of internal reporting on indicators to inform short-term and long-term displacement mitigation strategies, and (3) recommended additional strategies to mitigate physical and economic displacement.

Options for addressing data-collection gaps for naturally occurring affordable housing could include, but are not limited to, identifying a vendor that can provide data on private-market affordable housing or developing an in-house data source from participants in the Rental Registration and Inspections Program.

Resolution 31870 and Executive Order 2019-02 establish the Council and Mayor's intent to monitor and mitigate residential displacement. Pursuant to that intent, the City has established an Equitable Development Monitoring Program, which includes reporting on displacement risk indicators. Those indicators were recommended by the University of California Berkeley's Urban Displacement Project (See the attached Heightened Displacement Risk Indicator's report (Berkeley Report)). OPCD published initial monitoring data based on the Berkeley Report's recommendations in September 2020. The Berkeley Report identifies a gap for data related to naturally occurring affordable housing. See Berkeley Report p. 45. In addition to annual reporting, the Berkeley Report also identifies the need for regular internal reporting on indicators to inform timely residential displacement mitigation. See Berkeley Report p. 43.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2021

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SDCI	003	A	003

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI on permit processing times

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) provide quarterly reports to the Land Use and Neighborhoods (LUN) Committee on progress towards meeting goals for processing (1) simple/medium complexity construction permit applications, (2) complex construction permit applications, and (3) Master Use Permits. The report shall use definitions for simple/medium and complex construction permit applications reported to the Mayor and shall detail average calendar days from permit intake to permit issuance and the percentage of projects, by category, receiving an initial plan review within target time periods.

A baseline report would be due January 15, 2021. Reports covering the prior quarter would be due to the LUN Committee by the end of the first month of each successive quarter with the first quarterly report due no later than April 30, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: January 15, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	010	B	002

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI and OH on Mandatory Housing Affordability Program production

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Kshama Sawant, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Housing (OH) report to the Council's Finance and Housing Committee on payment and performance to-date under the Mandatory Housing Affordability program.

This reporting is consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 125108, which states, “[i]f the Council determines that developers of projects, other than smaller projects and projects inside of the Downtown and South Lake Union Urban Centers, favor the payment option, the Council will consider raising payment amounts to avoid a bias towards payment, consistent with statutory authority. Units produced under the mandatory housing affordability program provided in Chapter 23.58C shall be measured as net new units. Existing rent- and income-restricted affordable units demolished for development subject to the program are subtracted from the target production.”

The report should (1) detail the option selected at the Master Use Permit stage for all projects, (2) distinguish smaller projects and those located inside the Downtown and South Lake Union Urban Centers from all other projects, and (3) quantify the percentage of larger projects outside of the Downtown and South Lake Union Urban Centers that selected performance (i.e. development of affordable units in the project) versus those that selected to make an in-lieu payment.

This report is in addition to the annual Incentive Zoning and Mandatory Housing Affordability Report provided by the Office of Housing.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council: February 1, 2021

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SPU	002	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPU to explore an expansion of the Tree Ambassador program

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Alex Pedersen, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) manages and operates the Tree Ambassador program in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation and the non-profit organization Forterra. The program engages volunteers to develop and lead neighborhood tree walks and encourages tree stewardship through work parties to help care for trees and landscapes in the public right-of-way.

The Tree Ambassador program is part of the larger Trees for Seattle effort that is operated by the same partnership and also includes the Trees for Neighborhoods program that provides free trees, associated materials, and training to Seattle residents. The 2021 Proposed Budget for the Trees for Seattle program includes 1.8 FTE and approximately \$681,000 of funding, split between the General Fund, SPU funds, and Seattle City Light funds.

The Council requests that SPU, in consultation with other City departments if necessary, provide a report to the Council by March 15, 2021 that evaluates the opportunities and constraints of expanding the Tree Ambassador program. The report should address:

- Training volunteers to become resident arborists who can perform basic tree maintenance, such as pruning;
- Educating volunteers and the public on tree protection policies;
- Enlisting volunteers to help inventory trees in their neighborhoods;
- Increasing the number of sites that can be supported by the Tree Ambassador program;
- Prioritizing racial equity and environmental justice in program expansion efforts;
- Other expansion opportunities to enhance Seattle's urban forest, such as expanding the Trees for Neighborhoods program; and
- Staff and funding necessary to implement proposed expansion efforts.

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SPU	002	A	003

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council:

March 15, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPL	001	B	001

Budget Action Title: Request SPL open curbside pickup and return at all branches or in-branch service at 25% capacity

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Seattle Public Library (SPL) prepare for opening, if safe and sustainable, all branch libraries for either curbside pickup and return services or in-branch service at 25% capacity (per Safe Start Phase 2) until the end of the COVID-19 civil emergency. A safe and sustainable service model is one that that operates with health and safety of staff and patrons as the top priority. SPL will continue to promote telework to the extent possibly to protect the health of high-risk employees. Managers will continue to be flexible in allowing for employees to continue to telework when operationally feasible, and employees should consult with their manager if they have concerns with continuing to telework. Currently, curbside pickup is being offered at nine locations (Central Library, Ballard, Broadview, Douglass-Truth, High Point, Lake City, Rainier Beach, Greenwood, and Northeast branches), with services being planned for the Beacon Hill and Southwest branches in early November and the possibility of the Columbia branch by year-end.

SPL has indicated it is currently reviewing how to safely and effectively add services in consideration of the Governor’s guidance related to opening in-building services for patrons. It is a priority for the Library to provide services at as many branches as possible, and they are working to do so through a combination of reopened libraries and curbside services.

The Council requests that SPL submit a report by Jan. 29, 2021 detailing a plan to offer a minimum of one day a week of either curbside pick-up or in-person services at all branches beginning Feb. 1, 2021 (unless there are space or facility issues that would preclude operating safely given COVID-19 considerations), using existing funding and abrogating zero or a minimum number of positions.

The Council appreciates SPL’s efforts to provide services as safely as possible to patrons, and this SLI expresses the Council’s support and preference for SPL to expand the established practice of curbside pickup and return to all branches.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Assets & Native Communities

Date Due to Council: January 29, 2021

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SPR	005	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPR to design and place signage at Licton Springs

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Traci Ratzliff

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to work with any Coastal Salish Tribe to design and place signage at Licton Springs that would include information on the cultural and historical significance of the springs. The Council requests SPR to complete this work no later than June 30, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Assets & Native Communities

Date Due to Council: June 30, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
HSD	006	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a report on demand and costs for citywide diversion program by August 2, 2021

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Kshama Sawant, Alex Pedersen, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Amy Gore

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report to City Council determining the funding needed to meet the City’s “commitment to ensuring that law enforcement pre-arrest diversion programs, such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD), receive public funding sufficient to accept all priority qualifying referrals citywide,” as stated in Resolution 31916. The report should include (1) forecasts of the number and type of priority qualifying referrals, including social referrals with or without law enforcement and arrest referrals, (2) estimates of the funding necessary to support pre-arrest diversion services for those referrals citywide in 2021, 2022, and 2023, and (3) a description of how the Executive will incorporate the findings in the 2022 Proposed Budget.

The SLI would request that HSD engage or coordinate with the LEAD Policy Coordinating Group to prepare the report and that HSD submit the report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by August 2, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: August 2, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	001	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to provide the reports requested in Ordinance 126148 and Resolution 31962

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Kshama Sawant, Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

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11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide the reports that are included in Ordinance (ORD) 126148 and Resolution 31962. The reports should include:

- (1) Financial reporting, due monthly beginning on January 1, 2021;
- (2) Excess pay reporting, due monthly beginning on January 31, 2021;
- (3) Report on potential civilianization of sworn functions;
- (4) Report on the impact on policing from reductions made in ORD 126148; and
- (5) Report on methods for providing additional incentives for early retirement, including healthcare incentives, or other strategies to reduce the size of the patrol force as articulated in Resolution 31962.

One-time reports (items 3-5), should be submitted no later than January 1, 2021. All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: January 1, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	002	B	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to provide reports on its overtime use

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide (1) monthly reports on its use of overtime; and (2) reports that provide updates on SPD's progress in implementing recommendations from the City Auditor's SPD overtime and special events reports.

The first monthly overtime report should be submitted on January 20, 2021 and include overtime data (actuals and planned) following the format submitted to Council Central Staff every August. The reports that provide a status update on the City Auditor's overtime and special events reports should be submitted on May 1, 2021 and August 1, 2021 and include the following:

- (1) A list of the ten officers who earned the most overtime that month;
- (2) A list of the top three units that worked the most overtime that month;
- (3) A status report on the implementation of the Work Scheduling and Timekeeping system, which will help prevent payroll errors, alert staff to instances of policy non-compliance and improve SPD's payroll and overtime monitoring;
- (4) A list of the special events for which SPD reconciled Event Summary Form overtime data with event overtime hours recorded in the payroll system;
- (5) A list of the special events for which SPD compared special events billing with overtime actuals for each event;
- (6) A report on the aggregate off-duty hours worked by officers, including whether the hours were monitored and approved by SPD management;
- (7) The frequency and types of payroll queries conducted to ensure that overtime use complies with SPD policies and to identify potential anomalies that might include:
 - Overtime hours worked without supervisory approval;
 - Overtime hours that exceed the maximum number of allowable work in a day;
 - Overtime hours recorded for one day but in excess of 24 hours;
 - Duplicate hours; and
 - Hours in excess of compensatory time thresholds;
- (8) A report of the audits and reviews SPD conducted of the sections and individuals with the top ten percent of overtime worked, including supporting payroll documentation; and
- (9) A list of the audits and reviews SPD conducted of overtime for randomly selected SPD employees,

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including supporting payroll documentation.

All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council:

January 20, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	003	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to provide monthly reports on police staffing

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide monthly staffing reports that are submitted in the format established by SLI SPD-13-A-2 from 2020. The reports should begin on January 20, 2021, and include:

- (1) The “SPD Sworn Staffing Model;”
- (2) The “Precinct Staffing Report;” and
- (3) Demographic data on hires and separations.

All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: January 20, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	004	B	002

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to report on traffic stops

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Kshama Sawant, Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report on July 1, 2021 on the demographics collected for traffic stops, including: (1) stops made for criminal and non-criminal purposes; and (2) racial disparities as requested in Ordinance 125358.

This SLI would also request that SPD provide a separate report on November 1, 2021, that makes recommendations on training and policy changes, consistent with the Consent Decree, to address bias and racial disparities found in the requested traffic stop report.

All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	005	B	002

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to report on cost effectiveness of using Parking Enforcement Officers for special events, contracted sporting events, and flagging

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report that analyzes the costs of using Parking Enforcement Officers or other non-SPD officers instead of SPD officers for traffic control during special events and/or contracted sporting events and/or flagging.

The reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by March 30, 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: March 30, 2021

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Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	006	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to report on 911 call response times

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide quarterly reports that identify the response time impact on SPD's ability to answer 911 emergency police calls (Priority One calls only) in 2021 due to the following: (1) attrition of police officers in 2020 and changes made in the deployment of officers assigned to Patrol; and (2) attrition of police officers in 2021, reductions made to the Executive's proposed staffing plan for 2021 and 2022, and changes made in the deployment of officers assigned to Patrol.

The first report should be submitted on January 1, 2021. All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: January 1, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	021	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request SPD to report on policies that would de-militarize officer tactics, equipment and culture

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Teresa Mosqueda

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) submit to the Council a report that provides recommendations on de-militarizing the police force. The report should focus on enacting new policies that include:

- (1) Limiting the purchase of assault rifles, high caliber munitions and armored vehicles to use for tactical units;
- (2) Assessing the use, style, and display of tactical body armor during demonstrations;
- (3) Training programs that focuses officer mindset on citizen service and protection;
- (4) Assesses additional uniform options for minimizing the visibility of weapons and equipment, well recognizing employee well-being and safety; and
- (5) Prioritizes citizen safety and well-being over protection of property.

The report should be submitted to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: April 5, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPD	503	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request report on potential economies of scale for 911 dispatch

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Dan Strauss, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Lise Kaye

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This proposed Statement of Legislative Intent would request the Executive to report by March 31, 2021 on potential economies of scale and other benefits and costs associated with either merging or co-locating the police and fire 911 call-taking and dispatch functions into the new Community Safety and Communications Center.

Background:

The City Council adopted Ordinance 126233 creating a new Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC) on November 23, 2020. The CSCC will serve as the City’s primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), providing 24-hour public safety communication and dispatch services for 911 calls originating in Seattle. Call takers in the CSCC will forward calls requiring a fire or medical response to the Seattle Fire Department’s dispatch center, called the “Fire Alarm Center,” consistent with current practice.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
HOM	020	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request that HSD provide a quarterly report on activities responding to unsheltered homelessness

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/19/2020	Yes	6	X			X	X	X	X		X
	No	3		X	X					X	
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a quarterly report to City Council in the form of a Clerk File that provides basic performance metrics of the Unsheltered Outreach and Response Team, Homelessness Outreach and Provider Ecosystem, or its successor. This report would be similar to what was previously reported by HSD on the performance of the City’s Navigation Team. These reports would ensure consistent reporting to the public by HSD and its contracted homelessness outreach providers to assess the outcomes and efficacy of responses to unsheltered homelessness. Reports should be submitted by April 30, July 31, and November 18, 2021.

The quarterly reports would discuss the basic performance and outcomes of the Unsheltered Outreach and Response Team, Homelessness Outreach and Provider Ecosystem, or its successor, to provide homelessness outreach services. HSD and its contracted providers would, at minimum, report on the performance measures previously reported by the Navigation Team for both the field work carried out by HSD staff and the work of contracted outreach providers. For instances where an alternative metric would be provided, HSD should provide a justification to explain why the alternative metric better measures the impact.

The metrics to report on would convey the performance in the following areas:

- 1) Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to services;
- 2) Number people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who were engaged and connected to safer spaces, including permanent housing, enhanced shelter, basic shelter, tiny home villages, or motel/hotel rooms; and
- 3) Number of hazardous and unsafe conditions stemming from, and found within, unauthorized encampments and any actions taken to address them.

The reports would be submitted to the Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments, or its successor, with a copy provided to the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Select Committee on Homelessness Investments and Strategies

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HOM	020	A	001

Date Due to Council:

April 30, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	005	A	003

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI on transferable rental histories

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

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11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections report to the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee on (1) a proposed design for an administrative structure and (2) an estimate of associated costs for the City to maintain transferable rental history background check reports.

The information in the report would inform legislation establishing a structure to allow rental histories to be transferrable. This would allow prospective tenants who have paid for a background check to reuse the results for each house or apartment for which they make an application. It would also allow the City to set policy for what is and is not acceptable content for a background check. For example, the Council may choose to allow renters to remove attempted evictions that were not upheld by the court from their rental histories.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Sustainability & Renters' Rights

Date Due to Council: April 1, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	006	A	003

Budget Action Title: Report by SDCI on standard residential lease terms

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) work with the Seattle Renters Commission to draft standard terms appropriate for all residential leases and report on those recommended terms to the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee. The report should be developed with input from organizations representing renters and landlords.

The information in the report would inform a legislation requiring all residential leases to contain those standard terms. Establishing standard terms would allow Council to set policy preventing residential leases with abusive terms.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Sustainability & Renters' Rights

Date Due to Council: April 1, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
CBO	001	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request a new Internet for All section in the 2021 Adopted Budget Book

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Kshama Sawant, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Lise Kaye

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office include a new section called "Internet For All" in the 2021 Adopted Budget Book chapter on the Information Technology Department (ITD). The new section should report the unanimous passage of Resolution 31956 by the City Council in July 2020 and the Executive's presentation to City Council of its Action Plan in September 2020. It should also note that the next report from ITD to the Council's Transportation & Utilities Committee will be in the first quarter of 2021. That report will summarize progress on initial strategies to increase access and adoption of affordable and reliable internet service including setting up dashboards to track results.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Transportation & Utilities

Date Due to Council: January 21, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDOT	009	B	002

Budget Action Title: Request that SDOT provide monthly reporting on the West Seattle Bridge Immediate Response program consistent with the July 16, 2020 Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Calvin Chow

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide monthly reporting to the Council regarding the West Seattle Bridge Immediate Response (MC-TR-C110) CIP Project, which includes the West Seattle Bridge repair or replacement and the Reconnecting West Seattle program. With the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency for the West Seattle Bridge (CF 321750), the Mayor directed SDOT to report monthly to City Council on uses of the emergency powers.

The Council requests that SDOT's report include spending and progress on:

- (1) West Seattle Bridge activities
 - (a) Emergency repairs or response
 - (b) Monitoring and testing of structural stability
 - (c) Shoring and stabilization activities
 - (d) Bridge repair or replacement planning and design
 - (e) Bridge repair or replacement construction
- (2) Lower Spokane Swing Bridge
 - (a) Bridge repairs
 - (b) Bridge strengthening and enhancements
- (3) Maintenance of other bridges in the corridor
- (4) Reconnecting West Seattle program spending
 - (a) Transit service investments
 - (b) Capital projects to support transit
 - (c) Park and ride facilities
 - (d) Support for waterborne service
 - (e) Traffic management improvements
 - (f) Non-motorized facility improvements

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SDOT	009	B	002

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Transportation & Utilities

Date Due to Council:

January 31, 2021

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Council Budget Action: Published Budget

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SPU	001	A	003

Budget Action Title: Request SPU to prepare a scope of work to analyze wastewater treatment plans and potential governance structure changes

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The purpose of this Statement of Legislative Intent is to have Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) begin an effort to evaluate and analyze the regional wastewater treatment system that serves the City of Seattle, including its operations, improvement plans, and governance structure.

The Council desires to keep utility rates as affordable as possible and recognizes that higher rates can have a disproportionate impact on lower-income residents. At the end of the evaluation process, the Council hopes to receive recommendations from SPU for improving environmental quality and maximizing ratepayer value.

The Council requests that SPU provide a report to the Council by June 30, 2021 with a proposed scope of work, approach, and evaluation of whether the work can be done within SPU's 2021 Adopted Budget (or, if applicable, what additional funding would be needed and by when) for conducting an evaluation of the recommendations of King County's Clean Water Plan and analyzing alternative approaches for treating the City's wastewater. At a minimum, the scope of work should address the following:

- An exploration of alternatives, including governance changes, to accomplish the goals of the Clean Water Plan.
- A third-party assessment of King County's planning approach and technical work performed as the basis for the recommendations proposed in the Clean Water Plan.
- An assessment of the impact of Clean Water Plan recommendations on historically disadvantaged communities that have borne disproportionate environmental and social impacts.
- The development and analysis of alternative approaches to wastewater treatment, such as innovative technologies and distributed approaches that support resiliency, that have not been thoroughly analyzed in the Clean Water Plan. SPU should emphasize the development of alternatives that have the potential to achieve greater environmental and equity outcomes with similar or lower costs.

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- An identification and analysis of the feasibility, costs, and benefits of governance changes to the ownership and management of the King County regional wastewater system, including the potential separation of the West Point service area from the regional system.

BACKGROUND

King County provides wastewater treatment services for 34 jurisdictions, 17 cities and 17 local sewer utilities, in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties. As one of these jurisdictions, the City of Seattle owns and operates its own collection system that carries wastewater and stormwater flows to the County's regional system for treatment and disposal.

The City has a long-term agreement with the County for this service, with the current contract in effect until July 2036. To pay for this wastewater treatment service, the County charges the City a treatment rate that is based on the County's monthly rate and the number of customers that the City serves. To recoup these costs, the City factors the cost of treatment into the rates that are charged to its utility customers, or ratepayers.

The County is currently developing a Clean Water Plan to guide its future water quality investments through the year 2060. The Plan will amend King County's Regional Wastewater Services Plan, which has been guiding the operation and development of its wastewater infrastructure and activities since 1999.

The County anticipates publishing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for its Clean Water Plan in 2021 for public review and comment, and the Clean Water Plan will be published for County Council review in Q4 2021.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Transportation & Utilities

Date Due to Council:

June 30, 2021