

# 2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SPD	304	A	001-2023

**Budget Action Title:** Request that SPD report on backgrounding services

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

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## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide a report on its backgrounding services. The report should address: (1) whether SPD's external backgrounding vendor includes in its processes questions about extremist organizations; and (2) whether SPD includes in its processes questions about extremist organizations. As an example, such questions might consider a candidate's prior or current affiliation with any extremist organization with a history of domestic terrorism that falls within the Federal Bureau of Investigation's threat categories:

- (1) Racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism;
- (2) Anti-government or anti-authority violent extremism;
- (3) Animal Rights or Environmentalism violent extremism;
- (4) Abortion Related violent extremism; and
- (5) Other Violent Extremism, including bias related to religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

SPD should submit the report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and Central Staff Director by April 1, 2023.

## Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety and Human Services

**Date Due to Council:** April 1, 2023