

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32165

A RESOLUTION adopting the Statements of Legislative Intent for the 2025 Adopted Budget and 2025-2030 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Seattle reviewed the 2025 Proposed Budget and 2025-2030 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a budget and CIP for 2025 through Ordinance 127156; and

WHEREAS, in order to indicate the intent of the City Council in adopting the 2025 Budget and 2025-2030 CIP, the Council adopted and filed Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs) in Clerk File 314539; and


WHEREAS, Clerk File 314539 states that in the case of a conflict between the version of an SLI in the Clerk File and the version adopted in this resolution, the latter controls;

NOW, THEREFORE,


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

Section 1. This resolution replaces the versions of the Statements of Legislative Intent contained in Clerk File 314539 and adopts the Statements of Legislative Intent for the 2025 Adopted Budget and 2025-2030 Adopted Capital Improvement Program, contained in Attachment A (2025 Statements of Legislative Intent by Council Committee) to this resolution.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of March, 2025,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 11th day of
3 March, 2025.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 14th day of March, 2025.

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8 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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10 Attachments:
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V1

CBO-002S-A

Request that CBO collaborate with SDHR to report on developing or enhancing programs for City employees subject to layoff

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO) collaborate with the Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR) to report on developing or enhancing programs related to employment or other opportunities for City employees subject to layoffs. This SLI relates to CBO-002-A-2, which would provide a six-month restoration of City positions subject to layoff in the Department of Neighborhoods, Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, SDHR, and Seattle Information Technology.

SDHR currently administers the following programs for employees subject to layoff:

- Project Hire job referral program for civil service employees,
- Reinstatement list for civil service employees,
- Learning and skill building opportunities,
- Employee Assistance Program services, and
- Continued healthcare coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA).

This SLI requests CBO to work with SDHR to (1) further develop or enhance programs for City employees subject to layoff, (2) propose a timeline and implementation plan, and (3) provide accompanying policies or legislation, as appropriate.

CBO and SDHR are encouraged to consider a wide variety of enhancements, including but not limited to clearly describing the Project Hire program criteria and nomination process; expanding coverage of the Project Hire and reinstatement list to exempt employees; broadening the scope of job referrals in the Project Hire program; and increasing visibility and notice of layoff programs and career transition resources.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025

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V1

CBO-004S-A

Request that CBO and SCERS analyze an early retirement incentive for City employees

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the City Budget Office (CBO) work with the Seattle City Employees Retirement System (SCERS) to evaluate the financial and operational impacts of providing an early retirement incentive to City employees. As the City enters a period of slower growth, such an incentive could be a useful tool for managing transitions in the City's workforce.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025

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V1

FAS-004S-A

Request that FAS report on implementing a comprehensive responsible contractor policy for City contracts

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) report on implementing a comprehensive responsible contractor policy for City contracts.

The City has legislated a variety of requirements in the Seattle Municipal Code for City contracts, including but not limited to equality in contracting (Chapter 20.42); nondiscriminatory provision of benefits (Chapter 20.45); and commitment to engaging in fair and responsible business practices (Chapter 20.46). In Chapter 20.46, contractors are prohibited from engaging in “unfair business practices,” which are limited to criminal or systematic deceptive, fraudulent, or abusive acts under state and federal consumer laws.

This SLI requests FAS to work in consultation with the City Attorney’s Office, stakeholders, and other jurisdictions to (1) develop contract requirements that expand upon existing legal obligations and require a comprehensive commitment to responsible business practices, (2) provide an implementation plan for adopting such requirements, and (3) provide accompanying legislation, as appropriate.

When developing additional contract requirements, FAS should consider model policies, such as the Sound Transit Responsible Contractor Policy, and the following criteria:

- Demonstrated compliance with local, state, and federal labor standards;
- Employee compensation that supports workforce equity and is at or above the prevailing or living wage;
- Provision of workforce benefits, such as health insurance and compensated days off;
- Prioritization of worker safety and promotion of training opportunities to improve the quality of the workforce;
- Provision of a worker complaint and grievance procedure;
- Respect for the right of employees to bargain collectively and commitment to remaining neutral in labor organizing drives;
- Established labor harmony agreement; and
- Support for environmental and energy efficiency policies.

FAS may consider whether certain criteria are appropriate for specific types of contracts, such as those for projects valued above \$373,000 and requiring a request for proposal or request for qualification process.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: April 1, 2025

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ITD-002S-A

Request that the Executive collaborate with the City Council to establish an advisory workgroup to explore alternative financing and operating models for the Seattle Channel to ensure its long-term sustainability

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Executive collaborate with the City Council to establish an advisory workgroup to explore alternative financing and operating models for the Seattle Channel in recognition of declining cable franchise fee revenues.

In 1997, responsibility for the City's municipal television station moved from the Seattle Public Library to the City's technology group that would later become Seattle Information Technology (Seattle IT). In early 2001, Mayor Paul Schell and Councilmember Jim Compton created the Seattle Commission on Electronic Communication that was charged with developing a short-term and long-term vision and direction for the City of Seattle's television station and website in order to increase public awareness, understanding, and participation in government, community, and cultural affairs. The fourteen-member volunteer Commission was composed of experts from local for-profit and non-profit media, the University of Washington, and local area technology companies. The Commission held meetings every two weeks over a six-month period and delivered its final report containing thirty-one recommendations for the future of the City's television station and website in December 2001. In 2002, the City's television station relaunched under the Seattle Channel moniker with a new mission to inform and engage Seattleites in the governmental, civic, and cultural affairs of the city.

The operations and activities of the Seattle Channel are funded by revenues raised from franchise fees assessed on cable television providers' gross revenues. Cable franchise fees have been declining for a number of years, likely due to customers switching away from traditional cable television service towards streaming options. Similar to the reimagining that occurred in 2001, this financing challenge presents an opportunity for the City to utilize outside experts to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Seattle Channel and its robust array of award-winning programming.

This SLI expresses the Council's commitment to work with the Executive to establish a Seattle Channel Advisory Workgroup that will assist in charting the next era in the evolution of the Seattle Channel. The Council intends the Workgroup to be composed of members with professional or research experience associated with the media, arts, finance, or news industries. The Chair of the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee (Finance Committee) in consultation with the Chair of the Parks, Public Utilities, and Technology Committee will work with the Mayor to select Workgroup members and to facilitate regularly occurring meetings to assist the Workgroup in accomplishing its goals. It is anticipated that the Workgroup will be composed of seven members: the Seattle IT Chief Technology Officer, or their designee, and six appointed members. The Workgroup will be advised by Seattle Channel staff. The Mayor and the Chair of the Finance Committee will each appoint three of the appointed members.

In addition to other research activities, the Workgroup should explore the operating and financing models of other government access television stations inside and outside of Washington State for creative ideas for managing the City's declining cable franchise fee revenues.

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It is envisioned that the Workgroup will generate recommendations addressing, at a minimum, the following areas:

- Financing - donations, sponsorships, advertising, grants, subscriptions, etc.
- Governance - remaining a City owned and operated service, operating as a non-profit or independent entity, or establishing state, county, regional partnerships, etc.
- Operations - partnerships with other governmental entities, establishing a consortium to create operating efficiencies, etc.

The Workgroup will be requested to deliver recommendations to the Council and the Mayor by no later than June 30, 2025. The Workgroup will dissolve upon delivering its final recommendations.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

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CBO-003S-A

Request that CBO report on past budget underspend and grants

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the City Budget Office (CBO) provide a report on historical underspend from 2018 through 2023, organized by fund and department. The report should analyze and identify the specific reasons for the underspend, and where appropriate (e.g. affordable housing), identify reforms and process improvements to expend appropriations more expeditiously.

This SLI would also request that CBO and Central Staff collaborate on a process that uses information from the twice-yearly budget-to-actual reports requested of CBO and the Office of City Finance in Resolution 32116, and other budget monitoring systems used by the Executive, to demonstrate the need for additional appropriations in comprehensive supplemental budget requests, including the annual carryforward legislation, the mid-year supplemental budget legislation, and the year-end supplemental budget legislation. This process should analyze budget savings during the year as a way to streamline requests for additional appropriations.

Finally, this SLI would request that CBO develop a searchable and sortable database of outstanding City contracts and grants (exclusive of EDI awards) as of December 31, 2024, encompassing the three departments with the largest portfolio of grants to non-profit providers. At a minimum, this database must include: (1) the contracting/granting City agency; (2) the date the item was originated; (3) the amount of the item; (4) the name of the receiving organization; (5) the contract/grant deliverables; and (6) any performance measures listed in the contract/grant.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Governance, Accountability, & Economic Development

DUE DATE: July 31, 2025

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V1

OED-006S-A

Request that OED report on an inventory and assessment of all business outreach and technical assistance the City provides across departments

SPONSORS

Tammy Morales

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Economic Development (OED) report on an inventory and assessment of all business outreach or technical assistance the City provides, across departments.

The City currently funds business outreach in a number of departments across the City, including but not limited to: OED, Department of Neighborhoods (DON), the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle City Light (SCL), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), and the Office of Labor Standards (OLS), among many others. Council requests that OED, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office and the City Budget Office (CBO), survey every City department to understand our investments in business technical assistance and outreach. For each department's investments in business outreach or technical assistance, the report should include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- Description of programs, services and staffing providing business outreach or assistance in 2024 and proposed to be funded in 2025;
- Actual or anticipated program costs, including staffing, for 2024 and 2025;
- List of funded organizations with level of funding in 2024 and 2025, and descriptions of how those organizations work with businesses;
- Number of businesses assisted in 2024, and anticipated to be assisted in 2025;
- Number and percentage of BIPOC-owned businesses assisted in 2024, and anticipated to be assisted in 2025;
- Number and percentage of women-owned businesses assisted in 2024, and anticipated to be assisted in 2025;
- Geographic distribution of businesses assisted in 2024, and anticipated to be assisted in 2025, by
- Council District and specific neighborhoods where available; and
- Description of impact on businesses served (e.g. measurements of success, qualitative feedback).

This SLI would provide Council with information on the full array of assistance and outreach that the City provides to businesses from all departments, and the impacts of this outreach and assistance on different neighborhoods and businesses. Such information is intended to inform future decision-making and investments in business outreach and technical assistance, to encourage collaboration between departments, and to understand if there are neighborhoods that are underserved in this area.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Governance, Accountability, & Economic Development

DUE DATE: September 1, 2025

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V1

OED-008S-A

Request that OED provide a mid-year status update on the programs offered under the “Generating Wealth in Communities of Color” pillar

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth, Tanya Woo

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Economic Development (OED) report on a mid-year status update of the programs offered under OED's “Generating Wealth in Communities of Color” strategic pillar, including but not limited to the Business Community Ownership Fund, Capital Access Program, and the Tenant Improvement Fund.

The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget for OED continues to primarily advance strategies identified in the Future of the Seattle Economy (FSE) strategic framework, which was adopted by Council in Resolution 32099. The FSE framework includes five strategic pillars:

1. Investing in Talent and Building our Workforce
2. Supporting Small Business and Women- and Minority-Owned Business Enterprises
3. Generating Wealth in Communities of Color
4. Investing in Neighborhood Business Districts
5. Growing Businesses and Key Industries

The mid-year status report on investments in the Generating Wealth in Communities of Color pillar should include but not be limited to:

- Available funding for the year for each program;
- Number of applications received for each program to date;
- Number of awards and amounts of each award, either awarded with 2025 funding, or anticipated to be awarded by the end of 2025;
- Geographic distribution of awards distributed or anticipated in 2025; and
- Any information available to better understand anticipated demand in 2026.

Such information is intended to inform future decision-making and investments in programs that fall under the Generating Wealth in Communities of Color pillar, and to understand where further investments would be most impactful.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Governance, Accountability, & Economic Development

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

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V1

HSD-007S-A

Request that HSD and OH provide a report on Good Neighbor Agreements

SPONSORS

Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Office of Housing (OH), working with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), provide a report on Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA). For the purpose of this SLI, GNAs are agreements that are designed to proactively manage relationships with neighboring community stakeholders, including residents and businesses, related to a physical location that 1) provides affordable housing to any population, including Permanent Supportive Housing or 2) provides services to people experiencing homelessness, such as but not limited to, day centers and shelters.

The report should include the following information:

- 1) Describe HSD, OH and KCRHA's current practices regarding GNAs for City-funded projects, including:
 - a) the specific types of city-funded projects for which a GNA is required;
 - b) what, if any, minimum standards are required for all GNAs;
 - c) the length of time that a GNA is required for a project (for example, one year versus on-going)
- 2) Describe the types of issues that existing GNAs are designed to address
- 3) Describe any relevant legal limitations to requiring providers to address illegal or disruptive behavior happening both internally and externally to the building, for example on the sidewalk or right of way.
- 4) Describe how those limitations can be overcome based on best practices. For example, does proactive outreach for medication management or other types of substance abuse treatment reduce GNA-related issues?
- 5) Describe best practices for GNAs based on local, state and national research, including recommended best practices for regularly reaching out to neighborhood residents to understand and pro-actively address concerns (for example via community meetings, a survey, etc.).
- 6) Assess the option of requiring GNA longer than one year for OH-funded projects (the current standard) and describe any cost or other impacts to consider in doing so
- 7) Recommend a consistent set of standards that the City should incorporate into all GNAs and specify what types of projects should be subject to a GNA.
- 8) Provide a plan and timeline for incorporating the recommended set of standards into existing and new provider contracts for implementation no earlier than January 1, 2026. The report should detail any challenges, and how to address them, related to amending existing contracts in order to integrate this recommended set of standards.
- 9) Recommend a plan for monitoring and enforcing provider compliance with GNA standards as incorporated into their contracts.

Background on Current GNA practices

The Human Services Department (HSD) requires that providers who operate services such as shelters,

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day centers and transitional housing to use good neighbor agreements. HSD contracts for these services, which transferred to KCRHA in 2022, include such agreements as a required performance standard. Agreements vary by project and are informed by local community input.

The Office of Housing (OH) requires a good neighborhood agreement for the first year of operations of all affordable housing projects, including but not limited to Permanent Supportive Housing. In addition, OH loan documents require each project's management plan to describe their community relations plans and processes for resolving neighborhood complaints. OH Asset management staff reviews management plans as the project is becoming operational to make sure the plan addresses all the provisions required in their loan agreement. Organizations are required to provide OH with any changes to their management plans on an annual basis.

HSD should submit the reports to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee by July 30, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: July 30, 2025

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V2

HSD-031S-A

Request that HSD report on sobering center needs

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) report on various dimensions of a potential future sobering center in Seattle. The report shall include:

- A data-informed recommendation about best-practices for the design and operation of a sobering center;
- Analysis of the feasibility of such a sobering center being used to address individuals arrested under Seattle’s drug possession laws; this analysis should include an evaluation of the number of individuals who would need to be sent to a sobering facility, and the feasibility for such a facility to be secure; that evaluation should include collaboration with Seattle Police Department where appropriate;
- Discussion of HSD’s involvement in the Seattle-based sobering center being planned by King County; and,
- Analysis of any opportunity to use the King County sobering center to meet Seattle’s needs.

Sobering centers serve people experiencing homelessness or housing precarity by providing them an indoor place to rest, typically overnight. Many shelters will not accept individuals who are or who seem intoxicated, who may be incontinent due to intoxication, or who may become argumentative or aggressive when they become sober. Individuals may also have other behavioral-health issues with symptoms that shelter operators mistakenly associate with intoxication or substance use disorder (SUD). Sobering centers can be a last-resort indoor place of refuge for individuals facing a complex set of challenges.

Individuals who are severely intoxicated cannot give informed consent to connection with SUD treatment resources, which could include assignment to a case manager, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) such as buprenorphine administration, and entry into inpatient treatment. When an individual regains sufficient sobriety to give informed consent while at a sobering center, an opportunity is created to connect that individual not only with needed treatment but with additional assistive resources.

The Dutch Shisler Sobering Center (“KC Sobering Center”), which was funded by King County and operated through a contract with Pioneer Human Services, left its longtime rented Boren Avenue location in 2019 when the building was sold. At that time, the KC Sobering Center served over 1,500 per year, providing health-supervised shelter for up to 80 individuals per night. Following the Center’s closure at that location, King County briefly secured sequential temporary locations for its operation, but at this time there is no permanent sobering center operating in Seattle. Without a sobering center, first responders sometimes transport individuals to hospital Emergency Departments to rest and recover overnight. In 2021 King County expressed intent to direct \$3.8 million in COVID-19 federal

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funding to establish a new sobering center in Seattle. King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) has indicated that as of late October, 2024 they are in final stages of review of a proposal to site a new sobering center in Seattle. DCHS has stated that they are coordinating with HSD and the Mayor's office on these plans and anticipate the center opening in 2025.

The report should be submitted to the Housing and Human Services Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 30, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

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V1

HSD-038S-A

Request that the HSD report on a landscape analysis and an implementation plan for addressing gun violence in Seattle schools

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Maritza Rivera, Cathy Moore

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) report on a landscape analysis and an implementation plan for addressing gun violence in Seattle schools.

In response to recent gun violence in Seattle schools, the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget includes \$4.25 million and 1.0 FTE to support school-based violence intervention specialists, expand safe passage programs, expand case management for students most impacted by gun violence, and establish a family resource fund for those participating in case management. Seattle Public Schools has also made additional investments in public safety, such as hiring a new executive director of safety and security. According to HSD, the City's investments will be deployed at 11 pilot schools, chosen based on a multi-departmental collaboration led by the Mayor's Office, with reference to data from the Seattle Police Department (SPD), Seattle Public Schools (SPS), and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). HSD will lead work on developing contracts to distribute funding to the schools. Ongoing meetings between HSD, SPS, and potential providers are informing the scale of resources needed at each school for various strategies.

This SLI is intended to provide transparency and clarity on City investments addressing gun violence in Seattle schools, including the interrelationship of the proposed new investment and the Seattle Community Safety Initiative or other current City programs that address gun violence in schools, and the basis for proposed additional investment in any currently funded program area. The report should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A landscape analysis that provides:
 - a. An overview of efforts and investments at the local, regional, state, and federal levels that address gun violence in Seattle schools.
 - b. An overview of comparable jurisdictions' strategies to address gun violence in schools, and any lessons learned from other jurisdictions that are being applied to the proposed new investments.
 - c. A review of City programs, investments, or policies, both past and present, related to addressing gun violence in schools, and an analysis about impact or, at a minimum, lessons learned that are being applied to the proposed new investment.
2. An implementation plan, financial plan, and additional program information for the proposed new investment addressing gun violence in Seattle schools, which includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Specific activities to be funded by the investments

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- b. A breakdown of anticipated costs for those activities
- c. Anticipated program deliverables and outcomes;
- d. Performance metrics that will be used to evaluate the initiative's effectiveness; and
- e. The process by which HSD will coordinate with other departments, jurisdictions, and agencies in implementing and evaluating these investments.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: May 30, 2025

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V2

HSD-040S-A

Request that HSD and SDCI report on how best to distribute rental assistance to ensure maximum distribution to households at risk of homelessness or eviction or currently homeless or in eviction proceedings

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Tammy Morales, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that prior to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Homelessness Prevention services that the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) submit a report to the Council with the following information:

- A description of research on best practices regarding identifying and targeting households most at risk for homelessness for prophylactic as well as immediate need rental assistance.
- A description of the current system of informing landlords and tenants about funds available to them for rental assistance.
- Identification of opportunities and an estimated budget for streamlining the process for informing landlords and tenants, including but not limited to consideration of one phone number for landlords and tenants to contact to get further information about the availability of and process for procuring rental assistance, and responding to rental assistance questions within 48 hours of receipt.
- An explanation of how the approach in the RFP incorporates identified best practices.
- The results of a racial equity toolkit regarding deployment of rental assistance, which should include an analysis of the costs and benefits of deploying rental assistance through multiple community-based organizations (CBOs) as compared to a single large organization, such as United Way. The analysis should include potential strategies to have a single organization administer funding while preserving access to rental assistance funding for communities served by CBOs.
- A description of outcome data that will be collected for organizations receiving rental assistance funds.
- A timeline for releasing the RFP.
- An analysis of the most efficient way to manage and distribute rental assistance dollars based on the funding's primary goal (e.g. homelessness prevention, eviction settlement, landlord reimbursement, etc...)

Background: Homeless prevention contracts were transferred to the King County Regional Homelessness in 2022, along with other homeless service contracts. In mid-2024, the Executive announced that the contracts would be transitioned back to HSD, beginning in fall of the same year. Currently, HSD contracts with eleven community-based organizations for rental assistance. In 2025, the total annual contract amounts are anticipated to be \$4.6 million, with \$2.4 million from the general fund and \$2.2 million from the Housing Levy (another approximately \$200,000 of Housing Levy dollars is used to cover administrative costs associated with deploying the funds). Additionally, HSD will

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receive investment earnings from the Housing Levy Rental Production and Preservation fund balances that must be used as rental assistance, as required in the Housing Levy Administrative and Financial (A&F Plan) Plan adopted by Council in 2024.

The A&F Plan also provides the requirements for eligible households and use of funds for any homelessness prevention services funded by the Housing Levy. Eligible uses include rent payments, rent or utility arrears and security deposits.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: July 1, 2025

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V1

MO-001S-A

Request that the MO provide quarterly reports regarding activities and performance of the Unified Care Team (UCT), and any collaborating departments that manage the City's response to unsanctioned encampments

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Mayor's Office (MO) provide quarterly reports regarding activities and performance of the Unified Care Team (UCT), and any collaborating departments that manage the City's response to unsanctioned encampments.

This request is seeking information similar to what was provided by the Human Services Department (HSD) in response to the UCT Reporting SLI included in Resolution 32129, which adopted the Statements of Legislative Intent for the 2024 Adopted Budget. After the first quarterly report is submitted, the Mayor's Office and the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee will work together on any revisions needed to better meet City Council's reporting needs.

The reported metrics should convey the performance in the following areas:

- 1) By region, the number of requests related to encampments in public spaces received through the City's Customer Service Bureau.
- 2) By region, the number of:
 - a. Active encampment sites (snapshot of the last Friday of the quarter)
 - b. Number of resolutions where offers of shelter were made by resolution categories:
 - Advanced Notice
 - Immediate Hazard/Obstruction
 - Outreach Led (baseline data for 2024)
 - Recreational Vehicle (RV) Remediations
 - c. Unique sites where at least one encampment resolution or RV Remediation occurred during the reporting period
 - d. A list of sites with the most UCT actions (in order to show repopulation activity).
- 3) By region:
 - a. The number of offers of shelter extended.
 - b. The number of offers accepted, resulting in a referral to shelter.
 - c. Demographics of those referred to shelter.
 - d. The number of confirmed shelter enrollments, representing the minimum number of people enrolled in shelter following a referral due to HMIS-related challenges.
 - e. The number of offers of shelter that were declined, out of all offers extended.
 - f. If possible, the stated reason why offers of shelter were declined.

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- 4) Information on hazardous conditions and responses taken to mitigate harm, including:
 - a. Number of active encampment sites where hazardous and unsafe conditions are identified, such as hazardous materials, large amounts of debris, mobility impacts, and proximity to waterways (snapshot of the last Friday of the quarter)
 - b. A summary of actions taken to mitigate harm, including trash mitigation and hygiene stations, sharps disposal containers.
 - c. Data on fire & public safety incidents with a confirmed nexus with encampments or homelessness.
- 5) Breakdown of UCT actions (trash mitigation, immediate hazard/obstructions, RV Remediations, Advanced Notice) by weekend versus weekday and region.
- 6) Update on:
 - a. Status update on hiring of the 14 Counselor positions
 - b. Overview of the challenges & successes each neighborhood team is seeing.
- 7) Clear definition of all terms used in the report.

The MO should submit the reports to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee. Reports should be submitted by February 14, 2025, May 16, 2025, August 15, and Nov 14, 2025. The report due February 14, 2025 should cover activities conducted from October 1 through December 31, 2024.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: February 14, 2025

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V1

MO-003S-A

Request a report from MO on a comprehensive Recreational Vehicle strategy

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Mayor's Office (MO) take the lead on developing a report on a comprehensive Recreational Vehicle (RV) strategy. The strategy should be developed in partnership with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) and departments participating in the Unified Care Team (UCT), including the Human Services Department (HSD), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR), and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU).

The report should provide answer the following information:

1) Current approach to addressing RVs, including:

- a. An overview of RV Remediation efforts, including departments involved and description of their roles;
- b. Current programming and services efforts to help RV residents transition to housing;
- c. A description of the unique needs of RV residents and challenges in addressing RV sites; and
- d. Best and promising practices, and emerging trends, that have shown success in other jurisdictions across the state or country.

2) Recommendations addressing the following issues:

- a. Programmatic approaches, policy changes and/or legislative changes that could:
 - i) make a measurable and more visible impact in the reduction of lived-in RVs on the city right of way; and
 - ii) better connect RV residents with housing and services;
- b. How the City could best target its resources to specific geographic areas with the highest concentrations of lived-in RVs.
- c) The recommendations should only include proposals that can be implemented within a year or less after being authorized by the Mayor and City Council. The recommendations should not include proposals that the City is incapable of implementing within a year, due to known limitations, such as officer staffing shortages.

3) Recommendations on:

- a. Potential expansion of funding to specifically address what it would take to
 - i) make a measurable and more visible impact in the reduction of lived-in RVs on the city right way; and
 - ii) better connect RV residents with housing and services.
- b. Cost estimates for implementing recommendations, including:
 - i) For each recommendation, a low, medium and high cost option

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ii) For each recommendation, the anticipated outcomes by low, medium and high cost option

The MO should submit the reports to the Chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee by September 1, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: September 1, 2024

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V1

OH-001S-A

Request that OH produce a Seattle Housing Investment Plan that takes a comprehensive look at all affordable housing investments by the City for 2025-2030

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Housing (OH) produce a Seattle Housing Investment Plan that takes a comprehensive look at all affordable housing investments by the City, updates the production targets, and reviews the underlying funding models for the main sources of funding used to develop affordable housing for the years 2025-2030. These funding sources include the 2023 Housing Levy, Payroll Expense Tax (PET)/JumpStart, and Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) funds. The time period for this modeling coincides with the length of the 2023 Housing Levy which runs through 2030.

The result of this work will be a housing strategy that establishes clear targets for the next five years (2025-2030) for each of the programs supported by the Office of Housing, including: the Rental Production and Preservation Program, and the Homeownership and Sustainability Program. The targets for each program should include: number of units, and household Area Median Income (AMI) level to be served by the units, broken down by 30-50 percent AMI, 50-80 percent AMI, 80-100 percent AMI, and so forth. It is the intent that the targets related to AMI served will be achieved over the five-year period. In addition, it is the intent that efforts be made to increase the number of family-sized units (i.e. two- and three-bedroom units) over the five-year period.

Annual progress toward achieving the established targets will be included in OH's annual Investment Report, which is submitted to the City Council by June 30th of each year. Information to be provided in the annual report includes but is not limited to: number of units, income level served, unit size and geographic location of units. This information will be provided along with the 20-year housing growth targets for the City that are included in the Housing Appendix of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which include the amount of housing needed by income levels. Pairing these two pieces of information together will allow the City to monitor its progress towards achieving its targets and meeting overall housing needs.

The City's policies and priorities for all of the City's affordable housing funding will continue to reside in the Housing Levy Administration and Financial Plan and the Housing Funding Policies, approved by Council in 2024. The Proposed Comprehensive Plan also includes broader strategies related to the production and preservation of housing to meet not only the needs of low-income households where the need is greatest, but households across the income spectrum in an effort to ensure that everyone in Seattle has "housing that meets their needs."

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: September 02, 2025

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V1

OH-004S-A

Request that OH explore use of bonds and master leasing for development of affordable housing

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Office of Housing (OH) explore the use of excess bonding capacity and master leasing for the development of affordable housing. OH should examine how King County has recently proposed such strategies to support the development of affordable housing through King County Council Motion 2024-0279.

Among other things, this should include a review of the Regional Workforce Housing Initiative Implementation Plan called for in Motion 2024-0279, expected to be published by March 31, 2025, and an analysis of any barriers, legal or otherwise, to the City of Seattle implementing similar policy choices.

This analysis should include an analysis of how the City can leverage its credit and debt capacity to secure affordable housing, including whether it is able to utilize a master lease structure whereby the City would execute a master lease, effectively guaranteeing debt service on whatever debt instrument works best (e.g., bonds, agency loan, bank loan, etc.). While the City would be obliged to meet the monthly master lease payments, such payments could be partially or completely offset by rental revenue from subleasing. This should be done with the goal of understanding if the City of Seattle is able to utilize the credit of the City through a master lease that would enable the city to obtain permanent financing at rates that lock in affordable rents.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: September 02, 2025

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V1

OH-005S-A

Request OH to provide quarterly vacancy data reports on city-funded rental housing projects

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Office of Housing (OH) to provide:

- 1) Collect vacancy information from buildings owned by the six largest affordable housing providers in OH's portfolio, representing 51% of the OH portfolio and submit a report to Council with that information by May 15, 2025. The report will provide Quarter 1 vacancy information current as of March 2025.
- 2) Strive to continue to collect information quarterly from the same six largest affordable housing providers and submit quarterly reports to Council no later than 30 days past the end of the quarter throughout 2025.
- 3) Provide 2024 vacancy information for all OH-funded affordable housing providers by July 30, 2025 using WBARS data.
- 4) Provide vacancy information for comparison to the King County apartment market from the Washington Center for Real Estate Research and other sources.
- 5) Provide a report to Council as of May 15, 2025 detailing what OH and providers are doing now related to vacancy rates and work to resolve identified vacancy issues in the OH portfolio.
- 6) By September 1, 2025, provide a report to Council, based on the experience of collecting quarterly data from the six largest affordable housing providers, on what is needed to collect quarterly data from all affordable housing providers and buildings in 2026 and provide an implementation plan for achieving those steps.

OH currently reviews vacancy information for the over 350 City-funded rental housing buildings containing over 18,000 units, as part of an annual reporting requirement for such buildings. This review is done as part of OH's asset management functions. When needed, OH staff work with other public funding entities from King County, the State Department of Commerce, and the Washington State Housing Finance Commission to address issues identified in the annual reports. In addition, OH has created a committee to discuss strategies to engage providers with particularly troubled projects. Finally, OH is working on improvements to vacancy reporting including collaborating with other public funders to improve the statewide web based annual reporting system (WBARS) that tracks project level performance data including vacancy rates. Modifications are being made to WBARS to track vacancy data even more accurately.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: May 15, 2025

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V1

SDCI-003S-A

Request that SDCI, in consultation with HSD, report on utilization of RRIO for proactive eviction prevention

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), in consultation with the Human Services Department (HSD), report to the Council on options for using the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) registry process to allow registrants to opt-in to early assistance for tenants who are at risk of eviction. The report should (1) identify opportunities to leverage RRIO to serve as a resource for rental property owners to access City-funded tenant services, including mediation, and dispute resolution, case management, and rental assistance for tenants who are in arrears on rent or utility payments; and (2) estimate technology, staffing, and overhead costs for effectuating those opportunities.

The RRIO program was established in 2012 to help ensure that rental properties meet basic standards for maintenance and habitability. Owners must register residential rental properties within the city. Registered properties are subject to inspection by the City or by a privately commissioned and certified RRIO inspector every five to ten years. In 2023 the RRIO program was reviewed by the City Auditor who published "Understanding Seattle's Housing Market Shift from Small to Large Rental Properties: A Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance Program Audit," which made several recommendations for program improvements.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing and Human Services

DUE DATE: July 31, 2025

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V2

OPCD-003S-A

Request that OPCD report on strategies to attract food retailers to food deserts

SPONSORS

Rob Saka

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) work with the Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) report on best practices and strategies for attracting food retailers to food deserts.

The report should include information on siting and size requirements for different categories of grocery stores. The report should also include information about how the City's zoning supports or precludes new grocery stores from opening in different parts of the city, and particularly the food deserts in Council District 1's Duwamish Valley and Delridge, and changes that could be made to better attract food retailers to food deserts.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: September 2, 2025

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V1

OPCD-005S-A

Request that OPCD develop a plan to support small business economic development through the Equitable Development Initiative

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) work with the Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board (EDIAB) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to develop and report to Council on a plan to 1) expand the eligibility of Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) funding specifically for small business development, support, and ownership through programs such as the Tenant Improvement Fund, the Business Community Ownership Fund, and others; and 2) support the creation of spaces designed to meet the needs of future small business tenants in EDI projects. The Council's intent is to support the growth of businesses owned by Black, Brown, and BIPOC, immigrants, and refugees to advance economic mobility and opportunity and prevent commercial displacement. Council requests that OPCD transmit its report by June 2nd, 2025 and provide a briefing to the Land Use Committee prior to issuance of any Request for Proposals (RFP) for EDI funding in 2025.

Background

The EDI program was developed to fund community-initiated and community-led equitable capital development projects in communities facing the risk of displacement. It funds projects that address more than one of the following six drivers of equity:

1. Advance economic mobility and opportunity;
2. Prevent residential, commercial, and cultural displacement;
3. Build on local cultural assets;
4. Promote transportation mobility and connectivity;
5. Develop healthy and safe neighborhoods; and
6. Enable equitable access to all neighborhoods.

To date, the EDI program has supported 75 unique, equitable development projects with grants of approximately \$116.5 million awarded over nine award cycles, including a dozen projects that provide space for small businesses as part of mixed-use buildings, often at the ground floor of low-income housing developments. Other EDI projects support economic development activities, such as workforce development programs or small business support. Projects that do not include commercial space are instead providing space for culturally relevant arts and culture programs, human services, health care, community-building, community open space, and other programs to maintain and support communities at risk of displacement.

In the 2022 budget, the Council adopted SLI OED-011-A-001 asking OED, the Office of Housing (OH) and OPCD develop a plan to coordinate community investments. That report, contained in Clerk File (CF) 322498 has resulted in regular meetings between the three departments where they identify shared priorities and opportunities to leverage multiple and distinct City funding sources for equitable development projects.

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In the summer of 2024, through Ordinance 127036, the Council requested that OPCD provide a status report on each project funded by the EDI program and results of a program evaluation. The report, contained in CF 323183, stated that approximately ten percent of EDI project sponsors who responded to a survey, were interested in more support for small businesses through policy and funding changes to increase economic opportunities for their communities.

OPCD intends to undertake a strategic planning process in 2025 that will engage grantees and program stakeholders on ways to turn recommendations for program improvements into actions and strategies that best support inclusive growth and anti-displacement in Seattle, particularly for marginalized communities most at risk.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: August 15, 2025

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V1

SDCI-004S-A

Request that SDCI provide a report on tree-related data, enforcement, and the payment-in-lieu program

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Tammy Morales, Tanya Woo

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) report to the Council the following information related to the implementation of Ordinance 126821 since it went into effect on July 30, 2023:

- How many trees have been removed from lots under development, the reason for tree removal, and the tiers of removed trees;
- Information regarding the presence, condition, size, and species of trees present on a site before and after construction of the project, including the zone in which trees are being removed, aggregated both by zone and Citywide;
- Information regarding replacement trees planted off-site, including condition, size, and species;
- Number and location, including zone, of still active projects either vested or otherwise subject to Seattle Municipal Code regulations in place prior to the regulations made effective by Ordinance 126821;
- Number of people who reported tree removal complaints for each approved removal;
- Number of and total amount of penalties imposed and total amount of penalties collected;
- For the payment-in-lieu (PIL) program, work with the Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Parks and Recreation as needed to provide:
 - Number of permit applicants that used the PIL option; payment amounts; total payments collected; and City costs related to tree planting and establishment.
 - Total amount of funds expended from PIL received and where those funds have been expended for tree planting and establishment.

PIL information should be provided to Council by May 1, 2025.

SDCI should also provide in the report an approach for collecting information regarding the number of alternative site plans to retain trees that SDCI receives and whether each alternative plan was incorporated, partially incorporated, or unused in the final project plan. SDCI should include whether there are costs associated with the collection of such information.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Land Use

DUE DATE: April 1, 2025

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V1

MO-002S-A

Request that the Executive provide a current inventory of City-funded youth programs

SPONSORS

Joy Hollingsworth

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Executive to provide a current inventory of youth programs funded by: Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Human Services Department, the Department of Education and Early Learning, and other departments as appropriate. The inventory should include, but not be limited to program description, program fund source(s), funding level, and population served (by age group, etc.).

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

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V1

SPR-014S-A

Request that SPR report on the timeline for redeveloping the Lake City Community Center

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Maritza Rivera, Tanya Woo

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to report on the timeline for redeveloping the Lake City Community Center. The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget would shift \$28 million of planned bond funding for the redevelopment of the Lake City Community Center from 2025 to 2026 to align with the project schedule, allowing additional time for refinement of timelines, scope, and costs.

In 2022, the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) Board funded redevelopment of the Lake City Community Center in the second cycle of the MPD spending plan, which was also included in the 2023 Adopted Budget. In 2023, the Lake City Community Center closed after sustaining significant fire damage.

SPR and the Seattle Office of Housing (OH) are partnering to redevelop the site with the goal of co-locating a new community center with affordable housing. SPR would continue to own and operate the redeveloped Lake City Community Center and, subject to Council approval, the City would provide the land to a selected development team through a ground lease with a term of up to 99 years. The affordable housing created through this process would be income-restricted to households earning up to 50 percent and 60 percent of the Area Median Income, depending on household size.

Currently, SPR and OH are conducting a Request for Proposals (RFP) process inviting developers to submit proposals for constructing the building shell and core of the new community center with affordable rental housing above. The City's timeline anticipates designation of the development team for this phase of the project by March 31, 2025. For the next phase, SPR may hire the selected development team to design the community center and construct the tenant improvements under a separate contract or issue a Request for Qualifications for a design team and bid the construction of the tenant improvements separately.

This SLI requests SPR to provide a report with a complete timeline for redevelopment of the Lake City Community Center including but not limited to milestone dates, identification of potential timeline impacts, and plans to mitigate delays.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Public Utilities & Technology

DUE DATE: July 1, 2025

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V2

CARE-001S-A

Request reporting from CARE on Call Center staffing and operations

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Cathy Moore, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department provide quarterly written reports to the Public Safety Committee, the first report due no later than March 31, 2025, on staffing levels and operational updates for the Call Center, to include the following: response times for emergency calls; response times for non-emergency calls; current call-taker position vacancies; estimated time to fill identified vacancies; and, call-taker turnover year-to-date. This SLI would also request that the CARE Department create and maintain a regularly updated publicly accessible online dashboard, no later than March 31, 2025, providing information on the Call Center, to include details of response times for emergency, and non-emergency calls, and call volumes for emergency and non-emergency calls.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: March 31, 2025

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V1

CARE-101S-A

Request CARE create Community Crisis Responder public data dashboard and request reporting on Seattle Restoration Program

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) Department, by no later than June 30, 2025:

1) Create a publicly accessible ongoing online dashboard to be regularly updated providing information on Community Crisis Responder (CCR) teams, to include details of CCR dispatches, responses, resolutions, and other relevant outcome data.

- Thorough data collection was one of the goals of the dual dispatch pilot program, with the intent that it would help guide program development. A year after that program's launch, little data is available regarding (1) the specific benefits that CARE response provided, from the perspective of those who received that response; and (2) CARE's service integration with partner agencies.
- This requested dashboard would provide the much needed information to show CARE's progress and outcomes as it expands.

2) Provide a written report to the Public Safety Committee describing the priorities and goals of the Seattle Restoration Program, and information about the role and responsibilities of the new Director position in this program.

- The Seattle Restoration Program Director will oversee the new Downtown Activation Team (DAT), adding a public safety focus to the existing Downtown Activation Plan (DAP) while leveraging the contributions of various City departments. This position was included in the Executive's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget, and it has been filled.
- Since this program is new and the position has been filled, more details on the program as a whole and its relationships with Unified Care Team (UCT) and the DAP should be reported to the Public Safety committee no later than June 30th, 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

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V2

OEM-102S-A

Request that OEM report on city-wide emergency preparedness training, and recognize OEM's key role among Seattle's public safety departments

SPONSORS

Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would: (1) request that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) collect information and produce a report on the emergency preparedness trainings offered by City of Seattle departments, the Seattle Public School District (SPS) and the Port of Seattle (Port); and (2) state the Council's intent that OEM be recognized as a key part of Seattle's public safety infrastructure, and should be reflected as such in its administration and oversight.

The Council recognizes OEM's unique role in coordinating the training and emergency preparedness efforts of City of Seattle departments, as well as outside partners like SPS and the Port. The Council requests that OEM: (1) survey City departments and outside partners to determine how emergency preparedness curriculum is developed and training is executed within each organization, and (2) prepare a report that compares current practices with the best national and international practices, including how OEM interacts with its partners, and makes recommendations for systemic improvements.

The Council supports the proposed add of \$30,000 to the City Budget Office (CBO) to conduct an Emergency Management Assessment, including the review of OEM's funding, multijurisdictional framework, and organizational structure in comparison to peer cities. The Council recognizes OEM as a critical facilitator with City departments and other organizations, developing cross jurisdiction emergency preparedness plans, disaster mitigation measures, and response protocols, as well as operating the Emergency Operations Center during planned and unplanned events and incidents. The Council requests that the Executive consider these factors, and that the CBO study contemplates changes that would ensure that OEM is provided with adequate budget resources, sufficient independence and appropriate Mayoral oversight needed to complete its mission.

OEM should submit the report to the Chair of the Public Safety Committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: August 5, 2025

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V2

SPD-103S-A

Request that SPD report on its Parking Enforcement Officer hiring process

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) report on how it will address ongoing vacancy issues in the Parking Enforcement unit by streamlining its current step-heavy, process-intensive hiring process, and providing recommendations on changes that could be made to attract and retain Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs).

SPD staff have created a hiring group consisting of PEO Field Training Officers (FTOs), PEO managers, and Human Resources personnel, to identify potential changes to the hiring process, which currently requires candidates to complete seven steps over a six-month period. This SLI would ensure that the department's current reform process is reviewed by the Council.

Background: In recent years, the City has had difficulty staffing the PEO Unit. Since 2020, the PEO Unit has carried approximately 20 vacant positions among its 104 PEO positions, 12 PEO Supervisor positions, and two Manager positions.

SPD should submit the report to the Chair of the relevant committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: June 1, 2025

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V2

SPD-108S-A

Request that SPD provide quarterly reports on staffing, overtime, and performance metrics.

SPONSORS

Budget Committee

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide quarterly reports to the Public Safety Committee on police staffing, overtime and performance metrics, including:

- (1) Staffing data including: (a) the "SPD Sworn Staffing Model"; (b) the "Precinct Staffing Report"; and (c) demographic data on hires and separations;
- (2) Overtime data including two years of actual and planned expenditures at the bureau and program level and accounting for both dollars spent and hours worked; and
- (3) Performance data including: (a) 911 call response time metrics; (b) Z-Disposition call handling metrics; and (c) an explanation of how changes to patrol and department staffing have affected SPD's ability to meet its response time and call handling goals.

All data should be submitted consistent with the format used in SPD-801S-A-2-2023. Department budget staff should assume that the Chair of the Public Safety Committee will request their presence at a hearing in the second week of the month following submittal of the data.

SPD should submit the reports to the Public Safety Committee and Central Staff Director as follows: By February 21, the report should include the 2024 year-end staffing data requested in the first item (1) above. By April 25 and July 25, the reports should address all items (1-3) above. If data for all items (1-3) is not available by the due date, then SPD staff should send on a piecemeal basis any data that is available.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: February 21, 2025

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V1

SPD-109S-A

Request that SPD study childcare options for sworn employees

SPONSORS

Cathy Moore, Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) engage with a consultant to study childcare options for SPD employees, as recommended by the Chief and in accordance with the goals of the 30x30 Initiative. The study should examine childcare options that:

- (1) Provide flexible drop-off and pick-up times to accommodate irregular work hours;
- (2) Provide round-the-clock services to accommodate varying shift schedules;
- (3) Establish a City-run facility, or locate community-run facilities that could secure spots for SPD families; and
- (4) Identify SPD families or friends that are interested in developing in-home childcare businesses.

It is the Council's intent that SPD notify all members of the Public Safety Committee when the consultant is hired and when the consultant's study is complete. No other reporting is required by this SLI.

*Background: The 30x30 Initiative is a national initiative to advance the representation and experiences of women in policing in agencies across the United States. The initiative, which was launched in 2021, is a national coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations that share the common goals of: (1) increasing the representation of women in police recruit classes to 30 percent by 2030; and (2) ensuring that police policies and culture intentionally support the success of qualified women officers throughout their careers.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SPD-110S-A

Request that SPD report on officer recruitment and retention

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) create and report on a strategic plan that would ensure that the department meets the goals of its Hiring and Retention Initiative. The plan should:

1. Set forth an overarching strategy and define an implementation approach that would best position the department to recruit and hire 300-500+ additional police officers and restore officer staffing levels to pre-Covid levels of 1400+ deployable officers;
2. Describe with specificity, a durable and cohesive approach that addresses how the department could effectively achieve its recruitment and hiring goals, broken out by both new recruits and lateral hires, and outlines specific strategies, concrete steps, and detailed best practices the department should employ in both the near-term and long-term;
3. Define specific objectives and key results, goals, and anticipated milestones to allow the department to meet its officer recruitment and hiring targets in a defined timeline, and removing barriers to hiring qualified candidates – ensuring that each listed goal is sufficiently specific, measurable, ambitious, achievable, relevant, and time-bound; and
4. Identify and describe benchmarks, metrics and key performance indicators, and a detailed plan to achieve those metrics in a manner that is consistent with the data and anecdotal information collected on hiring, recruitment, and retention to date.

SPD should submit the report to the Chair of the relevant committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: September 1, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SPD-111S-A

Request that SPD report on automated sound enforcement technology

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Cathy Moore, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) collaborate with vendors that produce automated vehicle noise enforcement technology to report on (1) how the technology works to combat illegal vehicle noise through the use of camera and microphone systems that detect and measure sound pressure; and (2) policy considerations of using the technology, including how SPD would determine which Seattle neighborhoods could benefit from the technology. The report should identify:

- (1) The feasibility of using the automated sound enforcement technology, and potential limitations for deployment, including placement of cameras where industrial or other environmental noise could interfere with the technology;
- (2) The potential to use automated sound enforcement technology to combat illegal street racing;
- (3) Whether SPD would use the technology in a manner that differentiates enforcement for (a) vehicles that were manufactured to create high noise levels such as certain types of motorcycles, (b) vehicles that were modified to create additional exhaust noise, (c) vehicles that are in temporary disrepair (e.g., broken mufflers); or vehicles that play extremely loud music;
- (4) SPD recommendations on whether the technology should be used for non-vehicle enforcement (e.g., loud music in parks or beaches);
- (5) Impacts to vulnerable communities based on SPD's recommended use of automated vehicle noise enforcement technology;
- (6) SPD recommendations on where the City might deploy automated vehicle noise enforcement technology, to include areas that are acutely affected by noise complaints and violations such as Harbor Ave or Alki Beach in West Seattle; and
- (7) State and City code changes that are required for deployment of automated vehicle noise enforcement technology.

SPD should submit the report to the relevant committee and the Central Staff Director.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: July 15, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

ARTS-011S-A

Request that ARTS create citywide and municipal arts plans

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Tanya Woo, Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) provide a citywide plan for arts and culture and a new municipal arts plan.

Citywide art plan:

The Council requests that ARTS work with all City departments that receive funding for purposes related to arts and culture to collaborate on a plan that would govern arts and cultural investments across the City. This Citywide plan would address admissions tax, General Fund, and JumpStart funding. 1% for Arts/public art funding would be covered by the municipal arts plan described below. The intent of the plan is to create a framework by which ARTS serves as a central repository of information about how arts funding across the departments is being spent, both by ARTS and by other departments. The Council requests that ARTS collaborate with other departments to set Citywide goals for arts and cultural programming and investments. The plan should include data and outcomes for each department program and investment.

Municipal arts plan:

The City's 1% for Arts program requires that appropriations for construction projects include an amount equal to one percent of the estimated cost of each project to support public works of art. Expenditure of these and additional funds used for public art are guided by a municipal arts plan. Seattle Municipal Code Section 20.32.040.A requires that ARTS "[p]repare, adopt and amend with the Mayor's approval a plan and guidelines to carry out the City's art program, which shall include, but not be limited to a method or methods for the selection of artists or works of art and for placement of works of art." Since 2016, the municipal arts plan has not included a narrative description that includes the following information:

- Describe new projects public arts funding will support;
- Compare the size and number of new projects to the size and number of projects funded since 2015;
- Explain how ARTS conducts outreach and community engagement, particularly to communities of color who are underrepresented in the arts and culture sector; and
- Provide an annual balance of unprogrammed funds carried over since 2015.

The Council requests that ARTS provide the information described above in its municipal arts plan in 2025.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

DUE DATE: June 30, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-104S-B

Request that SDOT provide a report on the performance measures and evaluation criteria used for consideration of bus-only lanes

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Rob Saka, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a report documenting the performance measures and evaluation criteria that SDOT uses when considering bus-only lanes on SDOT corridor projects outside of Regional Centers. The report should use SDOT's experience on the Route 40 and RapidRide R projects as examples to describe SDOT's decision-making regarding bus-only lanes in these locations.

The report should detail the specific evaluation criteria used, such as: existing transit ridership and projected transit ridership after the bus-lanes are installed, expected travel time savings (using non-aggregated, local data), improved transit speed and reliability, impact on general traffic capacity and congestion (using local data), and freight access and mobility considerations. The report should describe the environmental and economic impacts considered, such as impacts to adjoining small businesses, net impact to carbon emissions including potential vehicle idling time, and neighborhood construction impacts. Using this data, the report should then identify how SDOT predicts the anticipated performance of bus-only lanes, how SDOT measures the delivered outcomes after deployment, and any measures SDOT may take to mitigate potential underperformance.

The report should also identify SDOT's current understanding of mobility priorities for bus-only lanes given current commuting patterns in a post-pandemic environment.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: March 31, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-105S-A

Request that SDOT provide a report on the pothole repair program and performance indicators for potholes and roadway conditions

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a report on the pothole repair program. The report should describe how SDOT identifies, prioritizes and repairs potholes. In addition, the report should describe the key performance indicators along with the objectives and key results that SDOT uses to evaluate pothole incidents and roadway conditions. The report should also describe any notable trends and insights pertaining to SDOT's pothole repair program, together with relevant industry best practices.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: June 16, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-106S-A

Request that SDOT provide recommendations on honorary street naming policies

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide policy guidelines and procedural recommendations for reviewing and processing community requests for honorary street names. The SLI response should include draft legislation to adopt an honorary street naming policy, including criteria to guide the Mayor and the Council's consideration of honorary street naming requests.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: July 14, 2025

2025 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

SDOT-107S-A

Request that SDOT provide a report on implementing transit security improvements, services, and policy

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) provide a report detailing the City's past efforts and future plans to implement transit security improvements and services to benefit transit riders and operators while riding transit. The report should describe how SDOT partners with King County Metro to support more King County Metro Police, as well as plans to ensure there are more social workers, security services, and transit ambassadors serving transit riders in Seattle. The report should describe the anticipated uses of available funding, including the Seattle Transit Measure and the Transportation Levy.

The report should identify the jurisdictional boundaries between the City and transit agencies in addressing transit safety concerns. The report should identify the regional governing bodies that establish transit safety policy and the City's representation/participation in these forums. The report should describe the City's internal efforts to address public safety coordination between SDOT, the Seattle Police Department, and any other affected departments. The report should document and disclose the actual reported and any suspected security and safety incidents occurring on King County Metro and Sound Transit service that runs through Seattle from 2023 through 2025 (as 2025 data is available), broken out by quarter, and broken out by the type of security and safety incident such as assaults, robberies/thefts, hate crimes, brandishing a weapon, etc.

The SLI response should 1) compare the adopted policies, protocols, and implementation approaches of King County Metro and Sound Transit with regard to the safety and security of transit riders and operators, and 2) specifically note any variances in the respective policies, protocols, and implementation approaches for each. The SLI response should develop a proposal for consideration in the 2026 budget for a leadership position to a) coordinate the City's work on transit passenger and operator safety while riding and operating transit, and b) engage with transit partners in aligning regional transit safety and security policies and protocols. The SLI response should provide for improved public transparency and help drive consistency in the City's efforts to enhance transit safety and address transit security disparities.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: June 2, 2025