



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

February 3, 2015

Honorable Tim Burgess
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

As advances in the use of information technologies in administration, law enforcement, and communications lead to increased data collection in the course of doing everyday business, the protection of the privacy of those interacting with the City of Seattle becomes more and more essential.

I am pleased to transmit the attached resolution regarding adoption of a set of privacy principles that will be used to govern the City's operations. This resolution also calls for the development of a privacy statement and toolkit.

This work was and will continue to be influenced by a City-wide Interdepartmental Team sponsored by the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and Seattle Police Department, and comprised of representatives from Seattle City Light, Seattle Fire Department, Seattle Library, Records Administration, Seattle Department of Transportation, Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and the City Attorney's Office. This group has examined leading City data practices and commitments necessary to build public trust in those practices. A Privacy Advisory Committee comprised of academics, practitioners, lawyers, and community advocates has been convened to provide outside expertise and advice to the City's effort.

Seattle is poised to lead the nation on this issue of municipal data collection and privacy policies and I look forward to working with you to enact this resolution and the other components to our privacy program. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Patti DeFazio at 684-8033.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council