

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Sara Nelson, Council President

Joy Hollingsworth, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Eddie Lin, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on December 9, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Peter Manning
Mike Asai
Gabriel Dias
Matt Paskash
Quincy
Ray Mitchell
Dawson McGrath
Jonathan Toledo
Olive Lacy
Tiffani McCoy
Castill Hightower
Kate Rubin
Alberto Alvarez
Amy Sommers
Leonard Harrison Jerome
Joe Kunzler
David Haines
Riley Avron
Aidan Carroll
Henry Keene
Dan Howes
Nathan Wall
Howard J. Gale
Andrew E. Olson
Clio Jensen
Nicholas Leydon
Jordan Pomeroy
Kate Garvey
Yvette Dinish
J.C.
Bennett Haselton
Noah Williams

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 503](#)

December 9, 2025

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

1. [Min 547](#) December 2, 2025

The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121136](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of November 24, 2025, through November 28, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Appointments:

CITY COUNCIL:

3. [Appt 03369](#) **Appointment of Robi Ganguly as member, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, for a term to March 31, 2026.**

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

4. [Appt 03355](#) **Appointment of Eddie Sherman as member, Indigenous Advisory Council, for a term to July 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 03356](#) **Reappointment of N. Iris Friday as member, Seattle Indian Services Commission, for a term to October 31, 2028.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 03357](#) Reappointment of Robert E. Howard as member, Seattle Indian Services Commission, for a term to October 31, 2028.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka
Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [Appt 03358](#) Reappointment of Michael L. Reichert as member, Seattle Indian Services Commission, for a term to November 30, 2028.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka
Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

8. [Appt 03329](#) Appointment of Tyler Blackwell as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss
Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 03330](#) **Appointment of Giovanni Mottolese as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 03331](#) **Reappointment of Herb Krohn as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

11. [Appt 03332](#) **Reappointment of Waylon Robert as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

12. [Appt 03333](#) **Reappointment of Priyadharshini Balan as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 2, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

13. [Appt 03334](#) **Reappointment of Zach Burton as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 2, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

14. [Appt 03335](#) **Reappointment of Dana Coppernoll-Houston as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 2, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
15. [Appt 03336](#) **Reappointment of Carolyn Tillinger as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 2, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
16. [Appt 03337](#) **Appointment of Joan Chen as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2026.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

17. [Appt 03338](#) **Reappointment of Madin Akpo-Esambe as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

18. [Appt 03339](#) **Reappointment of Ksenia I. Ershova as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

19. [Appt 03340](#) **Reappointment of Taylor Hom as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
20. [Appt 03341](#) **Reappointment of Nia Ransom as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
21. [Appt 03342](#) **Appointment of Lily Andualet as member, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, for a term to March 31, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

22. [Appt 03343](#) **Reappointment of Delaney Lind as member, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, for a term to March 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

23. [Appt 03344](#) **Appointment of Timothy Harrison Chang as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

24. [Appt 03345](#) **Appointment of Daniel Wolpert as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 2, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

25. [Appt 03346](#) **Appointment of Stuart G. Thompson as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

26. [Appt 03347](#) **Appointment of Chris Mackay as member, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, for a term to March 31, 2027.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

27. [Appt 03265](#) **Appointment of Elizabeth Day as member, Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee, for a term to March 31, 2028.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

28. [Appt 03266](#) **Reappointment of Noa Guter as member, Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee, for a term to March 31, 2028.**

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 121132](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Police Management Association to be effective from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 121132.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 121133](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 121133.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 6 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: 3 - Lin, Rinck, Saka

By unanimous consent, the City Council meeting was in recess from 3:52 p.m. until 3:57 p.m.

At 3:57 p.m., the December 9, 2025, City Council meeting was called back to order.

Present: 8 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Strauss
Absent: 1 - Rivera

By unanimous consent, the City Council meeting was in recess from 4:00 p.m. until 4:05 p.m. to allow Councilmembers to continue participation at the meeting remotely.

At 4:05 p.m. the December 9, 2025, City Council meeting was called back to order.

Present: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Rivera

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121131](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment, commonly referred to as the Pay Zone Ordinance; adjusting the pay zone structures for 2026 for the City's discretionary pay programs; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Lin, Rivera

Opposed: None

Councilmember Rivera joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Councilmember Lin left the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Lin

Councilmember Lin joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

4. [Res 32187](#) **A RESOLUTION setting forth The City of Seattle's 2026 State Legislative Agenda.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32187.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lin and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32187, amending Exhibit 1, sections under the headings of Federal Response, Affordability, Housing & Homelessness, and Public Safety, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Juarez, Hollingsworth, Lin, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstained: 3 - Kettle, Nelson, Rivera

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, sections under the headings of Federal Response, Affordability & Workforce, Housing & Homelessness, and Transportation, as shown in Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Lin, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Nelson

Abstained: 2 - Kettle, Rivera

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, sections under the headings of Affordability and Public Safety, and adding a new section with the heading entitled Climate and Environment, as shown in Attachment 3 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Lin, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstained: 3 - Kettle, Nelson, Rivera

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, as presented on Amendment D on the Agenda.

By unanimous consent, Amendment D was withdrawn by Councilmember

Saka.

ACTION 6:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lin and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, section under the heading of Affordability, as shown in Attachment 4 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstained: 1 - Nelson

ACTION 7:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, sections under the headings of Housing and Homelessness, as shown in Attachment 5 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstained: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 8:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, section under the heading of Public Safety, as shown in Attachment 6 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstained: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 9:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, section under the heading of Public Safety, as shown in Attachment 7 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rinck

Abstained: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 10:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, section under the heading of Public Safety, as

shown in Attachment 8 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka

Opposed: None

Abstained: 3 - Lin, Rivera, Strauss

ACTION 11:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, section under the heading of Capital Budget, as shown in Attachment 9 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Rinck, Saka

Opposed: None

Abstained: 2 - Rivera, Strauss

ACTION 12:

Motion was made by Councilmember Juarez and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32187, Exhibit 1, by adding a new section with the heading of Native Communities & Tribal Governments, as shown in Attachment 10 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

K. OTHER BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Juarez was excused from the December 16, 2025, City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on January 6, 2026.

Dan Strauss, Council President Pro Tem of the City Council

Attachment: Att 1 - Action 2 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 2 - Action 3 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 3 - Action 4 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 4 - Action 6 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 5 - Action 7 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 6 - Action 8 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 7 - Action 9 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 8 - Action 10 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 9 - Action 11 of RES 32187
Attachment: Att 10 - Action 12 of RES 32187

Att 1 – Action 2 of RES 32187 – Version 2

Amendment A Version 2 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Lin

Federal Response, Affordability, Housing & Homelessness, and Public Safety Priorities

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

Federal Response

- Supporting protections for LGBTQIA+ youth, adults, and communities, and opposition to anti-transgender legislative efforts.

Affordability

- Supporting progressive revenue options.
- Expanding tax relief to lower-income families and seniors and supporting a guaranteed basic income pilot.
- Supporting efforts to simplify and create a universal application for income-qualified benefits and relief.

Housing & Homelessness

- Strengthening anti-displacement tools.

Public Safety

- Supporting criminal justice reform.

Amend the language under the heading “Federal Response” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Federal Response

* * *

- Add protections and benefits for immigrant workers, including notice to employees of interactions with immigration officials and job and wage stability for detained workers.
- Support protections for LGBTQIA+ youth, adults, and communities, and oppose anti-transgender legislative efforts.

Att 1 – Action 2 of RES 32187 – Version 2

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Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Affordability

* * *

- Support progressive revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Expand tax relief to lower-income families and seniors, including expansions of the Working Families Tax Credit and property tax exemptions for seniors, and support a guaranteed basic income pilot.
- Support efforts to simplify and create a universal application for income-qualified benefits and relief.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Housing & Homelessness

* * *

- Support operations, maintenance, services, and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Strengthen anti-displacement tools and requirements for communities who have historically faced housing discrimination, such as redlining, prioritizing seniors’ ability to age in place; and provide relief from highest and best use as appropriate and encourage flexibility for assessors’ offices.
- Provide funding and additional flexibility for current funding tools, to address homelessness

Att 1 – Action 2 of RES 32187 – Version 2

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Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

* * *

- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.
- Support criminal justice reform to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes through greater access to rehabilitative services, mental health, treatment, housing, and career support.

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Att 2 - Action 3 of RES 32187

Amendment B Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Federal Response, Affordability & Workforce, Housing & Homelessness,
and Transportation Priorities

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

Federal Response

- Establishing additional local progressive revenue options to address federal funding cuts to state and local governments.

Affordability & Workforce

- Exploring a revenue neutral swap for sales tax.
- Allowing collective bargaining over matters related to the impacts of workplace artificial intelligence on employee wages and performance evaluations.
- Furthering investments in workforce development in the maritime industry.

Housing & Homelessness

- Reducing liability requirements to encourage the development of condominiums.
- Changing city and county elevator standards to match global or North American standards.

Public Safety

- Updating police accountability arbitration rules and procedures.

Transportation

- Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries.
- Reducing emissions from most polluting vessels visiting Washington’s ports.
- Prioritizing Climate Commitment Act spending for mass public transportation capital projects.

Amend the language under the heading “Federal Response” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Federal Response

* * *

Att 2 - Action 3 of RES 32187

- Maintain funding for asylum and migrant support services.
- Allow local governments to enact additional progressive revenue options to address federal funding cuts to state and local governments, including a vacancy tax, an income tax on millionaire earners, and a wealth tax.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Affordability & Workforce

* * *

- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Explore a revenue neutral swap for sales tax.
- Allow collective bargaining over matters related to adoption of artificial intelligence in the workplace, including impacts on employee wages and performance evaluations.
- Further investments in workforce development in the state maritime industry.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Housing & Homelessness

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- Restore full funding for the state Encampment Resolution Program.
- Reduce liability requirements to encourage the development of condominiums and incorporate smaller scale condominium buildings into the residential building code.
- Change elevator standards for cities and counties to match global or North American safety and related standards to increase elevator access and flexibility.

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Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

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- Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.
- Update police accountability arbitration rules and procedures to ensure discipline for misconduct is fair and consistent.

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Amend the language under the heading “Transportation” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Transportation

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- Provide local governments authority to remove vehicle obstructions from streetcar tracks to ensure reliable and efficient public transit operations.
- Increase the availability of passenger-only ferries for better regional connections.
- Support reduced emissions from most polluting vessels visiting Washington’s ports.
- Prioritize Climate Commitment Act spending for mass public transportation capital projects to reduce greenhouse emissions.

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Amendment C Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Affordability, Public Safety, and Climate & Environment Priorities

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

Affordability

- Providing local municipalities with more revenue options.

Public Safety

- Strengthening metal recycling regulations.

Climate & Environment

- Supporting policies and investments to fight climate change, assist climate adaptation, and assist local government removal of fish passage barriers.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Affordability

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- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Provide local municipalities with more revenue options.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

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- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.

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- Strengthen metal recycling regulations to prevent the sale of stolen public and private property.

Add a new section with the heading “Climate & Environment” after the “Transportation” section in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Climate & Environment

- Support policies and investments to fight climate change, assist climate adaptation, and assist local government removal of fish passage barriers.

Att 4 – Action 6 of RES 32187

Amendment E Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Lin

Increasing Healthy Food Access through Food Banks and Universal Free School Meals

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to increasing healthy food access, including support for food banks and universal free school meals.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Affordability

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- Maintain and strengthen state investments in Working Connections Child Care and ECEAP to ensure access to affordable, high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Increase healthy food access through support for food banks, universal free school meals, and other ways to address food deserts.

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Att 5 – Action 7 of RES 32187

Amendment F Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsors: Councilmembers Kettle

Social Housing

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to facilitating social housing models.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Housing & Homelessness

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- Support operations, maintenance, services, and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Support updates to state law so that social housing developers have access to the same benefits as housing authorities and non-profit affordable housing developers.

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Att 6 – Action 8 of RES 32187

Amendment G Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Public Safety Priorities

Effect: This amendment would make the following changes to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda: (1) reorder the Public Safety priorities; and (2) add language to state the City’s commitment to the following items:

- Lowering the threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess guns,
- Advocating for the addition of a Public Safety element in Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions, and
- Ensuring funding for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

- ~~• Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.~~
- ~~• Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences.~~
- ~~• Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.~~
- Address the State Patrol’s toxicology lab backlog and allow for federally accredited labs to conduct testing of blood samples in presumed DUI cases.
- Increase funding to help local governments hire more police officers and reinstate the state’s coverage of the 25% local costs to send officers to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

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- Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences; and lower threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess firearms.
- Advocate for a Public Safety element to be added to Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions to ensure consideration of emergency services and first response as a part of growth management.
- ~~Provide funding for organizations and programs that support survivors and victims of crime.~~
- Improve the reasonable use of involuntary treatment by increasing system capacity and making the Involuntary Treatment Act a more effective and useful tool for first responders.
- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.
- Ensure funds for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way, including regular maintenance of fire hydrants and clearing needed for emergency services access; and improve WSDOT maintenance and testing standards for fire hydrants to meet national and City of Seattle standards.
- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.

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- Provide funding for organizations and programs that support survivors and victims of crime.

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Att 7 – Action 9 of RES 32187

Amendment H Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Juvenile Access to an Attorney

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to clarifying exceptions to statutory requirements for law enforcement to provide a juvenile with access to an attorney.

Under RCW 13.40.740, law enforcement must provide a juvenile with access to an attorney before the juvenile may waive any constitutional rights if a law enforcement officer:

- (1) Questions a juvenile during custodial interrogation;
- (2) Detains a juvenile based on probable cause of involvement in criminal activity; or
- (3) Requests that a juvenile provide consent to a search.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Clarify applicability of exceptions to statutory requirements for juvenile access to attorneys when contacted by law enforcement for any juvenile who may be a victim of a crime or witness to a crime.

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Att 8 – Action 10- of RES 32187

Amendment I Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Automated Noise Enforcement Cameras

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to expanding state authorization for deployment of automated noise enforcement cameras.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Expand state authorization for deployment of automated noise enforcement cameras, allowing Seattle to immediately pilot a program and gather initial implementation data and creating a pathway for other jurisdictions to conduct pilots as well.

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Att 9 – Action 11 of RES 32187

Amendment J Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Camp Long Lodge

Effect: This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to investments that support the rebuilding of the historic Camp Long Lodge that closed in November 2024 due to significant fire damage.

Amend the language under the heading “Capital Budget” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Capital Budget

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- Provide funding for shovel-ready improvements at Red Barn Ranch and the historic Camp Long Lodge to enable youth programming and regional outdoor learning access.

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Att 10 – Action 12 of RES 32187

Amendment K Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Juarez

Native Communities and Tribal Governments Priorities

Effect: This amendment would create a new section with the heading “Native Communities & Tribal Governments” and add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

Native Communities & Tribal Governments

- Ensuring Tribal representation in regional transportation planning.
- Strengthening implementations of the Since Time Immemorial Tribal history curriculum in K-12 schools.
- Retroactively excluding certain juvenile convictions from offender scores.
- Exempting sensitive Tribal-related data from public disclosure laws.
- Creating a process for automatic voter registration for Tribal members.
- Supporting the development of federally approved apprenticeship programs operated by Tribal Governments.

Add a new section with the heading “Native Communities & Tribal Governments” after the “Transportation” section in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Native Communities & Tribal Governments

- Ensure Tribal representation in regional transportation planning to address disproportionately high traffic fatality rates among Native communities.
- Strengthen the implementation of the Since Time Immemorial Tribal history curriculum in K-12 schools by establishing timelines, compliance tracking, and Tribal compensation.
- Retroactively exclude certain juvenile convictions from offender scores, regardless of offense date.
- Exempt sensitive Tribal-related data from public disclosure laws.

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- Create a process for automatic voter registration for Tribal members via state-Tribal compacts.
- Support the development of federally approved apprenticeship programs operated by Tribal Governments.