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## **Amendment 27**

to

## CB 119818 - 2020 Budget Revisions Ordinance

**Sponsor:** CM Herbold, CM Mosqueda, CM González, CM Morales

**Co-Sponsors:** CM Juarez, CM Sawant

Transfer Victim Advocates and Victim Support Team Coordinator from the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to the Human Services Department (HSD)

Add new lines to Section 2 and renumber each line as appropriate.

2.X	Seattle Police Department	General Fund (00100)	BO-SP-P7000 - Criminal Investigations	<u>(\$377,666)</u>
<u>2.X</u>	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	BO-HS-H4000	<u>\$377,666</u>

Reconcile changes to appropriations in this amendment with other adopted amendments to CB 119818

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Add new Sections to the bill as follows:

Section XX. The following positions from the Seattle Police Department and its incumbents, if any, shall be assigned to the Human Services Department.

Position Number	Position Job Title
<u>00017566</u>	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00017568	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
10004665	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00019993	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00020344	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00022980	<u>Victim Advocate</u>

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00026605	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00026606	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
00019993	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
10005008	<u>Victim Advocate</u>
10001726	Volunteer Coordinator

Renumber the following sections of the bill, as appropriate.

**Effect:** This amendment would move the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) Victim Advocates (10.0 FTE) and Victim Support Team Volunteer Coordinator (1.0 FTE) to the Human Services Department (HSD). The amendment assumes an implementation date of September 1, 2020.

The Volunteer Coordinator supports the Victim Support Team (VST), which is a mobile crisis response team, and operates city-wide to offer on-scene and/or over-the-phone support. Volunteer Coordinators work in teams of two and are assisted by an On-Call Supervisor. They provide transportation; locate shelter, food, and clothing; offer resource referrals; answer questions about the criminal justice system; and offer safety planning. Each weekend, the VST receives referrals from patrol officers, detectives, prosecutors, emergency room social workers, and system-based advocates.

Victim Advocates are the first point of contact for "walk-in" domestic violence (DV) victims who come to SPD Headquarters seeking assistance. Additionally, the Victim Advocate provides early intervention advocacy services to victims listed on low-level DV offenses but not assigned to a court-based advocate.

Moving any represented employees from SPD to HSD may create labor issues.