

2018 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Create and outline an inclusive role of Boards and Commissions in the City Council Budget Review Process

Ongoing: Yes

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

In adopting the 2018 Budget it is the intent of the City Council that the Central Staff Director and the Central Staff Budget Coordinator, with input from selected boards & commissions, evaluate the Council’s annual budget process. The goal of the review is to include the boards & commissions in the Council’s budget deliberation process to better: draw on their subject matter expertise; better understand the communities' perspectives and how they may be impacted by budget changes; and formalize communication between the boards & commissions and the City Council.

In addition to the written report due by August 1, 2018, this work could also be included in the City Council’s 2018 Work Plan.

The report should, as a general matter:

1. Identify specific strategies for how the boards & commissions will be incorporated into the budget process;
2. Identify specific time periods in which boards & commissions will be given the opportunity to communicate their priorities to the Council;
3. Update the Central Staff’s fall *Budget Review Process Calendar* to include boards & commissions involvement; and
4. Identify specific ways community issues and concerns could be brought into the budget deliberation process through the boards & commissions.

Background

Seventy-one boards & commissions whose members are appointed by the Council and the Mayor work on issues that touch all City departments, including human services, land use, transportation, civil rights, and more. These boards have expertise on issues important to their respective communities.

Boards & commissions that should be prioritized for inclusion in the process include:

- Community Involvement Commission
- Community Police Commission
- Labor Standards Advisory Commission
- Mayor's Council on African American Elders
- Seattle Chinatown/International District PDA
- Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities
- Seattle Human Rights Commission
- Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission
- Seattle Indian Services Commissions
- Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services
- Seattle LGBTQ Commission
- Seattle Renters' Commission
- Seattle Women's Commission
- Seattle Youth Commission

Responsible Council Committee(s): Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee

Date Due to Council: August 1, 2018