



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Public Safety Committee

### Agenda

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

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**A. Call To Order****B. Approval of the Agenda****C. Public Comment****D. Items of Business**

1.     [CB 120806](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to street racing; adding the crime of racing; adding the traffic infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing; adding a new Section 11.58.440 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 11.20.230, 11.31.020, 11.31.121, 11.56.120, and 12A.09.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

Supporting  
Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Central Staff Memo \(7/9/2024\)](#)

[Amendment 1](#)

[Amendment 2](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (30 minutes)

**Presenter:** Tamaso Johnson, Council Central Staff

**2. Accountability Partners Mid-Year Report****Supporting Documents:**[OIG Presentation](#)[OPA Presentation](#)[CPC Presentation](#)**Briefing and Discussion (45 minutes)**

**Presenters:** Bessie Marie Scott, Deputy Director, Office of Inspector General (OIG); Bonnie Glenn, Deputy Director, Office of Police Accountability (OPA); Cali Ellis, Executive Director, Community Police Commission (CPC); Brian Maxey, Chief Operating Office, Seattle Police Department (SPD)

**E. Adjournment**



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE relating to street racing; adding the crime of racing; adding the traffic infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing; adding a new Section 11.58.440 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 11.20.230, 11.31.020, 11.31.121, 11.56.120, and 12A.09.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, racing of motor vehicles in an illegal and unsanctioned manner on public streets endangers the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists; and

WHEREAS, aggressive driving and illegal street racing generate excessive noise which negatively impacts the health and quality of life of Seattle residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, carbon emissions, tire particles, and other toxic pollutants produced in excess by illegal racing are harmful to human health and the natural environment of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, effective enforcement of laws against dangerous and illegal motor vehicle racing is necessary to address the permissive environment that allows crime to occur in Seattle; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City finds and declares:

A. On July 23, 2023, three people were wounded by gunfire and one person was fatally shot during an unlawful racing event in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

B. During the weekend of June 22 and 23, 2024, unlawful racing events took place in multiple Seattle neighborhoods, during which several people were wounded by gunfire and at least one pedestrian was struck and injured by a vehicle.

C. On January 1, 2024, changes to the Revised Code of Washington went into effect strengthening state law prohibitions on unlawful racing intended to more effectively punish and deter unlawful racing by expanding the definition of prohibited conduct and making unlawful racing a gross misdemeanor.

D. The adoption into Seattle Municipal Code of these recently expanded state law provisions on unlawful racing, as well as the creation of a new unlawful racing infraction that can be enforced using video evidence, will provide the Seattle Police Department and the Seattle City Attorney’s Office with additional tools to discourage unlawful racing and reduce the potential for associated violent crime and pedestrian injury.

E. As the incidents during July 2023 and June 2024 demonstrate, unlawful racing and the associated potential for violent conduct at such events constitute an ongoing emergency imminently threatening the public peace, health, and safety. This ordinance is necessary to take effect immediately to prevent and respond to these threats.

Section 2. Section 11.20.230 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126517, is amended as follows:

**11.20.230 Ignition interlock device authorized**

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B. Subject to the exception and waiver provisions of subsection 11.56.025.L, the court shall order a person convicted under subsection 11.56.020.A or 11.56.020.B to apply for an ignition interlock driver's license from the Washington Department of Licensing under RCW 46.20.385 and to have a functioning ignition interlock device installed on all motor vehicles operated by the person. The court shall order any person participating in a deferred prosecution program under RCW 10.05.020 for a violation of Section 11.56.020, or for a violation of subsection 11.58.005.A.1 where the person would be required under subsection 11.58.005.A.4 to install an ignition interlock device on all vehicles operated by the person in the event of a conviction, or for a violation of Section 11.56.120 where the person would be required under subsection ~~((11.56.120.D))~~ 11.56.120.B to install an ignition interlock device on all vehicles operated by the person in the event of a

conviction to have a functioning ignition interlock device installed on all motor vehicles operated by the person.

Section 3. Section 11.31.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124950, is amended as follows:

**11.31.020 Notice of traffic infraction - Issuance**

A. A peace officer has the authority to issue a notice of traffic infraction:

- 1. when the infraction is committed in the officer’s presence;
- 2. if an officer investigating at the scene of a motor vehicle accident has reasonable cause to

believe that the driver of a motor vehicle involved in the accident has committed a traffic infraction; ((~~or~~))

3. when a violation of Section 11.50.140, 11.50.150, 11.52.040, or 11.52.100 is detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera as authorized pursuant to RCW 46.63.170 and Section 11.50.570(~~(-~~

)) ; or

- 4. if an officer is investigating a violation of Section 11.58.440.

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Section 4. Section 11.31.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126892, is amended as follows:

**11.31.121 Monetary penalties - Parking infractions**

The base monetary penalty for violation of each of the numbered provisions of the Seattle Municipal Code listed in the following table is as shown, unless and until the penalty shown below for a particular parking infraction is modified by Local Rule of the Seattle Municipal Court adopted pursuant to the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (“IRLJ”) or successor rules to the IRLJ:

Municipal Code reference	Parking infraction and other violations short description	Base penalty amount
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11.53.230	HIGH ((OCUPANCY)) OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE VIOLATION CAMERA VIOLATION	\$75
11.58.440	VEHICLE PARTICIPATION IN UNLAWFUL RACING	\$500
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Section 5. Section 11.56.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126517, is amended as follows:

**11.56.120 Reckless driving**

A. Any person who drives any vehicle in the City in wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.

~~((B. No person or persons may race any motor vehicle or motor vehicles upon any street, alley or way open to the public of the City.~~

~~C. Any person or persons who wilfully compare or contest relative speeds by operation of one or more motor vehicles is guilty of reckless driving, whether or not such speed is in excess of the maximum speed prescribed by law; provided however, that any comparison or contest of the accuracy with which motor vehicles may be operated in terms of relative speeds not in excess of the posted maximum speed does not constitute reckless driving.))~~

~~((D))~~ B. A person convicted of reckless driving who has one or more prior offenses as defined in RCW 46.61.5055 within seven years shall be required, under RCW 46.20.720, to install an ignition interlock device on all vehicles operated by the person if the conviction is the result of a charge that was originally filed as a violation of subsection 11.56.020.A or 11.56.020.B.

Section 6. A new Section 11.58.440 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**11.58.440 Vehicle participation in unlawful racing**

A. Any registered owner of a vehicle used in connection with an unlawful race event has committed the infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing.



B. As used in this Section 11.58.440, “unlawful race event” means an event on a street, alley, way open to the public, or off-street facility wherein persons willfully: (1) compare or contest relative speeds by operation of one or more motor vehicles, or (2) demonstrate, exhibit, or compare speed, maneuverability, or the power of one or more motor vehicles, in a straight or curved direction, in a circular direction, around corners, or in circles in an activity commonly referred to as “drifting,” or by breaking traction.

C. Violations of this Section 11.58.440 may be detected by the Seattle Police Department using video evidence. “Seattle Police Department video evidence” means cameras installed in or on police vehicles, body worn video, or any other video evidence obtained by the Seattle Police Department. “Seattle Police Department video evidence” excludes automated traffic safety cameras of Section 11.50.570.

D. The registered owner of a vehicle is responsible for a violation of this Section 11.58.440, unless the registered owner overcomes the presumption in subsection 11.58.440.H, or in the case of a rental car business, satisfies the conditions under subsection 11.58.440.G. If appropriate under the circumstances, a renter is responsible for the violation.

E. A notice of infraction must be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle within 14 days of the violation, or to the renter of a vehicle within 14 days of establishing the renter's name and address under subsection 11.58.440.G.1. The law enforcement officer issuing the notice of infraction shall include a certificate or facsimile of the notice, based upon inspection of Seattle Police Department video evidence, stating the facts supporting the notice of infraction. This certificate or facsimile is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in it and is admissible in a proceeding charging a violation under this Section 11.58.440. Seattle Police Department video evidence supporting the violation must be available for inspection and admission into evidence in a proceeding to adjudicate the liability for the infraction. A person receiving a notice of infraction based on Seattle Police Department video evidence may respond to the notice by mail.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images prepared under this Section 11.58.440 are for the exclusive use of law enforcement in the discharge of duties

under this Section 11.58.440.

G. If the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the law enforcement agency shall, before a notice of infraction is issued under this Section 11.58.440, provide a written notice to the rental car business that a notice of infraction may be issued to the rental car business if the rental car business does not, within 18 days of receiving the written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return mail:

1. A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the infraction occurred;

2. A statement under oath that the business is unable to determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the infraction occurred because the vehicle was stolen at the time of the infraction. A statement provided under this subsection must be accompanied by a copy of a filed police report regarding the vehicle theft; or

3. Payment of the applicable penalty in lieu of identifying the vehicle operator.

Timely mailing of a statement under this subsection 11.58.440.G to the issuing law enforcement agency relieves a rental car business of any liability under this Section 11.58.440 for the notice of infraction.

H. If the registered owner of the vehicle is not a rental car business, the recipient of a notice of infraction is not liable for the infraction if the recipient demonstrates, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the recipient was not the registered owner of the vehicle, or that the vehicle was stolen, at the time of the offense.

I. Violation of this Section 11.58.440 is a traffic infraction, which shall be assessed a penalty of \$500, excluding any costs, fees, or assessments. The \$500 penalty may not be waived or remitted. The infraction, if detected through the use of Seattle Police Department video evidence, is not part of the registered owner's driving record and shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions.

Section 7. Section 12A.09.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126896, is amended as follows:

**12A.09.020 Adoption of RCW sections**

The following RCW sections as amended are adopted by reference:

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43.43.754's crime of refusal to provide DNA

46.04.1641 - Drifting

46.04.367 - Off-street facility

46.61.530 - Racing of vehicles on highways - Reckless driving - Exception

46.61.748 - Racing - Impoundment

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Section 8. By reason of the findings set out in Section 1, and the emergency that is hereby declared to exist, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by a 3/4 vote of the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, as provided by Article 4, subsection 1.I of the Charter of the City.

Passed by a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact:</b>	<b>CBO Contact:</b>
Legislative Department	Tamaso Johnson	

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to street racing; adding the crime of racing; adding the traffic infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing; adding a new Section 11.58.440 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 11.20.230, 11.31.020, 11.31.121, 11.56.120, and 12A.09.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This legislation is written to effectuate City relevant criminal provisions of Chapter 283, Laws of 2023, regarding illegal racing. The act took effect January 1, 2024 and amended RCW 46.61.530.

This legislation also creates the infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing.

This emergency legislation is necessary to take effect immediately to respond to threats to the public peace, health, and safety created by unlawful racing.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**  Yes  No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Master Project I.D.:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	<b>Total Project Cost Through 2029:</b>

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?**  Yes  No

If there are no projected changes to expenditures, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

<b>Expenditure Change (\$);</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025 est.</b>	<b>2026 est.</b>	<b>2027 est.</b>	<b>2028 est.</b>
<b>General Fund</b>					
<b>Expenditure Change (\$);</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025 est.</b>	<b>2026 est.</b>	<b>2027 est.</b>	<b>2028 est.</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>					

Revenue Change (\$); General Fund	2024	2025 est.	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.
Revenue Change (\$); Other Funds	2024	2025 est.	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.

Number of Positions	2024	2025 est.	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.
Total FTE Change	2024	2025 est.	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- a. **Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.** It affects the Seattle Police Department and Seattle Municipal Court by creating a new infraction and enforcement mechanism.
- b. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.** No.
- c. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**
  - i. **How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.** No particular implication is known.
  - ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**
  - iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?** None at this time.
- d. **Climate Change Implications**
  - i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.** N/A
  - ii. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.** N/A

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

## 5. CHECKLIST

Please click the appropriate box if any of these questions apply to this legislation.

- Is a public hearing required?**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**  
If yes, please review requirements in Resolution 31203 for applicability and complete and attach “Additional risk analysis and fiscal analysis for non-utility partner projects” form.

## 6. ATTACHMENTS

**List Summary Attachments (if any):** None.

Revised July 8, 2024

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Public Safety Committee  
**From:** Tamaso Johnson, Analyst  
**Subject:** Council Bill 120806 – Emergency Illegal Racing Ordinance

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On July 9, 2024, the Public Safety Committee will discuss and possibly vote on Council Bill (CB) 120806 addressing illegal racing. This emergency legislation would in primary part: 1) create a new municipal traffic infraction of \$500 assessed to the registered owner of a vehicle involved in unlawful racing; and, 2) adopt into Seattle Municipal Code recent changes to the Revised Code of Washington enacted by the state legislature which provide an expanded definition of the crime of unlawful racing and classify it as a reckless driving gross misdemeanor.

CB 120806 would effectuate policies that are substantively identical to those contained in CB 120799, discussed for the first time in the Public Safety Committee on June 25, 2024, where the City Attorney’s Office and the Seattle Police Department presented on the mechanics of the legislation and the issues it is intended to address.

This memo provides some background on existing law relating to illegal racing and related conduct, summarizes proposed changes under this bill, and discusses next steps for this legislation.

### **Illegal racing prohibitions**

#### Current City law addressing illegal racing

Though illegal racing may include or co-occur with other prohibited conduct (e.g. speeding) the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) specifically addresses unsanctioned races on public roadways in the city primarily through a criminal prohibition on reckless driving. SMC 11.56.120 prohibits any person from racing a motor vehicle on public roadways and states that, “[a]ny person or persons who willfully compare or contest relative speeds by operation of one or more motor vehicles is guilty of reckless driving[...].” As used in the reckless driving prohibition, “race” is not explicitly defined beyond the accompanying subsection language addressing comparisons or contests of relative speed. Reckless driving under current City law is a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000.

#### Washington state law addressing illegal racing



During the 2023 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill 5606 *Deterring illegal racing*.<sup>1</sup> This legislation, which became law on January 1, 2024, expands the scope of conduct prohibited as illegal racing under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), further defines illegal racing behavior beyond speed contests, and creates new impound and forfeiture authority for vehicles used in illegal racing.

#### *New prohibited conduct*

Prior to this change, state law prohibitions on racing largely mirrored the current SMC by defining “racing” as a form of reckless driving involving contests of speed by one or more vehicles.<sup>2</sup> The expanded state law describing illegal “racing” retains the prohibition on contests of speed in addition to expressly prohibiting exhibitions of “maneuverability, or the power of one or more vehicles, including “drifting”.”<sup>3</sup> The scope of racing prohibitions were also expanded with this state legislation beyond public roadways to explicitly include “off-street facilities” which are most commonly parking lots.<sup>4</sup>

#### *Penalties*

Illegal racing is also a gross misdemeanor under state law, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.<sup>5</sup> Any person who “knowingly aids and abets” racing may also be prosecuted under the same statute.<sup>6</sup> In addition to criminal sanctions on persons involved in illegal racing, the RCW allows for vehicles used in illegal racing to be impounded and potentially forfeited under certain conditions.<sup>7</sup> Vehicle impounds related to illegal racing are subject to the same general statutory process concerning impounds generally, which allow for impoundment when a driver is arrested, except vehicles used in illegal racing cannot be redeemed within 72 hours when the driver arrested for racing is also the registered owner.<sup>8</sup>

A vehicle used in illegal racing may be subject to forfeiture if: 1) a person is convicted of illegal racing and a finding is made that a specific vehicle was used; 2) the person has previously had

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<sup>1</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5606&Chamber=Senate&Year=2023>.

<sup>2</sup> See former RCW 46.61.530 (effective until January 1, 2024)

<sup>3</sup> See RCW 46.61.530. “Drifting” is defined in RCW 46.04.1641 as “a driver intentionally oversteers a vehicle, causing loss of traction, while maneuvering a vehicle in a turning direction.

<sup>4</sup> See RCW 46.04.367.

<sup>5</sup> See RCW 46.61.530; RCW 46.61.500.

<sup>6</sup> See RCW 46.61.530(2); RCW 46.64.048.

<sup>7</sup> See RCW 46.61.748; RCW 46.55.

<sup>8</sup> See RCW 46.55.360(2)(c) and (d); limited exceptions for situations where there are multiple registered or legal owners of an impounded vehicle.

any vehicle impounded for illegal racing; and, 3) the person was previously charged with reckless driving, racing, or a similar crime under local ordinance.<sup>9</sup>

#### Changes proposed by CB 120806

This ordinance proposes to amend City code on illegal racing by creating a new traffic infraction penalizing the registered owner of a vehicle involved in racing, and by adopting into SMC the state law changes made by Senate Bill 5606 (2023) described previously in this memo.

#### *Adoption of RCW racing crime*

CB 120806 adopts into the SMC the provisions of state law described previously in this memo. Generally speaking, though Seattle Police Department (SPD) has existing authority to investigate and enforce state criminal law, adoption of RCW sections into the SMC gives the Seattle City Attorney's office the statutory authority to prosecute misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes once codified in the SMC.

#### *New registered owner fine*

This legislation also creates a new non-criminal traffic infraction for "vehicle participation in unlawful racing" assessable in the amount of \$500 to the registered owner of a vehicle used in "unlawful racing," regardless of whether the owner was the person driving the vehicle during the racing conduct.<sup>10</sup> "Unlawful race event" is a new term defined by this legislation, which is largely similar to the current 'racing' elements of the SMC definition of "reckless driving," with two important additions: 1) in addition to speed contests, "unlawful race events" also include demonstrations of power or maneuverability, "in a straight or curved direction, in a circular motion, around corners, or in circles in an activity commonly known as "drifting," or by breaking traction."; and, 2) "unlawful race events" may take place at an "off-street facility," such as a parking lot, in addition to the public roadway language in existing SMC. This infraction is intended to be enforced primarily through the use of SPD video evidence identifying a specific vehicle and license plate, as captured largely via bodycams or police vehicle dashcams, and this is expressly authorized in this legislation. During the June 25, 2024 Public Safety Committee hearing on CB 120799, SPD stated that video captured by non-SPD devices, such as personal cell phones, might also be able to be used as evidence of an infraction, provided that the video was able to be verified and vetted as authentic by SPD.

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<sup>9</sup> See RCW 46.61.748(2).

<sup>10</sup> The \$500 statutory fine amount in this legislation constitutes a base fine amount, to which various mandatory fees are added to determine the final amount charged to a violator. According to estimates from the Seattle Municipal Court, a base traffic infraction amount of \$500 would result in an actual fine amount of \$1,071 to be assessed to the violator.

**Amendments or Policy Considerations:**

There are currently two amendments filed to CB 120806, described in brief below:

**Amendment 1: Increasing fines for vehicle participation in unlawful racing (Saka)**

This amendment changes the infraction fine amounts for vehicle participation in unlawful racing by increasing penalties for repeat violators. CB 120806 includes a \$500 base infraction charged to the registered owner of a vehicle involved in unlawful racing. This amendment would retain that \$500 base fine for a first infraction, increase the fine to \$800 for a second infraction, and \$1,500 for third and subsequent infractions.

**Amendment 2: Penalizing attendees at unlawful race events (Saka)**

This amendment adds unlawful race attendance as a prohibited activity punishable by civil infraction. Any person knowingly attending an unlawful race event with the intent to observe, support, or encourage the event may face a civil infraction base fine of \$100 if they fail to leave the event if instructed to do so by a peace officer.

**Next steps**

Following a discussion and possible vote on CB 120806 at the July 9, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, this legislation may be scheduled for hearing at Full Council later this month. The previous iteration of this legislation (CB 120799) will not move forward.

cc: Ben Noble, Director

Amendment 1 to CB 120806 – Emergency Illegal Racing ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

*Increasing fines for vehicle participation in unlawful racing*

**Effect:** This amendment changes the infraction fine amounts for vehicle participation in unlawful racing by increasing penalties for repeat violators.

Amend Section 5 to CB 120806 as follows:

Section 5. A new Section 11.58.440 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**11.58.440 Vehicle participation in unlawful racing**

A. Any registered owner of a vehicle used in connection with an unlawful race event has committed the infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing.

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I. Violation of this Section 11.58.440 is a traffic infraction, which shall be assessed a penalty of \$500 upon first infraction, excluding any costs, fees, or assessments. A second violation shall be assessed a penalty of \$800, excluding any costs, fees, or assessments. Third and subsequent violations shall be assessed a penalty of \$1,500 per violation, excluding any costs, fees, or assessments. ~~((The \$500 penalty))~~ Penalties under this Section 11.58.440 may not be waived or remitted. The infraction, if detected through the use of Seattle Police Department video evidence, is not part of the registered owner's driving record and shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions.

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<u>11.58.440</u>	<u>VEHICLE PARTICIPATION IN UNLAWFUL RACING – FIRST VIOLATION</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>11.58.440</u>	<u>VEHICLE PARTICIPATION IN UNLAWFUL RACING – SECOND VIOLATION</u>	<u>\$800</u>
<u>11.58.440</u>	<u>VEHICLE PARTICIPATION IN UNLAWFUL RACING – THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
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Amendment 2 to CB 120806 – Emergency Illegal Racing ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

*Penalizing attendees at unlawful race events*

**Effect:** This amendment adds unlawful race attendance as a prohibited activity punishable by civil infraction.

Amend the title of CB 120806 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE relating to street racing; adding the crime of racing; adding the traffic infraction of vehicle participation in unlawful racing; adding the civil infraction of attendance at an unlawful race event; adding a new Section 11.58.440 to the Seattle Municipal Code; adding a new Section 12A.12.050 to, and amending Sections 11.20.230, 11.31.020, 11.31.121, 11.56.120, and 12A.09.020 of, the Seattle Municipal Code; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Amend the recitals to CB 120806 as follows:

WHEREAS, racing of motor vehicles in an illegal and unsanctioned manner on public streets endangers the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists; and

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WHEREAS, expanding civilian enforcement authority for non-criminal infractions, including those related to illegal racing, to city departments beyond the Seattle Police Department could provide additional deterrence for harmful behavior, improve community outcomes, and increase the effectiveness of these prohibitions; and

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Public Safety  
July 3  
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WHEREAS, effective enforcement of laws against dangerous and illegal motor vehicle racing is necessary to address the permissive environment that allows crime to occur in Seattle;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Add a new Section 7 to CB 120806 as follows, and renumber subsequent sections as needed:

Section 7. A new Section 12A.12.050 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**12A.12.050 Attendance at an unlawful race event**

A. No person shall attend an unlawful race event. Attendance at an unlawful race event consists of:

1. Actual or constructive knowledge of being in attendance of an unlawful race event;
2. Actual or constructive knowledge that an unlawful race event is occurring;
3. Intent to observe or support or encourage the unlawful race event; and,
4. Failure to leave the area of an unlawful race event, if instructed to do so by peace officer.

B. As used in this Section 12A.12.050, “unlawful race event” shall have the same meaning as defined in Seattle Municipal Code Section 11.58.440.

C. Violation of this Section 12A.12.050 is a civil infraction, which shall be assessed a penalty of \$100. The \$100 penalty may not be waived or remitted.



Legislation Text

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Accountability Partners Mid-Year Report





**Seattle Office of  
Inspector General**



# 2024 Mid-Year Presentation to City Council

July 9, 2024

# Outline

- Audits and Reviews
  - 2024 Audits
  - Annual Surveillance Usage Reviews
  - 2024 Association of Local Government Auditors
- Investigations
  - OPA Reviews
- Policy Projects
  - OPA Sworn-Civilian Staffing Study
  - Claims & Lawsuits Against SPD
  - SPD Mutual Aid
  - Emerging & Standard Practices Research
- Standards and Compliance
  - Use of Force
  - Crisis Intervention
- Communications and Community Engagement
  - 2024 Communications Strategy
  - Inquiries from Community
  - Community Engagement

# AUDITS AND REVIEWS

# 2024 Audits

Audit of SPD Paid COVID-19 Leave	Found that SPD developed an approval process for paid COVID-19 leave that reduced the likelihood of misuse/erroneous use, but did not follow established procedures for providing additional employee leave benefits.
	Issued April 2024
Follow-up Audit of Chief of Police Disciplinary Determinations	Limited Scope audit to determine trends in disciplinary actions since the 2021 discipline audit, and the results of any appeals of final discipline that have been adjudicated in that time.
	Expected Issuance Q3 2024
Audit of Extended Leave Prior to Retirement	Assessment of the financial and operational impacts on SPD of extended sick leave use prior to retirement.
	Expected Issuance Q4 2024
Audit of Vehicular Pursuits	Examining effectiveness of SPD vehicular pursuits in apprehending subjects, negative outcomes, and processes for documenting and reviewing pursuits
	Expected Issuance Q4 2024

# Surveillance

## Landscape Analysis

- OIG developed a landscape analysis to identify other cities with similar surveillance ordinances and compare requirements.

## Annual Review

- 16 technologies are subject to annual review this year.
- City Auditor and OIG developed a risk-assessment tool to better manage review resources

## Surveillance Pilot Program

- Will work with expert to develop an evaluation of new 'pilot' surveillance technologies; Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), and Automated-License Plate Reader (ALPR) expansion.  
Will convene a stakeholder workgroup to provide ongoing engagement and evaluation of concerns.

# Association of Local Government Auditors 2024 Conference



OIG Received an 'Exemplary' Knighton Award for the 2023 Audit of Youth Access to Legal Counsel.



OIG Auditors presented on best practices and lessons learned for using body-worn video as audit evidence.

# INVESTIGATIONS (Review of OPA)



## Classification Review Statistics

Classification Type	Total Reviewed
Contact Log	41
Bias Review	55
Supervisor Action	98
Mediation	1
Rapid Adjudication	1

\*All statistics presented reflect data as of 7/1/24

# Investigations Review

- OIG has issued 140 certifications on 135 cases in 2024.
- 94% of certifications issued were full certifications.
- Nine partial certifications.



# POLICY

# OPA Sworn-Civilian Staffing Study

Annual study assessing OPA's mix of sworn and civilian staff in compliance with Ordinance 125315 (3.29.270.D).

- Conclusions:
  - Impact of attrition rates for OPA staff and SPOG restrictions on the role and number of civilian investigators on:
    - Sample size availability.
    - Complexity of investigations conducted by sworn investigators and civilians.
  - New SPOG CBA provides for two additional civilian investigators → Expected increase in available information, robust future analysis.

# Claims & Lawsuits Against SPD

Ongoing report in compliance with Ordinance 125315, 3.29270 ¶14.

- Analysis of complaint types, resolutions, and payments paid by the City:
  - Claims and lawsuits filed by community members related to police action, police negligence and others.
  - Claims filed by SPD personnel.
- Review of litigation process and budget composition for expenditures incurred on behalf of SPD.
- Evaluation of OPA findings of civilian complaints related to lawsuits settled by the City.

# Mutual Aid

Review of emerging and standard practices; SPD obligations; current agreements.

- Findings
  - SPD requested aid 31 times between 2014-2023. Local agencies requested aid from SPD 24 times.
  - Records gaps.
- Recommendations
  - Improved documentation and records management.
  - Update policy to include expectations for SPD officers where policies may conflict with those of a requesting agency.
  - Update mutual aid agreements.

# Emerging & Standard Practices Research

Survey of policies in other jurisdictions to identify best practices regarding:

- Crowd management
  - Dialogue policing
  - Public safety and 2026 FIFA World Cup
  - Use of blast balls in crowd management
- Police interactions with gender diverse persons
- Vehicle tactics
- Pursuits of non-automobile vehicles



# STANDARDS & COMPLIANCE



## Use of Force Assessment

- OIG completed the Seattle Police Department Use of Force Assessment on February 29, 2024.
- This was the first report conducting in the transition of duties from the Federal Monitor to OIG.
- OIG developed qualitative and quantitative methods to assess SPD use of force from 2021-2023.
- OIG will provide ongoing assessment of SPD force review with formal periodic reviews and real-time feedback.
- The forthcoming Crisis Response Assessment will include a qualitative assessment of SPD use of force during crisis contacts.

# Crisis Assessment

Evaluation of SPD response to individuals in crisis.

- This will provide an update of information since the Federal Monitor's last assessment.
- The assessment will include:
  - A quantitative assessment of SPD crisis response for 2021-2023.
  - A qualitative assessment of SPD crisis response by reviewing a sample of body-worn video, reporting, and chain-of-command review from 2023.
  - An evaluation of crisis trainings provided to SPD officers.

# Ongoing Assessments

- Supervision
  - In each of the assessments completed by the Standards and Compliance Team, OIG will review aspects of supervision.
  - OIG included a qualitative assessment of supervision issues for the SPD Force Review Board in the recent Use of Force Assessment.
  - OIG is currently assessing SPD chain-of-command review in crisis cases where force was used by officers.
- Bias-free Policing
  - All areas of OIG assessments include a bias component where possible and appropriate.
  - OIG has partnered with academic subject matter experts and is the initial stages of an Equity Assessment of SPD.

# COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## Communication & Outreach

- Development of a 2024-2027 OIG Communications Strategy, including:
  - Conducting an internal values survey to ensure that our communications plan is informed by and aligns with our core values;
  - Updating our social media strategy to more effectively communicate with community; and,
  - Developing an OIG podcast to collaborate with other oversight organizations and communicate vital information to community members.
- Optimizing our process for receiving and responding to inquiries from the community in a timely manner.
- Continuing to prioritize community engagement in all our communication efforts.

Thank you!



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# 2024 MID-YEAR REPORT

JULY 9, 2024

GINO BETTS JR., DIRECTOR  
BONNIE GLENN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



## OVERVIEW

1. Introduction and Overview
2. OPA Projects Mid-Year
3. OPA Projects Upcoming
4. Mid-Year Data
5. Questions





# OPA's MISSION, VISION & VALUES

- **Mission**

To ensure SPD employees' actions comply with law and policy by conducting thorough, objective, and timely investigations, recommending improvements to policies and training, and engaging in collaborative initiatives that promote systemic advancements.

- **Vision**

To safeguard a culture of accountability within SPD.

- **Values**

Independent, Transparent, Collaborative and Innovative



## OPA's ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Process Police Misconduct Complaints
- Enhance Police Accountability Culture
- Community Awareness

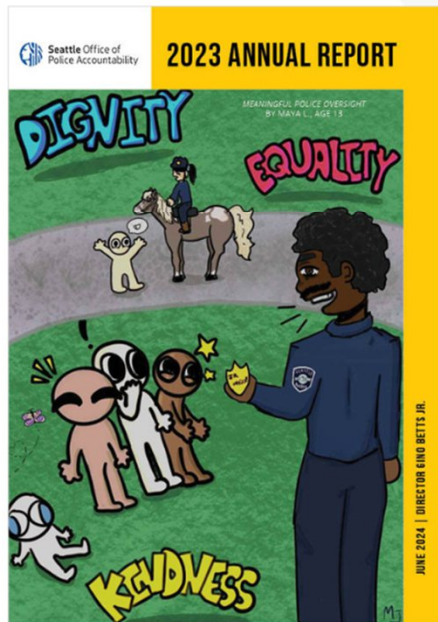
## Independent, Hybrid Structure

- **Civilian-led:** Director, Deputy Director, (3) Assistant Directors and (2) Investigator Supervisors
- **Employees:** 30
- **Independent:** Physically and operationally separated from SPD.



# OPA Projects Mid-Year

- 2023 Annual Report
- Highlights:
  - The Office of Inspector General (OIG) fully certified 92% of OPA's investigations as thorough, timely, and objective.
  - OIG concurred with 96.5% of OPA's complaint classifications.
  - SPD fully or partially implemented over 60% percent of OPA's Management Action Recommendations (MARS).
- Youth Art Contest



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## Youth Art Contest

Throughout March 2024, OPA accepted art submissions from Seattle youth ages 18 and under.

Young artists were invited to showcase their creativity and talent by artistically expressing “meaningful police oversight.”

A 13-year-old Seattle Public Schools student won the competition. Her submission is featured on the cover of OPA's 2023 Annual Report.



The full report can be viewed at: [www.seattle.gov/opa/news-and-reports/reports](http://www.seattle.gov/opa/news-and-reports/reports)

## OPA Projects Continued

- Director's Precinct Visits
- SPD Training
- Mediation Program
- Complainant Impact Statement (CIS)
- External Resource Guide / Complaint Navigator
- Complainant Feedback Survey
- Community Engagement Survey 2024


Link to [Community Survey Report 2023](#)

# 2023 POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY REPORT

In the summer of 2023, OPA partnered with local research firm EMC Research to explore community awareness of and opinions about Seattle's police accountability system, particularly OPA. In June of 2024, we finalized and published this report.

## Survey Highlights:

- 98% of respondents believe that police accountability is essential in Seattle, with 93% considering it "very important."
- 96% of respondents across all demographics said it's important for Seattle to have a police department that holds officers accountable.
- 67% of respondents had heard of OPA before the survey.



**Results showed a near-universal (98%) agreement that police accountability is essential in Seattle, with 93% giving it a "very important" rating.**

The full report can be viewed at: [www.seattle.gov/opa/news-and-reports/reports](http://www.seattle.gov/opa/news-and-reports/reports)

# 2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Black Coffee Northwest  
Youth Center



33rd Annual Judge  
Charles V. Johnson  
Youth and Law Forum



The Urban League of  
Metropolitan Seattle's  
22nd Annual Breakfast



South Park  
Community Center



Asian Pacific Islander  
Heritage Month  
Celebration



2023 Back2School Bash  
Rainier Beach  
Community Center

The Office of Police Accountability (OPA) had a busy 2023, presenting, attending, and tabling at 69 separate events — primarily aimed at increasing awareness about Seattle's police accountability system within marginalized communities. OPA has doubled its community outreach efforts since 2022.



# RESOURCE GUIDE



## Frequently Requested Resources

**Crisis Connections (King County Local):** (206) 461-3222 / 24 Hour Crisis Line (866) 427-4747  
If you or someone you know wants to discuss any mental health, substance use, or emotional concern—or needs assistance with basic needs like food or housing, call Crisis Connections.

### Crime Reporting or Complaints for Local Police Departments

- **Bellevue Police Department**
  - Email: [bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov)
  - Phone: (425) 452-6917
  - [www.cognitofirms.com/BellevuePoliceDepartment/BellevuePoliceCommunityFeedback](http://www.cognitofirms.com/BellevuePoliceDepartment/BellevuePoliceCommunityFeedback)
- **Everett Police Department Office of Professional Standards**
  - Phone: (425) 257-8555
- **Federal Way Police Department**
  - Phone: (253) 835-6700
  - <http://www.cityoffederalway.com/page/police-comment-form>
- **King County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit**
  - Email: [ia\\_sheriff@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ia_sheriff@kingcounty.gov)
  - Phone: (206) 263-2525
- **Seattle Police Department Crime Reporting**
  - Online: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/property-crimes/online-reporting>
  - Phone: **SPD Non-Emergency Line:** (206) 625-5011

### Customer Service Bureau: (206) 684-2489

You can report many different types of issues to the Customer Service Bureau, including those with encampments, animals, dumping, and infrastructure.

- You can also use the "Find It, Fix It" app;
- or visit the Customer Service Bureau website to file a request for a wide range of services <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau>

### Damage Claim Filing

If you believe the City is at fault for an incident or accident resulting in loss, injury, or damages, you can file a claim requesting payment (*go to next page*).

This year, OPA created and posted to its website a resource guide for community members. It offers community-based resources in the following areas:

- Crisis Support
- Crime Reporting
- Customer Service
- Damage Claim Filing
- Domestic Violence Assistance Programs
- Legal-related Matters
- 211 for Other Services
- Other Seattle Accountability Partners
- Public Records Requests

This resource page can be viewed at: [www.seattle.gov/opa/about-us/contact-us](http://www.seattle.gov/opa/about-us/contact-us)



## OPA Projects Upcoming

- Frontline Investigations – Ongoing Discussions
- OPA Manual Update
- Case Closeout Meetings
- Sergeant School Training
- Complainant Impact Statement Rollout
- Chief of Police Ordinance

# UPCOMING PROJECTS CONTINUED

## Mediation video

Growing OPA's mediation program.

## Website Update

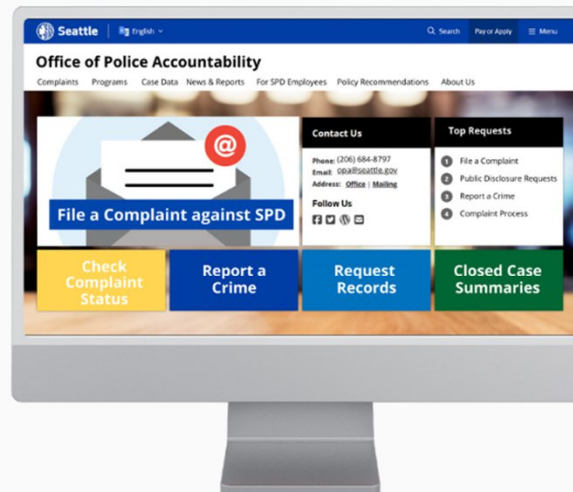
Making OPA's website more user-friendly.

## Accountability Symposium

A panel discussion regarding police accountability – October 2024 – Langston Hughes Center.

## Community Engagement

Building public trust through listening, learning, and sharing.

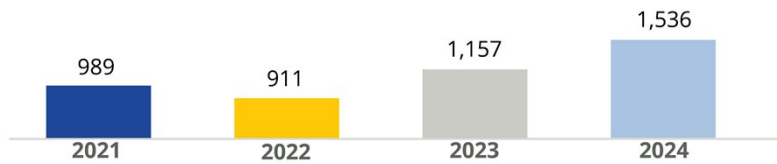




**2024 MID-YEAR DATA  
JANUARY 2024 – MAY 2024**

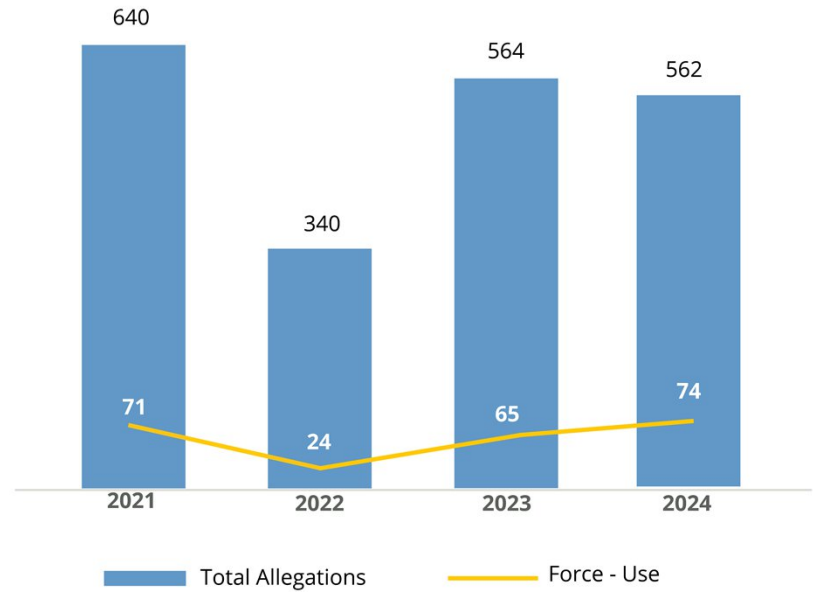


Number of Contacts Received by Year  
Mid-Year Data (2021-2024)

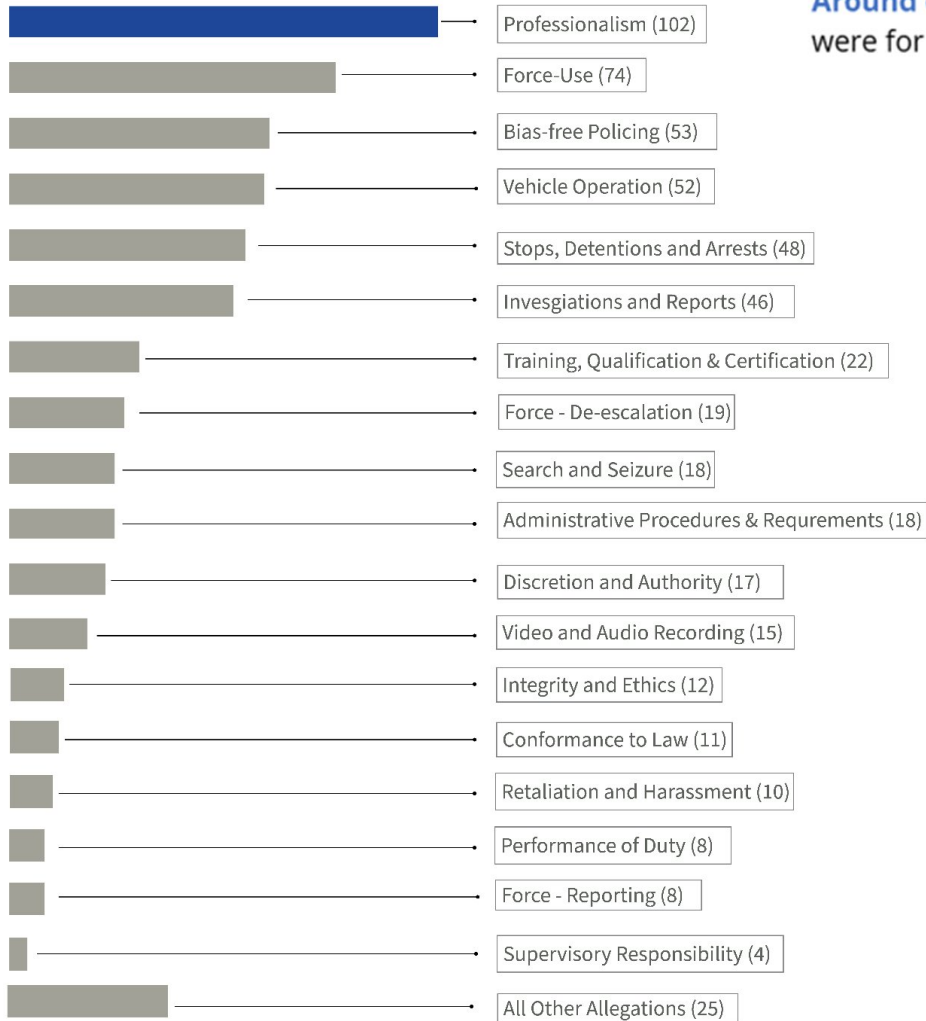


Number of contacts includes all contacts with OPA (in person, website, phone calls, emails, & U.S. mail)

Use of Force Allegations by Year  
Mid-Year Data (2021-2024)



### Number of Allegations by Type (2024)



Around one in five allegations were for unprofessional conduct

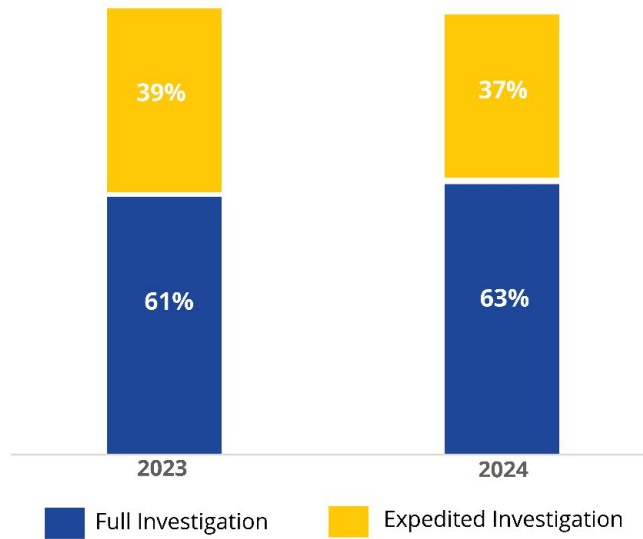
2024 DATA

### Complaints by Location/SPD Precinct (2024)

Precinct	Total
East	20
North	44
Outside Seattle	4
NULL*	81
South	30
Southwest	14
West	49

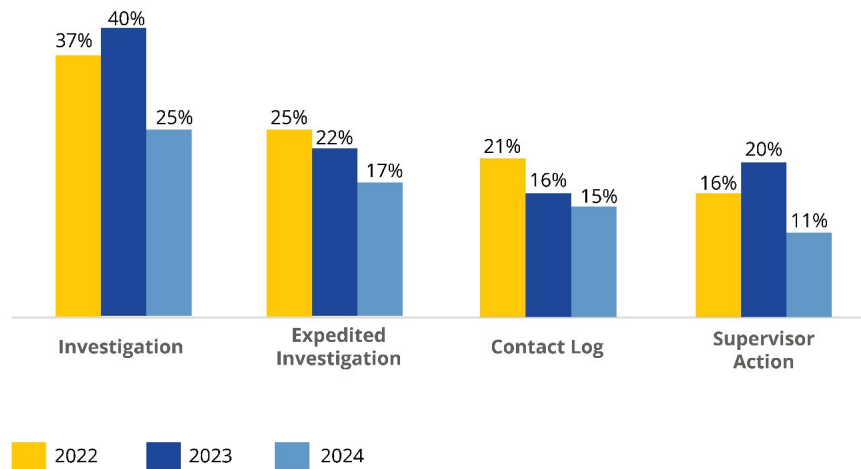
\*NULL indicates that there was no location associated with the incident.

### Full vs. Expedited Investigations by Year (2024)

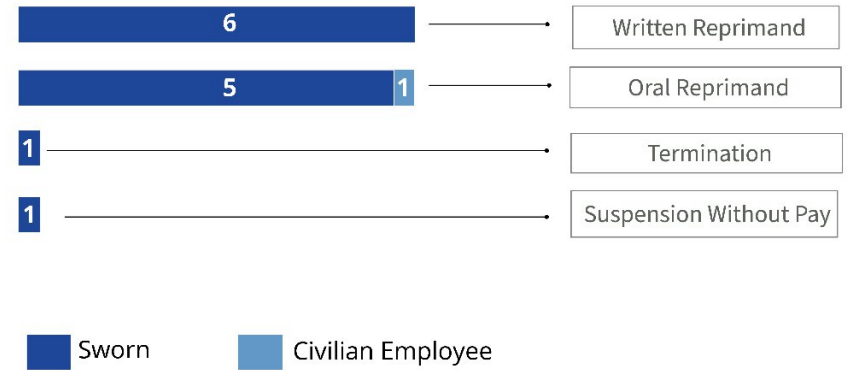


2024 DATA

Classification Type as a Percent of Total Complaints (2022-2024)



Types of Discipline Imposed (2024)





# COLLABORATION

1. Office of Independent Investigations
2. Police Accountability Partners Presentations
3. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)
4. Community Outreach





THANK YOU



# Seattle Community Police Commission



## Mid-Year Report 2024

Cali Ellis, PhD  
CPC Executive Director

July 9, 2024  
Seattle City Council  
Public Safety Committee

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2023-24

# CPC's Year of Change

Amendments to  
Accountability  
Ordinance

Leadership &  
Staff

Community  
Engagement



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# Seattle Community Police Commission

Section  
3.29.01

2017 Police  
Accountability  
Ordinance

## **CPC's Mission:**

*“to help ensure public confidence in the ... responsiveness of the police accountability system to public concerns by engaging the community to develop recommendations on the police accountability system and provide a community-based perspective on law enforcement related policies, practices, and services affecting public trust; all for the purpose of ensuring constitutional, accountable, effective, and respectful policing.”*



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# CPC Authority & Responsibility


<b>Monitor</b>	Monitor the implementation by SPD, OPA, City elected officials, and other City departments and offices of recommendations made by the Inspector General, the OPA Director, and CPC.
<b>Review</b>	Review closed OPA investigations to identify opportunities for systemic improvements.
<b>Collaborate</b>	Collaborate with SPD, OPA, and the City Attorney's Office in improving system transparency.
<b>Input</b>	Review and provide input into SPD recruiting, hiring, and promotional practices.



# Seattle Community Police Commission





**Structure**




**15 Commissioners**

- Three appointing authorities: Mayor, City Council, CPC
- Each appointee must be confirmed by City Council
- Three year terms



**Staff**

- Executive Director
- Policy
- Community Engagement
- Communications



# Commissioners



New Commissioners,  
including  
representatives for  
**public defense, civil  
liberties, & SPMA**



In-person New  
Commissioner  
orientation with  
presentations from  
OIG, OPA, CAO, SPD



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# Accountability Ordinance Revisions



**Engagement on Ordinance Revisions – beginning in August 2022**



**Public Commission Discussion and Unanimous vote – May 3, 2023**

- Deputy Director
- Establish qualifications and removal of the CPC Executive Director
- Return the size of the Commission from 21 to 15
- Clarify CPC authority to remove Commissioners “for cause”
- Removing Council District Assignment for Commissioners



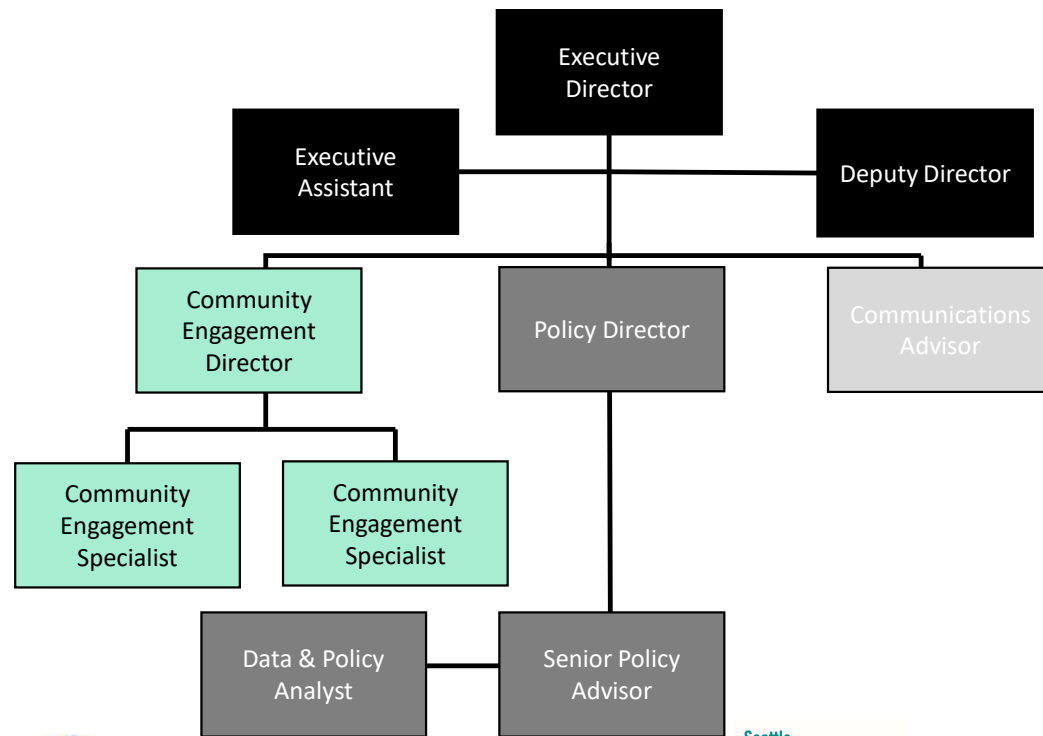


# CPC is the Smallest of the Oversight Partners

CPC: 10 FTE in 2024

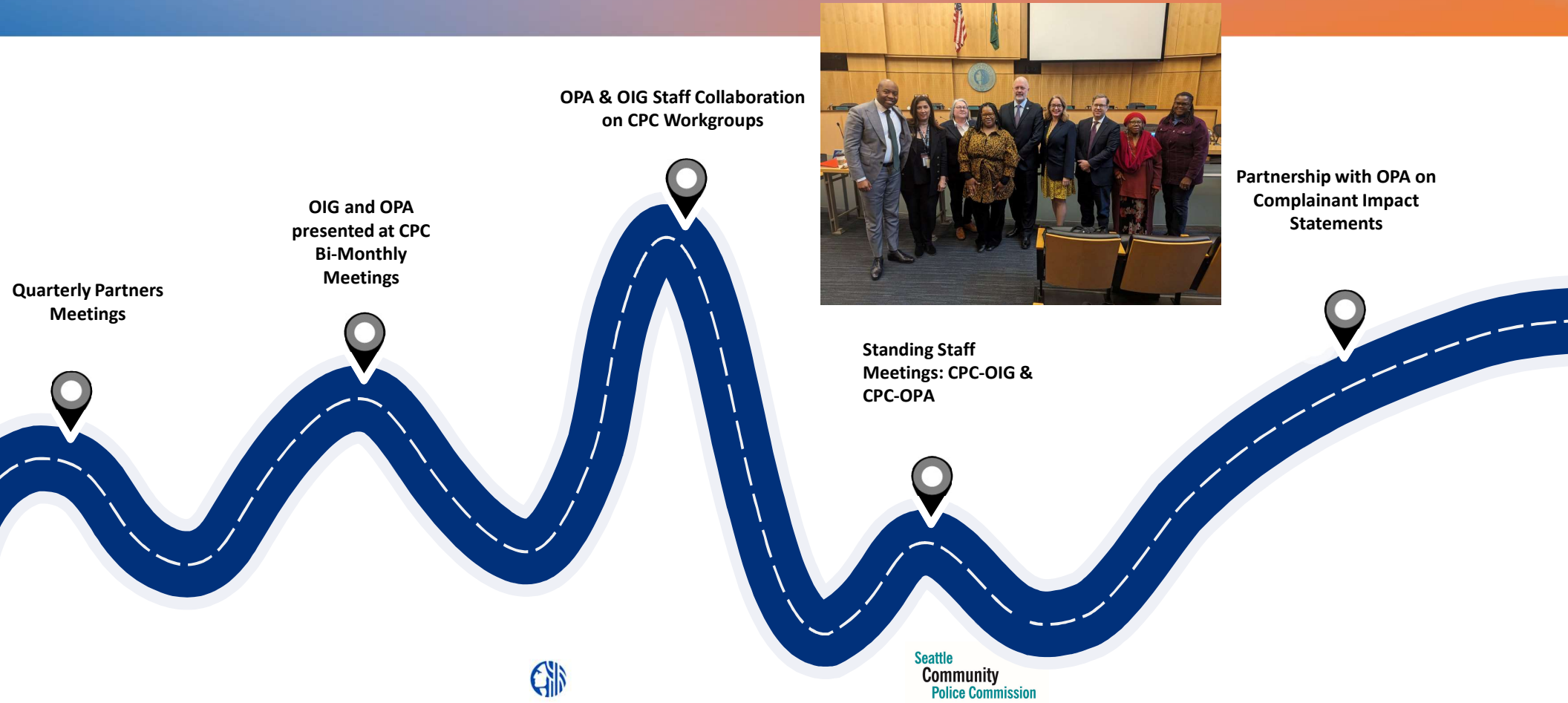
OPA: Approx. 28

OIG: Approx. 21



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# Accountability Partner Collaboration



# Priorities for 2024-25

## Organizational

Responsiveness



Restructuring



Operational Review



## Systemic

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Commitment to the Police Accountability Ordinance

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Police Contracts: Transparency and information sharing

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Community input to SPD policy

# Communications & Media



MULTIMEDIA  
CONTENT



NEWSLETTER &  
STATEMENTS



SOCIAL MEDIA  
ENGAGEMENT



WEBSITE REBUILD



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# CPC Newsletter



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## May work updates around CPC

We are so glad to be back in action with our newsletter! If you missed our newly relaunched newsletter from 2 weeks ago, [take a look](#) to catch up. We always post our newsletters to the CPC website on our News page, so [navigate there](#) if you're ever in the mood for some light reading.



In staff news, we are pleased to announce that we have filled CPC's important Policy Director position, and that person will start with CPC on June 5. Be sure to tune into our Bi-Monthly Meeting on that day to meet them and learn more. Additionally, we have opened the recruitment for our first-ever CPC Deputy Director, which is a huge role that will help guide the staff and direction of CPC's work. Know anyone who might be a good fit? Pass along the [deputy director job posting](#) before it closes June 4.

We want to take a moment and mention how grateful we are to have such amazing partners in accountability here at the city: that's [OPA](#), [OIG](#), and [CPC](#). As required in the Accountability Ordinance, we meet quarterly to collaborate, share notes, and generate ideas together. Happy reading!

**Questions?** We always want to hear from you. Reach out to [OCPC@seattle.gov](mailto:OCPC@seattle.gov).

## CPC Videos

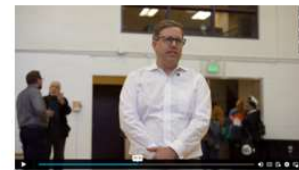
Watch these two recent videos to catch up on our work.

### May 15 CPC Bi-Monthly Meeting



View our most recent meeting for updates from Co-Chairs & staff, our City Council SPOG vote takeaways, and a 2024 workplan

### Why police accountability now?



Find out from CPC Co-Chair Joel Merkel why the next SPOG contract is so important to fully implementing Seattle's landmark 2017



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# Policy Engagement: 2023-24

SPMA and SPOG contracts

Consent Decree Filing

Legislative Engagement

- Traffic Safety Reform
- Independent Prosecutor for Police Misconduct

Office of Independent Investigations (OII)

CPC Statements

- Enforcement Actions at Seattle LGBTQ+ Bars
- SPD Technology Assisted Crime Prevention Pilot Program
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Policy

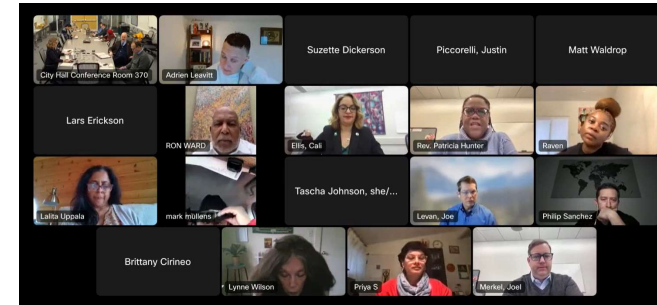
# Community Input to SPD Policies

## 3.29.300 Community Police Commission established – Functions and authority

- CPC shall review and provide input to OPA, OIG, SPD, and other City departments and offices, including the Mayor, Council, and City Attorney on the police accountability system, police services, and SPD policies and practices of significance to the public...



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### Seattle Police Department Manual

#### 13.030 – Emergency Vehicle Operations

Effective Date: 03/01/2018

##### 13.030-POL

##### 1. Defining Emergency Response

**Emergency Response** – When an officer operates an authorized police vehicle in a manner that is substantially outside of a normal traffic pattern.

##### 2. Officers May Drive in an Emergency Response Only When the Need Outweighs the Risk

The preservation of life is the highest priority. Criminal apprehension and the preservation of property are secondary.

Misdemeanor or property crimes do not justify an emergency response unless:

- Responding to an in-progress crime, or
- Where there is a legitimate concern for the preservation of life.

##### 3. Officers Shall Modify Their Emergency Response When Appropriate

Emergency driving shall be modified or terminated:

- As ordered by a supervisor;
- Or
- When the totality of the circumstances indicates the risk of continuing the emergency driving outweighs the need.

The officer's decision shall be reviewed based on the information available to them at the time.



## Community Engagement & Building Trust

### Key Partnerships

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- African-American, East African, LGBTQ, Filipino and SPD Precinct Advisory Councils
- City of Seattle – OPA, OIG, SPD, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Youth Employment Program, City Auditor



# Responsive to Community Needs & Concerns

CPC shall be responsive to community needs and concerns through means including, but not limited to, the following:

- Engaging in community outreach to obtain the perspectives of community members and SPD employees on police-community relations, SPD policies and practices, the police accountability system, and other matters.
- Maintaining connections with representatives of disenfranchised communities and with other community groups in all of the City's legislative districts, as well as with SPD demographic and precinct advisory councils.
- Providing SPD, OPA and OIG with community feedback relevant to their operations received as a result of its public outreach activities.



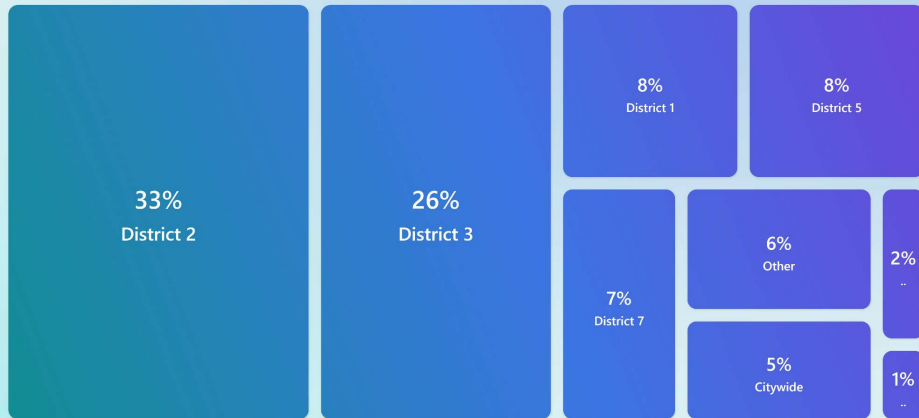
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# Community Engagement Reporting

- Precinct Advisory Councils
- Public Safety Meetings
  - West Seattle
  - Central District
  - Mayor’s Public Safety Forums
- Special Events
  - Juneteenth
  - Rainier Beach Community Health Fair

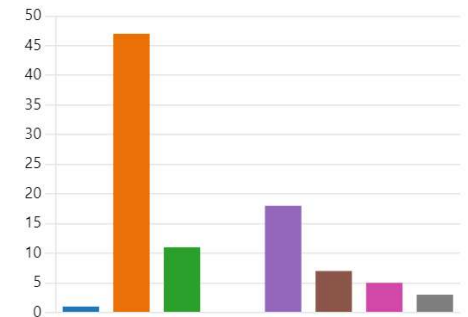
## City Legislative District



## 3. Type of Event

[More Details](#)

● Tabling	1
● Meeting	47
● Recurring Meeting	11
● Protest	0
● Event	18
● SPD Advisory Council Meeting	7
● Personal Conversation	5
● Other	3



# 2023 Annual Report Meeting

August 31, 2023

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute

Ordinance Mandate

Partners from community, SPD, OIG, OPA, OII, CAO



# Questions

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