

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

December 1, 2025 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

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

Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

Only written public comment will be accepted at this meeting. Please submitted written comments prior to 10 a.m. to ensure that they are distributed to Councilmembers prior to the start of the meeting. Comments may be submitted at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104. Comments received after 10 a.m. will be distributed after the meeting to Councilmembers and included as part of the public record.

Please Note: Times listed are estimated.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

[September 22, 2025](#)

2. President's Report

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

3. Seattle's 2026 State Legislative Agenda and Session Preview

2:05 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Presenters: Anna Johnson and Samir Junejo, Office of Intergovernmental Relations;
Karina Bull, Council Central Staff

[Draft 2026 State Legislative Agenda](#)

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

City Council Agenda (2025)

[Preliminary December 2, 2025, Agenda](#)



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Council Briefing Minutes (2025)



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

Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, September 22, 2025, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:02 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Pro Tem Rivera

Present: 6 - Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Dan Strauss

Excused: 2 - Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth

Late Arrival: 1 - Debora Juarez

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2609 Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

The September 15, 2025, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

4. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

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The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

5. Executive Session I on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

6. Executive Session II on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

7. Executive Session III on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*

At 2:39 p.m., Council President Pro Tem Rivera announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation with an estimated end time of 3:49 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 3:37 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 3:37 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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Seattle's 2026 State Legislative Agenda and Session Preview



City of Seattle

2026 State Legislative Agenda

The City of Seattle has identified the following priorities for the 2026 legislative session:

Federal Response

- Prohibit law enforcement and federal enforcement agencies from wearing face coverings and require that officers be clearly identifiable while performing their duties.
- Add protections and benefits for immigrant workers, including notice to employees of interactions with immigration officials and job and wage stability for detained workers.
- Mitigate losses of federal funding for essential services including food access, housing and shelter, Medicaid, and immigrant services.
- Provide state support for the Seattle-King County Public Health Clinic to ensure access to essential health services for uninsured and immigrant communities.
- Maintain funding for asylum and migrant support services.

Affordability

- Advance policies, including B&O tax exemptions, that expand equitable access to groceries and medicine.
- Maintain and strengthen state investments in Working Connections Child Care and ECEAP to ensure access and affordable to high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.

Housing & Homelessness

- Invest in service intensive shelter capacity for those diverted from the public safety system.
- Support operations, maintenance, and services and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Provide funding, and additional flexibility for current funding tools, to address homelessness.
- Restore full funding for the state Encampment Resolution Program.

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.
- 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.

Capital Budget

- Provide funding for shovel-ready improvements at Red Barn Ranch to enable youth programming and regional outdoor learning access.
- Foster a strong regional green economy by securing funding for a demonstration project at Seattle Center that will help lead to a fully decarbonized eco-district.
- Authorize transfer of WSDOT's Montlake surplus property to the City for the purpose of affordable homeownership development.

Transportation

- Provide Sound Transit with expanded authority and financing options to maintain project timelines and deliver voter-approved light rail extensions.
- Fund city and county efforts to mitigate Revive I-5 construction project impacts.
- Provide local governments authority to remove vehicle obstructions from streetcar tracks to ensure reliable and efficient public transit operations.

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City Council Agenda (2025)



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

2:00 PM

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

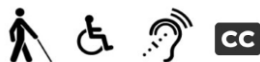
**Sara Nelson, Council President
Joy Hollingsworth, Member
Debora Juarez, Member
Robert Kettle, Member
Eddie Lin, Member
Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member
Maritza Rivera, Member
Rob Saka, Member
Dan Strauss, Member**

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CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council Agenda

December 2, 2025 - 2:00 PM

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Committee Website:

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Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair. Details on how to register for Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin one hour before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

In-Person Public Comment - Register to speak on the public comment sign-up sheet located inside Council Chambers at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

Written comments must be submitted prior to 10 a.m. to ensure that they are distributed to Councilmembers prior to the start of the meeting. Comments may be submitted at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104. Comments received after 10 a.m. will be distributed after the meeting to Councilmembers and included as part of the public record.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:

Bills:

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

Committee Reports will not be presented at this meeting.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS****K. OTHER BUSINESS****L. ADJOURNMENT**