

# 2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Request SPL open curbside pickup and return at all branches or in-branch service at 25% capacity

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
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	Absent	0									

## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request the Seattle Public Library (SPL) prepare for opening, if safe and sustainable, all branch libraries for either curbside pickup and return services or in-branch service at 25% capacity (per Safe Start Phase 2) until the end of the COVID-19 civil emergency. A safe and sustainable service model is one that allows high-risk employees to continue to work remotely when such accommodations are requested by the employee. Currently, curbside pickup is being offered at nine locations (Central Library, Ballard, Broadview, Douglass-Truth, High Point, Lake City, Rainier Beach, Greenwood, and Northeast branches), with services being planned for the Beacon Hill and Southwest branches in early November and the possibility of the Columbia branch by year-end.

SPL has indicated it is currently reviewing how to safely and effectively add services in consideration of the Governor's guidance related to opening in-building services for patrons. It is a priority for the Library to provide services at as many branches as possible, and they are working to do so through a combination of reopened libraries and curbside services.

The Council requests that SPL submit a report by Jan. 29, 2021 detailing a plan to offer a minimum of one day a week of either curbside pick-up or in-person services at all branches beginning Feb. 1, 2021 (unless there are space or facility issues that would preclude operating safely given COVID-19 considerations), using existing funding and abrogating zero or a minimum number of positions.

The Council appreciates SPL's efforts to provide services as safely as possible to patrons, and this SLI expresses the Council's support and preference for SPL to expand the established practice of curbside pickup and return to all branches.

## Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Assets & Native Communities

**Date Due to Council:** January 29, 2021

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