

2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Amend C.B. 118556 reorganizing DPD into a new office (OPCD) and a new Department (SDCI) to give the Council approval of OPCD's annual work program.

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Council Bill or Resolution: 118556

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet would amend C.B. 118556 to give the Council approval of OPCD's annual work program. C.B. 118556 reorganizes the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) into a proposed new Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and a new Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI).

The amendment requires: (1) that OPCD's Director submit a proposed work program at the time the budget for the following year is presented to the Council by the Mayor and (2) that the Council adopt, by resolution, an OPCD work program as part of the following year's budget. This amendment is similar to requirements included in previous years when the long-range land use planning functions have been housed in a separate office from permitting and inspections.

This green sheet would amend C.B. 118556 as follows:

3.14.993 Council Adoption of the OPCD Work program

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The annual work program for the Office of Planning and Community Development shall be approved by the City Council. The Council's approval of the work program shall occur in two steps:

A. The Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development shall submit a proposed work program for the following year to the City Council at the time the Mayor presents the following year's budget to the City Council.

B. The City Council shall approve the work program by resolution when adopting the budget for the following year. The Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development will confer with the City Council on any significant changes to the work program throughout the year.

Background

Since at least 1994, the Council has provided input into the City's planning work program. The proposed structure of the Office of Planning and Community Development includes a new function for the planning office to prepare a "community planning work program" that includes leading community planning efforts, developing implementation plans and coordinating across departments. The Executive has stated that in developing this community planning work program, the department will use a data-driven approach to equitably prioritize staff and other City resources.

Starting in 2010, each year the Council has adopted a Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) asking for quarterly reports on the DPD Planning Division's work program. The SLI reports are intended to provide Council with oversight and an understanding of the City's work on policies and regulations that are incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Code, and other policy and regulatory documents that govern development of the built environment.

The quarterly reports have not been used by Council and the Executive as a forum for Council discussion of work program priorities. Instead, requests for work on Council priorities generally happen outside of the context of DPD's transmittal of their work program.