

**RES 32187 – City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda Proposed Amendment Packet**  
City Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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## Amendment A Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Lin

Federal Response, Affordability, Housing & Homelessness, and Public Safety Priorities

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

### Federal Response

- Supporting protections for LGBTQIA+ youth, adults, and communities, and opposition to anti-transgender legislative efforts.

### Affordability

- Supporting progressive revenue options.
- Expanding tax relief to lower-income families and seniors and supporting a guaranteed basic income pilot.
- Supporting efforts to simplify and create a universal application for income-qualified benefits and relief.

### Housing & Homelessness

- Supporting compliance with Growth Management Act housing requirements.
- Strengthening anti-displacement tools.

### Public Safety

- Supporting criminal justice reform.

Amend the language under the heading “Federal Response” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### Federal Response

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- Add protections and benefits for immigrant workers, including notice to employees of interactions with immigration officials and job and wage stability for detained workers.

- Support protections for LGBTQIA+ youth, adults, and communities, and oppose anti-transgender legislative efforts.

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Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Affordability**

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- Support progressive revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Expand tax relief to lower-income families and seniors, including expansions of the Working Families Tax Credit and property tax exemptions for seniors, and support a guaranteed basic income pilot.
- Support efforts to simplify and create a universal application for income-qualified benefits and relief.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Housing & Homelessness**

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- Support operations, maintenance, services, and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Support measures, including financial and tax incentives, to encourage jurisdictions to comply with Growth Management Act housing requirements, and to include appropriate remedies for non-compliance, including a potential builder’s remedy.

- Strengthen anti-displacement tools and requirements for communities who have historically faced housing discrimination, such as redlining, prioritizing seniors' ability to age in place; and provide relief from highest and best use as appropriate and encourage flexibility for assessors' offices.
- Provide funding and additional flexibility for current funding tools; to address homelessness

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Amend the language under the heading "Public Safety" in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

**Public Safety**

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- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.
- Support criminal justice reform to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes through greater access to rehabilitative services, mental health, treatment, housing, and career support.

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## Amendment B Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Rinck

Federal Response, Affordability & Workforce, Housing & Homelessness,  
and Transportation Priorities

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

### Federal Response

- Establishing additional local progressive revenue options to address federal funding cuts to state and local governments.

### Affordability & Workforce

- Exploring a revenue neutral swap for sales tax.
- Allowing collective bargaining over matters related to the impacts of workplace artificial intelligence on employee wages and performance evaluations.
- Furthering investments in workforce development in the maritime industry.

### Housing & Homelessness

- Reducing liability requirements to encourage the development of condominiums.
- Changing city and county elevator standards to match global or North American standards.

### Public Safety

- Updating police accountability arbitration rules and procedures.

### Transportation

- Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries.
- Reducing emissions from most polluting vessels visiting Washington’s ports.
- Prioritizing Climate Commitment Act spending for mass public transportation capital projects.

Amend the language under the heading “Federal Response” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### Federal Response

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- Maintain funding for asylum and migrant support services.
- Allow local governments to enact additional progressive revenue options to address federal funding cuts to state and local governments, including a vacancy tax, an income tax on millionaire earners, and a wealth tax.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

**Affordability & Workforce**

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- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Explore a revenue neutral swap for sales tax.
- Allow collective bargaining over matters related to adoption of artificial intelligence in the workplace, including impacts on employee wages and performance evaluations.
- Further investments in workforce development in the state maritime industry.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

**Housing & Homelessness**

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- Restore full funding for the state Encampment Resolution Program.
- Reduce liability requirements to encourage the development of condominiums and incorporate smaller scale condominium buildings into the residential building code.

- Change elevator standards for cities and counties to match global or North American safety and related standards to increase elevator access and flexibility.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Public Safety**

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- Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.
- Update police accountability arbitration rules and procedures to ensure discipline for misconduct is fair and consistent.

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Amend the language under the heading “Transportation” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Transportation**

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- Provide local governments authority to remove vehicle obstructions from streetcar tracks to ensure reliable and efficient public transit operations.
- Increase the availability of passenger-only ferries for better regional connections.
- Support reduced emissions from most polluting vessels visiting Washington’s ports.
- Prioritize Climate Commitment Act spending for mass public transportation capital projects to reduce greenhouse emissions.

## Amendment C Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Strauss

Affordability, Public Safety, and Climate & Environment Priorities

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to the following legislative priorities:

### Affordability

- Providing local municipalities with more revenue options.

### Public Safety

- Strengthening metal recycling regulations.

### Climate & Environment

- Supporting policies and investments to fight climate change, assist climate adaptation, and assist local government removal of fish passage barriers.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### Affordability

\* \* \*

- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.
- Provide local municipalities with more revenue options.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### Public Safety

\* \* \*

- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.



- Strengthen metal recycling regulations to prevent the sale of stolen public and private property.

Add a new section with the heading “Climate & Environment” after the “Transportation” section in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

**Climate & Environment**

- Support policies and investments to fight climate change, assist climate adaptation, and assist local government removal of fish passage barriers.

## Amendment D Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Saka

Supporting Students and Families through Universal Free School Meals

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to supporting students and their families through investments that fully fund universal free school meals.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Affordability**

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- Maintain and strengthen state investments in Working Connections Child Care and ECEAP to ensure access to affordable, high quality early learning opportunities.
- Support students and their families through investments that fully fund universal free school meals.

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## Amendment E Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Lin

Increasing Healthy Food Access through Food Banks and Universal Free School Meals

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to increasing healthy food access, including support for food banks and universal free school meals.

Amend the language under the heading “Affordability” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Affordability**

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- Maintain and strengthen state investments in Working Connections Child Care and ECEAP to ensure access to affordable, high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Increase healthy food access through support for food banks, universal free school meals, and other ways to address food deserts.

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## Amendment F Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsors:** Councilmembers Kettle  
Social Housing

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to facilitating social housing models.

Amend the language under the heading “Housing & Homelessness” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **Housing & Homelessness**

\* \* \*

- Support operations, maintenance, services, and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Support updates to state law so that social housing developers have access to the same benefits as housing authorities and non-profit affordable housing developers.

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## Amendment G Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Public Safety Priorities

**Effect:** This amendment would make the following changes to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda: (1) reorder the Public Safety priorities; and (2) add language to state the City’s commitment to the following items:

- Lowering the threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess guns,
- Advocating for the addition of a Public Safety element in Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions, and
- Ensuring funding for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### 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.
- Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences; and lower threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess firearms.
- Advocate for a Public Safety element to be added to Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions to ensure consideration of emergency services and first response as a part of growth management.
- ~~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.
- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.
- Ensure funds for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way, including regular maintenance of fire hydrants and clearing needed for emergency services access; and improve WSDOT maintenance and testing standards for fire hydrants to meet national and City of Seattle standards.

- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.
- Provide funding for organizations and programs that support survivors and victims of crime.

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## Amendment H Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Saka

Juvenile Access to an Attorney

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to clarifying exceptions to statutory requirements for law enforcement to provide a juvenile with access to an attorney.

Under RCW 13.40.740, law enforcement must provide a juvenile with access to an attorney before the juvenile may waive any constitutional rights if a law enforcement officer:

- (1) Questions a juvenile during custodial interrogation;
- (2) Detains a juvenile based on probable cause of involvement in criminal activity; or
- (3) Requests that a juvenile provide consent to a search.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **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.
- Clarify applicability of exceptions to statutory requirements for juvenile access to attorneys when contacted by law enforcement for any juvenile who may be a victim of a crime or witness to a crime.

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## Amendment I Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Saka

Automated Noise Enforcement Cameras

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to expanding state authorization for deployment of automated noise enforcement cameras.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

### **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.
- Expand state authorization for deployment of automated noise enforcement cameras, allowing Seattle to immediately pilot a program and gather initial implementation data and creating a pathway for other jurisdictions to conduct pilots as well.

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Amendment J Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Saka

Camp Long Lodge

**Effect:** This amendment would add language to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda to state the City’s commitment to investments that support the rebuilding of the historic Camp Long Lodge that closed in November 2024 due to significant fire damage.

Amend the language under the heading “Capital Budget” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

**Capital Budget**

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- Provide funding for shovel-ready improvements at Red Barn Ranch and the historic Camp Long Lodge to enable youth programming and regional outdoor learning access.

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