

**2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** Evaluate feasibility of developing an LGBTQ Community Center

**Councilmembers:** Licata; O'Brien; Sawant

**Staff Analyst:** Ted Virdone

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Seattle, in general, and the Capitol Hill Neighborhood in particular, have a history of organizing, activism, and culture by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community. However, unlike many other major cities in the United States, the City of Seattle’s Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has no LGBTQ community center. In June 2011, the Seattle LGBT Commission Report of Needs Assessment Survey 2010 concluded, “The City of Seattle should work with LGBTQ businesses and organizations to develop a LGBTQ Center that could supply career information for the LGBTQ community, provide a safe space for youth, and deliver informational resources to visitors and residents of Seattle.”

Council requests that DPR present Council with a plan in cooperation with community organizations to explore an LGBTQ community center in the Capital Hill neighborhood. DPR should evaluate the availability of Metropolitan Parks District and City resources for the City’s share of capital infrastructure development costs and also support for ongoing operations. Council further requests the Central Budget Office and DPR explore a plan for a new LGBTQ community center project to be incorporated in the 2017-2022 Proposed Capital Improvement Program, and present its recommendation to the Council.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity

**Date Due to Council:** April 1, 2016