

Seattle City Council 2025 Budget Process

Councilmember Budget Proposals

Select Budget Committee | October 28, 2025

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Fall 2025 Budget Calendar

Week 1 - 5

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 1	22 September Rosh Hashanah Begins	23 Mayor Transmits 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments City Council 2 p.m.	24 Rosh Hashanah Ends	25  	26 
	CBO Overview & Department Presentations 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 2	29 September 	30 	1 October Yom Kippur begins	2 Yom Kippur ends	3
	Department Presentations 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 3	6 October	7  	8	9	10
		Public Hearing 1 p.m. Remote 5 p.m. In-person			
Week 4	13 October Indigenous Peoples' Day	14	15  	16 	17 
	Central Staff Presentation: Policy Considerations 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 5	20 October 	21	22	23	24
	Revenue Forecast Update and Policy Considerations 2 p.m.	Initial CM Proposals Due @ Noon (2 co-sponsors req'd)			

Week 6 - 9

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 6	27 October	28  	29 	30 	31
	Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 7	3 November	4 Election day	5 	6  	7
			Chair's Balancing Package 9:30 a.m.	Public Hearing 1 p.m. Remote 5 p.m. In-person	CM Self-Balanced Amendments Due @ Noon
Week 8	10 November	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14  
					Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.
Week 9	17 November 	18	19	20 	21  
	Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.				Final Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.
Week 10	24 November	25 General Election Certified	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 Thanksgiving Holiday

Step 3

Week 5-6

Presentation and Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals

Presentation and Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals (Oct. 28 – Oct. 30)

- Central Staff will summarize each Councilmember Budget Proposal.
- The sponsor of the CBA or SLI will have the opportunity to speak to their proposal.
- At the end of discussion of each proposal, the Budget Chair will ask if any Councilmember would like to add their name as a co-sponsor to the proposed CBA or SLI.
 - Additional co-sponsors may only be added in open session.
- The proposals will be considered for inclusion in the **Chair's Balancing Package**.

Step 3

Week 5-6

Presentation of Councilmember Budget Proposals - Schedule

Tuesday, October 28 <i>(no afternoon session)</i>	Wednesday, October 29	Thursday, October 30
Introduction & Overview Finance General (FG) City Budget Office (CBO) Office of the Mayor (MO) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) Dept. of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) City Attorney's Office (LAW) Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) Office of Labor Standards (OLS) Seattle City Light (SCL) Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Office of Hearing Examiner (HXM) Seattle Information and Technology Dept. (ITD) Seattle Dept. of Human Resources (SDHR) Finance and Administrative Services (FAS)	Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) Office of Housing (OH) Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Seattle Dept. of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT)	Office of Economic Development (OED) Human Services Dept. (HSD) Community Assisted Response & Engagement (CARE) Seattle Fire Dept. (SFD) Seattle Police Dept. (SPD) Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Step 4

Week 5-6

Presentation and Discussion of Chair's Balancing Package

Wednesday, November 5: Chair's Balancing Package

Central Staff will present, and committee will discuss the Chair's Balancing Package.

Thursday, November 6: Public Hearing #2

1 p.m. – Remote Public Comment

5 p.m. – In-Person Public Comment

Friday, November 7: Deadline for Self-Balanced Amendments