



City of Seattle
Mayor Edward B. Murray

May 3, 2016

The Honorable Bruce A. Harrell, President
Seattle City Council
City Hall 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Harrell:

I am pleased to transmit the attached legislation regarding my recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan. These recommendations follow up on important changes we made to the Plan in 2015.

Seattle is growing fast. Regional growth estimates say Seattle will grow by 120,000 more people, 70,000 more housing units and 115,000 more jobs by the year 2035. My recommendations for Seattle's new Comprehensive Plan (*Seattle 2035*) emphasize growing equitably and sustainably. Included in *Seattle 2035* are proposals to:

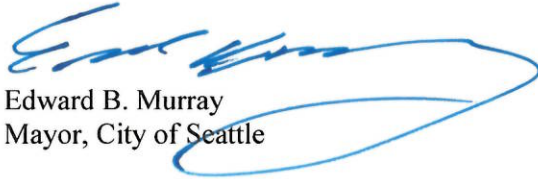
- Guide more future growth to areas within a 10-minute walk of frequent transit service;
- Continue the Plan's vision for mixed-use "urban villages" and "urban centers;"
- Monitor future growth in greater detail, including tracking data about racial disparities, particularly in areas where too much growth could displace low-income households and people of color;
- Increase the supply and diversity of affordable housing consistent with my Housing Affordable Livability Agenda (HALA);
- Direct that more of the City's daily decisions will consciously consider how to equitably serve all segments of our population;
- Update how we measure the performance of the City's transportation and parks systems; and
- Integrate the City's planning for parks, schools, transit, housing, transportation, City facilities and services.

Seattle 2035 is the result of extensive analysis, discussion, consultation and public outreach. Over the past two years, the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) has worked with fifteen City departments, my policy staff, and the Seattle Planning Commission to assess the Plan and draft new or amended policies. OPCD reached out to a broad range of stakeholders and the general public, including underserved communities, to identify issues and possible revisions to the Plan. The process also included an Environmental Impact Statement and an Equity Analysis that considered the potential effects of four 20-year, citywide development alternatives. More information is available at 2035.seattle.gov.

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Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Belz at 684-8696. I look forward to working with you to create a more equitable and sustainable Seattle.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle