



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

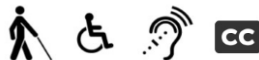
Sara Nelson, Council President
Joy Hollingsworth, Member
Robert Kettle, Member
Cathy Moore, Member
Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member
Maritza Rivera, Member
Rob Saka, Member
Mark Solomon, Member
Dan Strauss, Member

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Meeting Location:

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Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council>

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

[IRC 476](#)

April 22, 2025

Attachments: [Introduction and Referral Calendar](#)

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:

1. [Min 516](#) April 15, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Bills:

2. [CB 120973](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 7, 2025, through April 11, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Supporting

Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

Appointments:**LAND USE COMMITTEE:**

3. [Appt 03115](#) Appointment of Raymond W. Gastil as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

**In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck
Opposed: None**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

4. [Appt 03116](#) Appointment of Shirin Masoudi as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

**In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck
Opposed: None**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

5. [Appt 03117](#) Reappointment of Phoebe Erin Bogert as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

**In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck
Opposed: None**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

6. [Appt 03118](#) Reappointment of Ben Gist as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

**In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck
Opposed: None**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

7. [Appt 03119](#) Reappointment of Kevin O'Neill as chair and member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck

Opposed: None

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [Res 32169](#) A RESOLUTION retiring introduced and referred Council Bills, Resolutions, Clerk Files, and Appointments that have received no further action.

Attachments: [Att 1 - 2024 Retired Legislation](#)

Supporting

Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 120957](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to publicly-financed election campaigns; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to ten years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding the cost and administration of the City's Democracy Voucher program and other City purposes; outlining a process for contemplation of changes to the program; applying RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption to such levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 120948](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle's construction codes; allowing for the extension of certain projects and building permits; amending Sections 106.6.10, 106.9, and 106.10 of the Seattle Building Code, adopted by Ordinance 127108.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note v2](#)

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT



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April 22, 2025



Introduction and Referral Calendar

List of proposed Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt) and Clerk Files (CF) to be introduced and referred to a City Council committee

Record No.	Title	Committee Referral
<u>By: Strauss</u>		
1. CB 120973	AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 7, 2025, through April 11, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.	City Council
<u>By: Nelson</u>		
2. Appt 03143	Appointment of Patrice Tisdale as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2025.	Governance, Accountability, and Economic Development Committee
<u>By: Moore</u>		
3. Appt 03134	Appointment of Kate Faoro Wright as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2025.	Housing and Human Services Committee
<u>By: Moore</u>		
4. Appt 03135	Appointment of Amanda DeFisher as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.	Housing and Human Services Committee
<u>By: Moore</u>		
5. Appt 03136	Reappointment of Krystal Guerrero as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.	Housing and Human Services Committee
<u>By: Moore</u>		
6. Appt 03137	Reappointment of Vinati Mamidala as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.	Housing and Human Services Committee
<u>By: Moore</u>		
7. Appt 03138	Reappointment of Whitney Nakamura as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.	Housing and Human Services Committee

By: Moore

8. [Appt 03139](#) Reappointment of Doris W. Koo as member, Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to December 31, 2027. Housing and Human Services Committee

By: Moore

9. [Appt 03140](#) Reappointment of Paul Feldman as member, Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to December 31, 2027. Housing and Human Services Committee

By: Moore

10. [Appt 03141](#) Appointment of Fathiya Abdi as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to January 22, 2026. Housing and Human Services Committee

By: Moore

11. [Appt 03142](#) Appointment of Drew Weber as member, Community Roots Housing Public Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026. Housing and Human Services Committee

By: Saka

12. [CB 120971](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to automated traffic safety cameras; establishing additional uses for automated traffic safety cameras to increase safety; authorizing qualified civilian employees to review violations detected by traffic cameras; updating finance and fund policies related to the use of camera revenues; amending Ordinance 124230; amending Sections 5.82.010, 11.31.020, 11.31.090, 11.31.121, and 11.50.570 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Section 11.50.580 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Transportation Committee

By: Saka

13. [CB 120972](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to appropriations for the Seattle Department of Transportation; modifying a proviso; and amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget. Transportation Committee



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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on April 15, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Moore was excused from the April 15, 2025 City Council meeting

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Excused: 3 - Moore, Rivera, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Rinck presented a proclamation on behalf of Councilmember Moore, proclaiming April 2025 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Rinck to present the proclamation, and to allow Kate Krug-Garvey, of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, and Whitney Nakamura, of the Seattle Women's Commission, to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Tanya Woo
Alexander Dean
Joe Cox
David Haines

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt the Introduction and Referral Calendar.

[IRC 475](#)

April 15, 2025

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

- 1. [Min 515](#) **April 8, 2024**

The Minutes (Min) were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Bills:

- 2. [CB 120965](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 31, 2025, through April 4, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

1. [CF 314491](#) **Application of Encore Architects, PLLC, to rezone an approximately 34, 654 square foot site located at 8601 Fremont Ave. N. from Single Family (SF5000) to Lowrise 2 with a (M) Mandatory Housing Affordability suffix (LR2 (M)) (Project No. 3036119-LU; Type IV).**

The Committee recommends that City Council grant as conditioned the Clerk File (CF).

In Favor: 3 - Solomon, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

The Clerk File (CF) was granted as conditioned by the following vote, and the President signed the Conditions of the City Council:

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

2. [CB 120962](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code at page 26 of the Official Land Use Map to rezone the property at 8601 Fremont Avenue N from Neighborhood Residential 3 to Lowrise 2 with a M1 Mandatory Housing Affordability Suffix (LR2 (M1)); and accepting a Property Use and Development Agreement as a condition of rezone approval. (Application of Blair Stone/Encore Architects, C.F. 314491, SDCI Project 3036119-LU)**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Solomon, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120697, Exhibit B, by substituting the unexecuted Property Use and Development Agreement with the executed Property Use and Development Agreement.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 120960](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Lower Duwamish Waterway; authorizing Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities to: continue expending funds to participate in environmental investigation and remediation of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site, according to the terms of a Consent Decree with the United States and the State of Washington and according to the terms of settlements with multiple other parties; accept funds from other parties and indemnify them according to settlement agreements with those parties; continue seeking and accepting state Remedial Action Grants for work related to the Superfund Site; commit to spend funds pursuant to the terms of additional orders from the federal and state regulatory agencies for remedial work at sites related to the Lower Duwamish, including T-108, South Park Marina, and North Boeing Field/Georgetown Steam Plant; and commit to sharing costs with other parties regarding those Related Sites; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Kettle, Rivera

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 120956](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of after-hours nightlife lounges; defining after-hours nightlife lounges; establishing operational and safety requirements for such businesses; describing enforcement mechanisms; and adding a new Chapter 10.10 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 5 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Moore, Nelson

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120956, by adding a new Section 2, and renumbering the remaining/subsequent Sections, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 2. The Director of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) is requested to transmit:

A. An initial implementation plan describing the intended activities and timeline for implementation of this ordinance to the Public Safety Committee by June 1, 2025; and

B. A annual report detailing the implementation of this ordinance to the Public Safety Committee or successor committee by December 31 of each year. This annual report shall include a description of enforcement activities under this ordinance during the year and the results of those enforcement activities.

The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on April 22, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120973, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 7, 2025, through April 11, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$18,323,926.98 on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered 4100913637 - 4100915414 plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, e-payables of \$102,493.16 on PeopleSoft 9.2 9100015260 - 9100015282, and electronic financial transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$49,382,656.53 are presented to the City Council under RCW 42.24.180 and approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current Budget as amended.

Section 2. Payment of the sum of \$67,246,139.08 on City General Salary Fund mechanical warrants numbered 10399121 - 10399401 plus manual warrants, agencies warrants, and direct deposits numbered 0000001 - 0012928 representing Gross Payrolls for payroll ending date April 8, 2025, as detailed in the Payroll Summary Report for claims against the City that were reported to the City Council April 17, 2025, is approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current budget as amended.

Section 3. RCW 35.32A.090(1) states, “There shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city.”

Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is

ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 22nd of April, 2025, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22nd of April, 2025.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Office of City Finance	Julie Johnson	Lorine Cheung

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 7, 2025, through April 11, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts. Claims include all financial payment obligations for bills and payroll paid out of PeopleSoft for the covered.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

RCW 42.24.180 requires that payment of certain claims be authorized by the City Council. This bill, prepared each week by the City Treasury, authorizes the payments of funds that were previously appropriated by the City Council, so the passage of this bill does not have a direct result on the City's budget.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

This bill authorizes the payments of funds that were previously appropriated by the City Council, so the passage of this bill does not have a direct result on the City's budget.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation. The legislation authorizes the payment of valid claims. If the City does not pay its legal obligations it could face greater legal and financial liability.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

This type of legislation authorizes payment of bill and payroll expenses for all City departments.

- b. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No.

- c. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

- i. **How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

N/A

- ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

N/A

- iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

N/A

- d. **Climate Change Implications**

- i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

N/A

- ii. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

N/A

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

N/A

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required?**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.



Legislation Text


File #: Appt 03115, **Version:** 1

Appointment of Raymond W. Gastil as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Raymond W. Gastil		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Urban Planner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: * 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Leschi	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
<p>Ray has been an advocate for planning and urban design for over 30 years. He has served in a variety of positions in government, higher education, and in private practice, including Director for City Planning in Pittsburgh; City Planning Director in Seattle; Director of Manhattan Office, NYC Department of City Planning; Heinz Director for Urban Design and Regional Engagement, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon U.; Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture, New York.; and Writer and Researcher, Robert A.M. Stern Architects. New York.</p> <p>Ray recently returned to Seattle to start Gastil Works LLC, a planning and urban design consulting firm. Ray is currently involved in a variety of planning work including the Urban Land Institute’s recently convened Technical Advisory Panels concerning transit oriented development opportunities at Sound Transit’s proposed West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension project.</p> <p>Ray recieved his Master’s Degree in Architecture from Princeton University.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 4 th . 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

RESUME: RAYMOND W. GASTIL AICP LEED AP ND

Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Positions and Appointments

- Consultant, Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC. 2023 to present.
- David Lewis/Heinz Director for Urban Design and Regional Engagement, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon U. August 2019 to December 2022.
- Director of City Planning, City of Pittsburgh. April 2014 to July 2019.
- Howard Friedman Visiting Professor, College of Environmental Design, University of California Berkeley. August to December 2013.
- Stuckeman Chair in Design Innovation. Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State U. August 2011 to July 2013.
- City Planning Director, Department of Planning & Development, Seattle. August 2008 to February 2010.
- Director, Manhattan Office, New York City Department of City Planning. January 2005 to July 2008.
- Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture, New York. August 1995 to December 2004.
- Director, Regional Design and Transit-Friendly Design, Regional Plan Association, New York. December 1991 to July 1995.
- Writer and Researcher, Robert A.M. Stern Archts. New York. 1985 to 1988.

Education

- Princeton University, Master of Architecture, Alpha Rho Chi Award.
- Yale University, Bachelor of Arts, Combined Literature, cum laude, distinction.

Committees, Professional Associations and Civic Activity

- Member, American Planning Association (APA) American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). 2007 to present.
- APA-Washington Puget Sound Section President-elect. 2025-2026.
- LEED AP ND accredited, 2012 to present.
- University of Washington, Landscape Architecture. Affiliate Faculty.
- Urban Land Institute Northwest. UrbanPlan volunteer. 2024 to present.
- Board, Riverlife, Pittsburgh. 2015 to present. Co-Chair Design Committee 2019 to present. Chair Governance Committee 2023 to present.
- Yale Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) volunteer. 2023 to present.
- Pittsburgh Historic Review Commission. Commissioner. 2014 to 2019.
- APA-Pennsylvania Awards Committee 2019 to 2023.
- Board, City as Living Laboratory (CALL). 2012 to present.
- Executive Committee, New York New Visions. 2000 to 2002.

Summary of Position Responsibilities

Gastilworks Planning & Design LLC

- Seattle-based consulting focused on planning, urban design, and the public realm. GPD is based in Seattle. Current work includes writing and research for transit-oriented development and urban mass timber initiatives.

Director, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

- Teaching and advising responsibilities engaged graduate and undergraduate students in architecture, urban design, and policy. Institute leadership engaged study, research, and advising regarding community engagement, future of urbanism and centers, regional resilience, mobility/land use, as well as health, equity, and climate change. Sponsored research included DOT-supported LINC (Linking Our Networked Communities), Better Boulevard Analytics, addressing mobility and urban design in regional corridors. Additional research included Community Building, New Local Mobility, and Resilient Regions and adaptive reuse as an urban practice. Working with other Schools, Colleges, and Centers included affiliation with Traffic21, faculty advisor for the urban and regional economic development concentration in the Master of Public Policy and Management program at Heinz College. As part of the UDream faculty team, secured planning grant for relaunching program designed to engage underserved communities in urban design and architectural education and practice. Produced on-line interview series Remaking Cities By Design.

City Planning Director, City of Pittsburgh

- Planning Department head. Led 50-person department comprising Strategic Planning, Zoning and Development Review, GIS, Sustainability and Resilience, and Civic Design and Public Art, and the ADA Coordinating office. Worked closely with Mayor's Office, City Council, County, and multiple departments. Staffed commissions and advisory boards including City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Art Commission and Design Advisory Panel. Served on Historic Review Commission. Initiatives included: riverfront zoning; reinitiating neighborhood planning for communities throughout the city; comprehensive planning; cochairing Affordable Housing Task Force; serving on Steering Committee P4 (People, Planet, Performance, Place); Complete Streets initiative; Inclusionary Zoning Committee head; Hays Woods (Open Space) Task Force lead; OnePGH Housing co-lead. Multi-directional management and engagement key to initiatives including working with developers, architects, neighborhoods, and citizen coalitions, as well as City Authorities (Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Port Authority), City agencies including Mayor's Office, Parks, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, and Public Works.

City Planning Director, City of Seattle

- Led 45-member office leading long-range planning for City of Seattle. Key leadership on programs including Central Waterfront redesign and revitalization, Neighborhood Planning Updates initiated along new light rail line; citywide design and planning initiatives; area plans for City Center neighborhoods, and sustainable design. Coordinated with the Department of Neighborhoods, the station-area planning updates reached out to communities historically not engaged in planning process, incorporating a program of outreach liaisons to multiple language and cultural groups.

Director, Manhattan Office, New York City Department of City Planning

- Led 25-person office. Served on the leadership team for plan and rezoning of major projects including West Chelsea/Highline, integrating planning for a revitalized district and innovative public space, the 125th Street Corridor and Manhattanville in West Harlem, and the World Trade Center site and Lower Manhattan, West Side Yards (planning and design guidelines), Penn Station, the East River Waterfront, and Governors Island. Key projects included regulatory approaches to incentivizing affordable housing and the arts.

Executive Director, Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture

- Founding director of nonprofit institute to improve the design of the public realm through civic interaction with universities, city and state agencies, and design competitions, conferences, exhibitions, and publications.

Selected Publications

- “Value and Equity” Dialogue. *Climate Change and the Design of the Built Environment*. Michael Gamble ed. Kendall Hunt Publishing. 2023.
- “Adaptive Preservation: Lessons Learned from Challenges and Opportunities in Two Large-Scale Pittsburgh Projects.” *PER, Journal of National Council for Preservation Education*. Volume 14. December 2021.
- Michael Baker International, Civic Design and Planning LLC (Steve Quick and Ray Gastil), Quaker Valley Council of Governments. “Redefining Regional Highway Corridors: Strategic Design Guide.” PennDOT. October 2021.
- “Washington Avenue Waterfront Piers and District: A Resilient Land Use Cohort (RLUC) Virtual Advisory Services Panel, Urban Land Institute. Panelist.
- “Complexity and Contradiction in the Transformation of Pittsburgh’s Riverfronts,” *River Cities*. Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard, 2018.
- “Promoting Equitable Development in Revitalizing Cities.” American Planning Association National Conference. Speaker/Panelist. New York. May 2017.
- *Affordable Housing Task Force Report*. Affordable Housing Task Force with Grounded Solutions Network. Cochair Task Force. 2016.
- “The Good Life by Design: Reconsiderations,” editor, special feature, *Arcade Magazine*. Seattle. June 2011.

Selected Conference, Panel, and Workshop Participation and Leadership

- National Urban Design Academic Group Roundtable, University of Texas, Austin, University of Miami. Miami. September 23-24, 2022.
- Bloomberg CityLab Amsterdam 2022. October 10-12.
- Metropolitan Innovation Summit Ruhr 2022. Dortmund, Germany. Speaker on innovation and regional resilience session September 2, Academic Panel September 3, 2022.
- RCI Program. “The Future Life of Sacred Places: Remaking Community Legacies.” Panel Discussion. April 11, 2022. Coordinator.
- RCI Program. Remaking Cities by Design RCI series. Interviews with design leaders. Interviewer/Producer. Instagram. 2022.
- RCI Program. Coordinated David Lewis Lecture on Urban Design and Social Equity by Karina Ricks: “Taking Care: Towards Mobility Justice.” October 2021.
- “Just Transition Platform: Carbon-Intensive Regions Seminar: Transatlantic Dialogue.” Panelist. November 16, 2021.
- “University Community Engagement.” Dialogue on relationship between diverse communities, universities, architecture, and potential for sustainable DEI-system, with HBCU, AIA, and NOMA. As UDream team co-director, contributed to organizing and facilitating. May 13, 2021.
- “Downtowns: Adaptive Reuse Project of the 2020s.” Portland Society for Architecture, COVID-19: One Year Later series. March 5, 2021.
- “The Ecology of Our Public Life: with Walter Hood and Steward Pickett.” Moderator. City as Living Laboratory (CALL). July 30, 2020.
- “Health by Design: Challenges for Urban Transformation” sponsored by Georgetown University’s Global Urban Health Collaborative and Global Cities Initiative. February 25, 2020.
- “Policy and Programs in Pittsburgh.” Intersections 2018: Pursuing Racial Justice through Housing Conference. Grounded Solutions. Pittsburgh. Speaker/Panelist. October 4, 2018.
- “Digital Innovation and the Future of Mobility in Cities.” Urban Land Institute (ULI) Europe Leadership Retreat. Speaker. Rome. September 20-22, 2018.
- “Cape Town Scenarios: Design Urbanism.” Institute for Arts and Humanities City Series Lecture. Pennsylvania State University. January 2013.
- Seattle Center/AIA Seattle, thenext50. Design Competition professional advisor and moderator for public events. Seattle. 2012.
- “Getting to the Tipping Point: How to be Smart.” TechnoAsia, Smart Cities Conf., Keynote. Hong Kong. November 2010.
- “Beyond the Edge: Waterfronts.” U. of Washington, Seattle. April 2004.
- “The Changing Face of Harlem.” The Studio Museum in Harlem and the Doris and Lewis Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York City Public Library. Panelist. March 2004.
- Connections and Places: City Design/Seattle Design Commission Urban Design Forum, Keynote. June 2000.

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<u>6</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>Landscape Architect</u>	<u>Phoebe Erin Bogert</u>	<u>3/1/25</u>	<u>2/28/27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
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Appointment of Shirin Masoudi as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Shirin Masoudi</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>At-large</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2025</i> to <i>2/28/2027</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: First Hill	Zip Code: 98102	Contact Phone No.:
<p>Shirin is an architect with Genser, a multi-national architecture and design firm with offices in Seattle. Shirin focuses her practice on strategic planning and architecture for a variety of public projects, including projects at Harborview Hospital, Oregon State University, Seattle Housing Authority, and Seattle Public Utilities.</p> <p>In addition to her professional work, Shirin has spent time developing leadership skills and opportunities. She is a 2024 graduate of Leader Flow, a multi-city program that enhances leadership skills for Architecture and Design professionals. She has also served on a variety of mentoring programs focused on emerging professionals.</p> <p>Shirin has her Masters in Architecture from University of Idaho and her Bachelors in Architectural Engineering from Isfahan University, Isfahan, Iran.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle
Date: March 4 th , 2025		

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SHIRIN MASOUDI

Designer & Design Manager

Assoc. AIA, NOMA, Fitwel Ambassador

CONTACT



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EDUCATION

University of Idaho
M.Arch May 2018
College of Art & Architecture
NAAB Accredited
AIA Henry Adams Medal of Excellence

Esfahan University, Iran
B.A. Architectural Engineering
March 2015

VOLUNTEERISM & ACTIVITIES

LeaderFlow
2024 Seattle cohort graduate

Gensler
Community Impact lead
Community Impact Steering committee member
NW Region DE&I Champion
NW Region MENA Co-lead
Student Design Charrette Program, Mentor, Tuskegee University

Perkins&Will
Social Purpose Committee
Service+ Lead

Young Women Empowered
Engagement Speaker

Facing Homelessness
Block Captain

EXPERIENCE

GENSLER | SEATTLE, WA | JUNE 2018 – CURRENT

Designer/Design Manager

Project experience in aviation, workplace, nonprofit & design strategy

- Developed design concepts & technical drawings for JFK Terminal one focusing on passenger journeys & Federal Inspection Services
- Leading Baggage Handling System scope coordination, supporting Employee Engagement plan process & implementation for SFO T3W
- Producing graphic presentations, 3D renderings, and construction drawings
- Designing surveys, planning listening sessions, interviews, and data analysis for community engagement projects
- Managing multiple Bank of America exterior renovation projects in Washington state
- Leading, planning & managing Seattle office Community Impact initiatives, budget and pro-bono projects
- Involved in internal research projects on DE&I Conversation Guide for AEC industry and Digital Engagement Methodologies for Public Participation

PERKINS&WILL | SEATTLE, WA | AUG 2018 – MARCH 2021

Designer

Project experience in Urban & Campus Planning, lab & science technology, high-rise residential & office

- As a member of urban planning team worked on a range of scales to create spaces that support the client's mission and goals, and help users succeed. Developed concepts, strategies, and graphics to convey data analyses, campus systems, design strategies, and campus framework ideas. Led and supported stakeholders' meetings, presentations, and visioning workshops. A few examples of projects: OSU Master Plan, Yesler Open Space Vision Pro Bono Project, and Clover Park Technical College Master Plan Update
- Facilitated and prepared design presentations and produced design options for space programming and site planning through schematic design and design development
- Created construction documents, EDG & DRB packages
- Developed design concepts, technical drawings, and renderings for proposals, project pursuits and design competition entries with an accelerated timeline in collaboration with the marketing department to acquire new project contracts and awards.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO | MOSCOW, ID | SUMMER 2018

Studio Instructor

- Taught urban planning, design principles, and strategies to architecture and interior design students

W.R. MCCLURE ARCHITECT | MOSCOW, ID | SUMMER 2017

Architectural Designer Intern

- Produced drawings and design documents for two small scale projects
- Created design presentation boards for clients

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO | MOSCOW, ID | SEP 2016 - MAY 2018

Teaching Assistant

- Teaching Assistant for several courses such as: Architectural Design, Graphics, Urban Theory, Environmental Control Systems, and Architectural theory

KARNO STUDIO | ESFAHAN, IRAN | JUNE 2013 – DEC 2015

Architectural Designer Intern

- Collaborated on pre-design, schematic, and construction documents of two medium-sized projects: a residential complex and a dental clinic
- Assisted to interior design material and color pallet of the dental clinic

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Reappointment of Phoebe Erin Bogert as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Phoebe Erin Bogert		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Landscape Architect
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027
Residential Neighborhood: Ballard	Zip Code: 98107	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Phoebe Erin Bogert is a registered landscape architect and a Principal in the Seattle office of PLACE, a landscape architecture and urban design firm based in Portland, Oregon. Phoebe specializes in landscape architecture and urban design projects in both public and private developments in the Pacific NW. Her recent work includes projects for Seattle Parks and Recreation, City of Tacoma, Portland State University, University of Washington at Tacoma and Seattle and Microsofts' Redmond Campus. Phoebe has a Masters' degrees in Landscape Architecture from University of Washington, and her Bachelors in Art and Environmental Studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, California. She is also a former member of the NW Seattle Design Review Board, serving from 2019-2023.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 6 th , 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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August 30, 2016

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Phoebe Erin Bogert

Curriculum Vitae 2025

Education

Master of Landscape Architecture University of Washington 2006

The Working River: Green Infrastructures for a Healthy Duwamish Jones and Jones Field School 2004

Bachelors of Arts, Art and Environmental Studies Pitzer College Claremont, California 1998

Experience

PLACE, Principal 2012 – present

Mithun, Associate 2006 –2012

Department of Landscape Architecture, Teaching + Research Assistant, University of Washington 2004, 2005

Artist-in-Residence, Fundacion “La Caixa”, Barcelona, Spain 2001-2002

World Studio Foundation, New York, New York 1999-2000

Accreditation

Registered Landscape Architect in Washington & Oregon

Engagement

Landscape Architect Commissioner, Seattle Design Commission 2023-present

NW Design Review Board Member and Co-chair, 2019-2023

Speaking Engagements: ASLA Conferences, UW College of Built Environments

Public Art Selection Panels, Seattle Office of Arts & Culture

Exhibition Curation, Threshold Gallery

Selected Projects

Des Moines Marina Steps, City of Des Moines | Des Moines, WA

Marra Desimone Play Area, Seattle Parks & Recreation | Seattle, WA

Hirosaki Park, City of Hirosaki, Aomori Prefecture | Hirosaki, Japan

Maple Wood Park, Seattle Parks & Recreation | Seattle, WA

Prairie Line Trail, City of Tacoma/University of Washington | Tacoma, WA

Milgard Hall, University of Washington | Tacoma, WA

Burke Gilman Trail, University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Interdisciplinary Engineering Building, University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Arts and Education Center, University of Oregon | Corvallis, OR

Collaborative Innovation Complex, University of Oregon | Corvallis, OR

Gateway Discovery Park, Portland Parks & Recreation | Portland, OR

Harper’s Playground, Portland Parks & Recreation | Portland, OR

Gemenskap Park, Seattle Parks & Recreation | Seattle, Washington

Summit Slope Park, Seattle Parks & Recreation | Seattle, Washington

Seven Hills Parks, Seattle Parks & Recreation | Seattle, Washington

Washington Park Master Plan, Portland and Parks & Recreation | Portland, OR

Halprin’s Open Space Sequence, Portland Parks & Recreation/Halprin | Portland, OR

Innovation Plaza, Microsoft Buildings 40 + 41, 42 + 43 | Redmond, WA

Totem Lake Urban Center Enhancement Plan & Transportation Network Study | Kirkland, WA

Concord International and Maple Elementary, Seattle Public Schools | Seattle, WA

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Reappointment of Ben Gist as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



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Appointee Name: Ben Gist		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Architect
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027
Residential Neighborhood: Rainier Valley/Columbia City	Zip Code: 98108	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Ben is a Principal in the Seattle office of Carrier Johnson, a national architecture and design firm. Ben has over 20 years experience in the design and execution of mixed use and single purpose residential or commercial developments. Most of Ben’s work has focused on new development in the Puget Sound area, with additional work on residential projects at University of California’s Irvine campus. Ben has a strong commitment to professional development in his service in leadership roles at the Seattle chapter of the American Institute for Architects. Since 2017, Ben has also served on the Downtown Seattle Associations’ Family-friendly downtown taskforce. Ben has a Masters’ degrees in Architecture and a Bachelors’ in Environmental Design from Montana State University.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 6 th , 2025	Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle	

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August 30, 2016

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EDUCATION

Master of Architecture
 Montana State University

Bachelor of Environmental Design
 Montana State University

LICENSING

Registered Architect, WA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- AIA Seattle Housing Task Force, Member 2018-present
- Downtown Seattle Association Family Friendly Downtown Taskforce 2017-present
- Montana State University School of Architecture Advisory Council, Member, 2007-2012
- New Rainier Vista Community Design Review, Board Member, 2007
- AIA Northwest and Pacific Region, Regional Associate Director, 2005
- AIA Seattle Board of Directors, Past Associate Director, 2004-2005
- AIA Seattle Open House Committee, Past Member, 2003-2006

BEN GIST, AIA

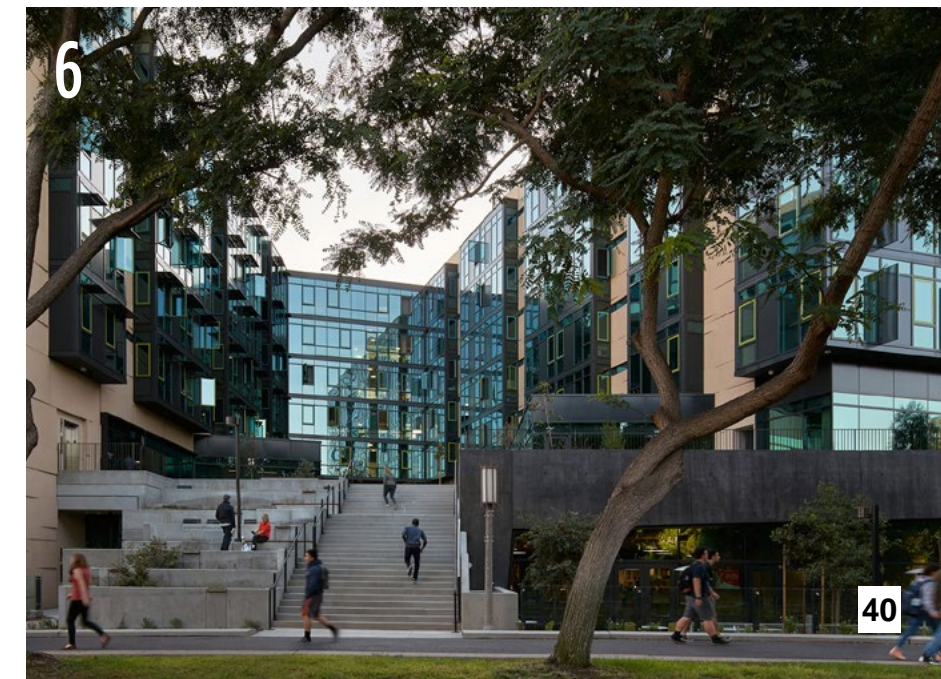
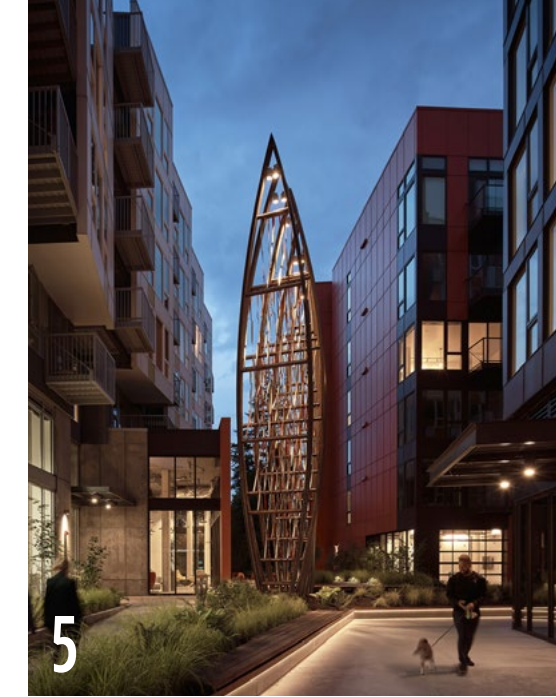
PRINCIPAL

With over 20 years of experience owning the full vertical of multi-family and mid-rise housing, Ben Gist has spent his career partnering with clients to find the perfect solutions to their unique challenges. A passionate champion of collaboration and open communication, Ben approaches each new project with a solution-oriented mindset, uniting all stakeholders—regardless of where they sit in the process.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1. 1661 Olive Way / Seattle, WA
2. Rose Hill Mixed-Use / Kirkland, WA
3. Everett Riverfront / Everett, WA
4. Pinehurst / Bellingham, WA
5. Arras Apartments* / Bellevue, WA
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Reappointment of Kevin O'Neill as chair and member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Kevin O'Neill		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Design Commission		Position Title: Transportation Planner/Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed:	Term of Position: 3/1/2025 to 2/28/2027 Term of Chair: 3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026
Residential Neighborhood: Crown Hill	Zip Code: 98117	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Kevin has an extensive background in Transportation Planning, serving in a variety of leadership roles in the public and private sectors. Kevin was the Transportation Director and Strategic Planning Director in City of Bellevue from 2002-2011. From 2011-2019 he served in the Seattle Department of Transportation as both the Deputy Director and Director of the Street Use Division. From 2019-2022 Kevin was the Planning Manager in the Seattle office of WSP, managing the urban and transportation planning workgroups. In these roles Kevin led workgroups on a variety of projects including Sound Transit's West Seattle to Ballard project, Climate Pledge Arena, and the new Seattle Convention Center's Summit building. Kevin has a Masters' degrees in both City and Regional Planning and Public Administration from Ohio State University, and a Bachelors' degree from University of Vermont.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date: March 6 th , 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date or appointee.
August 30, 2016

Last revised

KEVIN O'NEILL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Planning Manager, WSP USA. 10/2019—9/2021

- Managed the Urban and Transportation Planning team in the Seattle office of WSP. Developed the business and strategic plans for the Planning group.
- Provided oversight for projects led out of the Planning group, with a focus on transit work.
- Engaged in business development and marketing activities.

Deputy Director, Seattle Department of Transportation. 6/2018—6/2019

- Provided oversight of the Transportation Operations, Street Use, Interagency Projects and Sound Transit divisions within SDOT.
- Served as a member of the department's Executive Leadership Team.
- Worked with the SDOT director, Chief of Staff, and other deputy directors to provide strategic direction of the department, and engage with elected officials and key community stakeholders.

Director, Street Use Division, Seattle Department of Transportation. 6/2016—6/2018

- Directed activities of the Street Use Division, including public space management, development review, plan review and permitting, right-of-way coordination, and developing policies and regulations relating to use of the City's street right-of-way.
- Provided oversight and helped develop the Street Use work program and budget, which was approximately \$40 million annually, and included approximately 140 FTEs.
- Worked with the management team to provide strategic direction for Street Use.
- SDOT lead on major development projects, including Climate Pledge Arena and Washington State Convention Center addition.
- Served as a member of SDOT's Senior Staff, and on various SDOT committees.

Planning Manager, Seattle Department of Transportation. 11/2011—6/2016

- Managed a team of planners, strategic advisors, and GIS staff in the Policy & Planning Division to develop citywide and neighborhood transportation and transit plans, department and citywide policies, and strategic plans.
- Managed transportation planning projects, including the Seattle Bicycle Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element update.
- Developed policies for both strategic and long range transportation plans.
- Developed and managed the Planning section work program and budget.

Transportation Planning Director/Strategic Planning Manager, City of Bellevue. 4/2002 – 11/2011

- Directed the Planning Division of the Bellevue Transportation Department. Was a member of the Department's Executive Team.
- Provided management oversight to a variety of transportation planning projects and functions, including comprehensive and subarea plan updates, transit planning, the pedestrian/bicycle plan, and the modeling and analysis group.
- Served on the City's executive team for the East Link light rail project.
- Developed and managed division and section work programs and budgets.
- Developed economic development and growth management policies, and managed community development projects (including the Bel-Red Corridor Plan).

Strategic Advisor, City of Seattle, Washington. 4/2000 – 4/2002

- Led light rail station area planning efforts in the Northgate area and coordinated the City's environmental review of North Link light rail alignment and station alternatives
- Worked on transportation subarea plans in the South Lake Union and University Districts, which included analysis of developer mitigation payment options.
- Worked on regional growth management and housing issues, including review and evaluation of the city's multi-family tax exemption program.

Principal Planner/Planner, City of Kent, Washington. 4/1990 – 4/2000

- Managed the preparation and update of the city's Comprehensive Plan and coordinated the city's overall implementation of the Growth Management Act.
- Staff lead on siting and development of Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail station in Downtown Kent.
- Managed long-range planning and policy development staff and projects, including major updates of the city's zoning code and shoreline master program.
- Coordinated regional planning activities and inter-jurisdictional relations.
- Worked on land use permitting and development review activities.

Planner, City of Port Townsend, Washington. 4/1988 - 4/1990.

- Managed all development review and land use planning activities.
- Provided staff support to Planning Commission and City Council on land use issues.
- Led review of projects pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act and administration of land use and environmental policies and regulations.

Community Development Planner, City of St. Louis, Missouri. 6/1985 - 3/1987.

- Prepared and updated the city's Housing Assistance Plan.
- Managed neighborhood commercial revitalization and parks planning projects.
- Prepared demographic, housing, market, and fiscal impact analyses and reports.

EDUCATION

Master of City and Regional Planning and Master of Arts in Public Administration, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1985.

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, 1982.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University of Washington Urban Design and Planning Professionals Council (1998 to 2022; Chair, 2005-2007).

AICP Exam Seminar Instructor, Washington APA (1998-2018).

Professional Development Officer, Washington Chapter APA (1999-2003).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND HONORS

Transportation Planner and Vice-Chair, Seattle Design Commission, 2021-Present

Design Excellence Award (Seattle Bicycle Master Plan), Seattle Design Commission, 2017

Shining Star Award, SDOT, 2014 and 2015

Governor's Smart Communities Award and Vision 2020 Award (Bel-Red Plan), 2010

Host Committee, Washington State Chapter APA Conference, 2005

Steering Committee, "Envisioning 15th Avenue NW", Seattle, 2002-2004

Volunteer, Fremont Public Association, Seattle, 1987-2006

Basketball coach, Loyal Heights Community Center, Seattle, 1996-97 and 2004-08

Baseball coach, Ballard Little League, Seattle, 2001 and 2003

Volunteer tutor, Wing Luke Elementary School, Seattle, 2000-01

Volunteer tutor, Kent Elementary School, 1996

City of Kent Employee of the Month, January, 1995

Faculty prize for academic excellence, The Ohio State University, 1984 and 1985

Phi Beta Kappa honor society, University of Vermont, 1982

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Rapid Growth: Maintaining Access While Accommodating Construction", National Association of City Transportation Officials Designing Cites Conference, Chicago, 2017

"Smarter Transportation Metrics for Smarter Growth", American Planning Association

National Conference, Seattle, 2015.

"Complete Streets in Constrained Corridors", National Association of City Transportation Officials Designing Cities Conference, San Francisco, 2014.

"Riding Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan", RailVolution Conference mobile workshop, Seattle, October, 2013.

Volume 1 (*Citywide and Regional Trends*) and Volume 2 (*Neighborhood Patterns*), City of Bellevue Census Report, 2003.

Several free-lance book reviews, *Columbus Dispatch*, 1999-2004.

"Solar Access Zoning", *Journal of Planning Literature*, Vol. 1, No. 2, Spring, 1986.

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Planning Literature*, 1984-1985.

SKILLS

Strategic planning and policy analysis
Work program management and project development
Working and communicating effectively with citizens and elected/appointed officials
Technical report writing and data analysis and forecasting
Knowledge and proficiency with several computer software programs.

References available upon request.

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION retiring introduced and referred Council Bills, Resolutions, Clerk Files, and Appointments that have received no further action.

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WHEREAS, the Council Bills, Resolutions, Clerk Files, and Appointments listed in Attachment 1 to this resolution have been in a committee or before the City Council for at least one year; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The Council Bills, Resolutions, Clerk Files, and Appointments listed in Attachment 1 to this resolution are retired and removed from consideration by the City Council or the assigned committee.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2025, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:
Attachment 1 - 2024 Retired Legislation

Record No.	Date Introduced	File Title	Committee Name
Appointments			
Appt 00941	3/12/2018	Appointment of Omar Robles as member, Seattle Youth Commission, for a term to August 31, 2019.	Community Economic Development Committee
Appt 01541	1/3/2020	Appointment of Joe L. Hailey as member, Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, for a term to December 31, 2021.	Community Economic Development Committee
Appt 01932	6/1/2021	Reappointment of Benjamin J. Hunter as member, Seattle Music Commission, for a term to August 31, 2021.	Community Economic Development Committee
Appt 02704	12/5/2023	Reappointment of Abdirahman Yusuf as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.	Land Use Committee
Appt 02106	3/1/2022	Appointment of Jan Hendrickson as member, Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to June 30, 2023.	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee
Appt 02108	3/1/2022	Reappointment of Devin McComb as member, Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to June 30, 2025.	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee
Appt 02127	3/22/2022	Appointment of Oksana Reva as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to August 31, 2022.	City Council
Appt 02145	2/21/2023	Appointment of Steve Horvath as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2022.	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee
Appt 02173	4/12/2022	Reappointment of Paul Neal as member Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to June 30, 2024.	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee
Appt 02206	5/10/2022	Reappointment of David Michael Moehring as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2025.	Land Use Committee
Appt 02361	9/6/2022	Appointment of Ronald P. Viola as member, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, for a term to May 31, 2024.	Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities
Appt 02412	11/15/2022	Reappointment of Taylor Ladd as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to August 31, 2023.	City Council
Appt 02499	3/14/2023	Appointment of Alan Chi as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2025.	Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee
Appt 02507	4/4/2023	Appointment of Amante (Monty) B. Vizcaya as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2024.	Public Safety and Human Services Committee
Appt 02582	6/20/2023	Appointment of Saunatina A. Sanchez as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2025.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02583	6/20/2023	Appointment of Kristin Winkel as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2024.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02584	6/20/2023	Reappointment of Derrick Leonard Belgarde as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2025.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02585	6/20/2023	Reappointment of Jillian Cronauer as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02586	6/20/2023	Reappointment of Sara Cubillos as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026.	Finance and Housing Committee

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Appt 02587	6/20/2023	Reappointment of Bob Fikso as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02588	6/20/2023	Reappointment of Shalimar M. Gonzales as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02589	6/20/2023	Reappointment of George M. Staggers as member, Community Roots Housing Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to March 31, 2026.	Finance and Housing Committee
Appt 02603	7/11/2023	Appointment of Prajin Uttamchandani as member, Design Review Board, for a term to April 3, 2025.	Land Use Committee
Appt 02699	12/5/2023	Appointment of Gargi Kadoo as member, Design Review Board, for a term to April 3, 2025.	Land Use Committee
Appt 02702	12/5/2023	Appointment of Logan Bowers as member, Design Review Board, for a term to April 3, 2025.	City Council
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Appt 02729	12/5/2023	Appointment of Abdi Isaak as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2024.	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee
Council Bills			
CB 120004	2/22/2021	AN ORDINANCE relating to surveillance technology implementation; authorizing approval of uses and accepting surveillance impact reports for the Seattle Police Department’s use of surveillance technologies.	Parks, Public Utilities, and Technology Committee
CB 120284	3/15/2022	AN ORDINANCE relating to housing and displacement mitigation; expanding the information required under the Rental Registration Inspection Ordinance for rental housing units; requiring submission of information to a research university; and amending Sections 22.214.010 and 22.214.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.	Housing and Human Services Committee
CB 120315	4/6/2022	AN ORDINANCE relating to housing and displacement mitigation; expanding the information required for submission under the Rental Registration Inspection Ordinance for rental housing units; requiring submission of rental housing-related information; and amending Chapter 22.214 of the Seattle Municipal Code.	Housing and Human Services Committee
CB 120308	4/19/2022	AN ORDINANCE relating to surveillance technology implementation; authorizing approval of uses and accepting the 2021 surveillance impact report and 2021 executive overview for the Seattle Police Department’s use of Maltego.	Parks, Public Utilities, and Technology Committee
CB 120418	9/13/2022	AN ORDINANCE relating to drainage services of Seattle Public Utilities; adjusting wastewater rates code to automatically pass-through changes to treatment rates charged by external wastewater treatment providers; amending Section 21.28.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to enable automatic adjustment of treatment rates; and amending Section 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to enable automatic adjustment of credits to low-income drainage customers.	Parks, Public Utilities, and Technology Committee

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CB 120454	11/21/2022	AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation of free-floating bike share and free-floating scooter share services; imposing a tax on micro-mobility companies; adding a new Chapter 5.37 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 5.30.010, 5.30.060, 5.55.010, 5.55.040, 5.55.060, 5.55.150, 5.55.165, 5.55.220, 5.55.230, and 6.208.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.	Select Budget Committee
CB 120530	3/14/2023	AN ORDINANCE relating to residential tenancy; limiting the amount of fees charged for late payment of rent; and adding a new Section 7.24.034 to the Seattle Municipal Code.	Housing and Human Services Committee
CB 120601	6/13/2023	AN ORDINANCE imposing an excise tax on the sale or exchange of certain capital assets in Seattle; adding a new Chapter 5.66 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 5.45.050 to the Seattle Municipal Code.	Select Budget Committee
CB 120602	6/13/2023	AN ORDINANCE repealing the tax on gross income derived from the business of selling or furnishing water for hire to customers; amending Sections 5.48.050 and 5.48.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.	Select Budget Committee
CB 120670	9/19/2023	AN ORDINANCE relating to tree protections; adding new provisions related to trees that are part of an archaeological site; and amending Sections 25.11.060 and 25.11.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.	Land Use Committee
CB 120726	11/21/2023	AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; authorizing and directing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute interlocal agreements with the Suquamish (suqʷabš) Tribe and Muckleshoot (bəqəlšuf) Tribe; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.	Transportation Committee
Clerk Files			
CF 314404	10/8/2018	Application of Pecos Pit Intl., LLC to rezone an approximately 9,600 square foot site located at 3243 Southwest Genesee Street from Single Family 5000 (SF 5000) to Neighborhood Commercial 3 with a 65-foot height limit and (M2) Mandatory Housing Affordability Suffix (NC3 65 (M2)) (Project No. 3029960 - LU; Type IV).	Land Use Committee
CF 314410	12/3/2018	Council Land Use Action to allow a bus layover facility within the WSDOT right-of-way (King County Metro, Eastlake Layover Facility) located at 699 Eastlake Ave. E., and to allow a new 1-story comfort station building and parking for 11 buses and 2 vehicles (Project No. 3032606-LU, Type IV).	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning
CF 314449	5/4/2020	Full unit lot subdivision of Isola Real Estate V, LLC, to subdivide one development site into 34 unit lots at 7118 Beacon Avenue S. (Project No. 3030861; Type III).	City Council
CF 314510	1/31/2023	Full unit lot subdivision application of Jeff Pelletier to subdivide one parcel into 122 unit lots at 12201 Stone Ave N (Project No. 3036123-LU; Type III).	City Council
CF 314516	3/7/2023	Seattle Police Department (SPD) request for an updated extension date to July 1, 2023 for the filing of the Surveillance Impact Reports for Callyo, and the Hostage Negotiation Throw Phone.	City Council
Resolutions			
Res 32058	7/12/2022	A RESOLUTION initiating a proceeding for vacating a portion of the alley on the block between NE 45th Street, Roosevelt Way NE, NE 47th Street, and 11th Avenue NE pursuant to Chapter 35.79 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 15.62.	Transportation Committee

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Res 32060	7/12/2022	A RESOLUTION relating to sustainable procurement; encouraging the Executive to coordinate strategic planning for and implementation of performance standards and/or baseline practices to achieve far-reaching and systemic sustainable procurement outcomes to protect the environment and public health; and requesting a report by June 30, 2023.	Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
LEG	Emilia Sanchez	NA

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Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

Project Name:	Master Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Project Cost Through 2030:

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

Expenditure Change (\$);	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
General Fund					
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General Fund					

Revenue Change (\$); Other Funds	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Number of Positions	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Total FTE Change	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/Number	2025 Appropriation Change	2026 Estimated Appropriation Change
TOTAL				

Appropriations Notes:

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2025 Revenue	2026 Estimated Revenue
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through This Legislation,
Including FTE Impact:**

Position # for Existing Positions	Position Title & Department*	Fund Name & Number	Program & BCL	PT/FT	2025 Positions	2025 FTE	Does it sunset? (If yes, explain below in Position Notes)

Position # for Existing Positions	Position Title & Department*	Fund Name & Number	Program & BCL	PT/FT	2025 Positions	2025 FTE	Does it sunset? (If yes, explain below in Position Notes)
TOTAL							

* List each position separately.

Position Notes:

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

No

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

NA

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

NA

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

NA

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

b. Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?

No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

- d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**
- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**
 - ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**
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- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**
 - ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**
- f. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**
- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

None.



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120957, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to publicly-financed election campaigns; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to ten years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding the cost and administration of the City’s Democracy Voucher program and other City purposes; outlining a process for contemplation of changes to the program; applying RCW 84.36.381’s senior citizens and disabled persons exemption to such levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, in November 2015, Seattle voters approved Initiative 122, a people’s initiative designed to build

“honest elections in the City...by: giving more people an opportunity to have their voices heard in our democracy”; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 122 also created “a Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program...to expand

the pool of candidates for city offices and to safeguard the people’s control of the elections process in Seattle”; and

WHEREAS, the levy backing the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program began in 2015 and

lasted for ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Democracy Voucher program has been successful and popular, with more than 105,000

Seattleites using Democracy Vouchers to contribute to candidates for City office since the program’s inception; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has had among the highest rates of people contributing to local candidates in the country

since the program’s inception; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to place a levy proposal on the August 5, 2025, primary election ballot

to replace the expiring levy that has supported the Democracy Voucher program, in order to continue to provide financial support for the program for the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, after ten years of use, changes to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program may be desired; and

WHEREAS, this legislation requests the Executive, the City Council, and the Ethics and Elections Commission to commence a stakeholder process beginning in 2026 (after the November 2025 general election) to consider any potential changes to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding those changes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

"City" means The City of Seattle.

"Democracy Voucher program funding" means not less than \$45,000,000 of the increased levy amount over ten years resulting from the proposition's passage.

"Levy proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance, and all interest and other earnings thereon, and, if the City issues bonds, notes, interfund loans, or other evidences of indebtedness payable wholly or in part from the additional taxes authorized under this ordinance, as permitted by Section 4 of this ordinance, then "levy proceeds" also includes the proceeds of those bonds, notes, interfund loans, or other evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. Levy of regular property taxes submittal. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation on regular property taxes contained in RCW 84.55.010 for property taxes levied in 2025 through 2034 for collection in 2026 through 2035 respectively. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than a total tax rate of \$2.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, representing an additional tax rate of \$0.015 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The proposition is expected to raise approximately \$45,000,000 in aggregate

over ten years for Democracy Voucher program funding purposes. The levy amount in the first year shall be used to determine subsequent years' allowable regular levy limit in accordance with chapter 84.55 RCW. Amounts collected in excess of the Democracy Voucher program funding amount are available for other City purposes for which the City's regular levy may be applied. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City will exempt seniors, veterans with disabilities, or other persons with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 from the increased levy amount resulting from the proposition's passage. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2035 for collection in 2036 and in later years shall be computed as if the limit on regular property taxes had not been increased under this ordinance.

Section 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, Democracy Voucher program funding shall be deposited in the Election Vouchers Fund to fund the Democracy Voucher program. The levy proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money and all investment earnings on Democracy Voucher program funding shall be deposited in the Election Vouchers Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other accounts within the Elections Vouchers Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 4. Bond and notes. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the City may issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness payable wholly or in part from the additional taxes authorized under this ordinance, and may pledge and may apply such taxes to the payment of principal of, interest on, and premium (if any) on such bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness and to the payment of costs associated with them.

Section 5. Use of levy proceeds. The Democracy Voucher program funding amount shall be used solely for the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program in accordance with the provisions in Section 6 of this ordinance and in accordance with RCW 84.55.050. If levy collections exceed the Democracy Voucher program funding amount, the excess funds are available for City purposes for which the City's regular levy may

be applied.

Section 6. Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program. The Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program includes costs for administering the program as well as the cost of supporting the campaign contributions backed by Democracy Vouchers. Administrative costs include items such as voucher printing and mailing, staff, outreach, and King County Elections voucher processing costs.

Section 7. Workgroup process. The Executive, the City Council, and the Ethics and Elections Commission are requested to convene a workgroup in early 2026 to recommend to the Mayor and City Council improvements to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, including addressing the impact of Political Action Committees in City elections. The stakeholder process should include input from candidates, campaign staff, professional elections consultants, good government advocates, and the Executive Director and members of the Ethics and Elections Commission.

Section 8. Reporting. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission will prepare and submit to the City Council and the Mayor a progress report on levy spending and project and program delivery after each year in which the voucher program is utilized in an election.

Section 9. Election ballot title. The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting that the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with the City Attorney's responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title containing a statement of subject and concise description is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

The Mayor and Seattle City Council passed Ordinance XXXX, concerning replacing funding for Seattle’s Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program.

If approved, this proposition would replace an expiring levy to fund the City’s Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, including the costs of administering the program.

It authorizes a ten-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.015/\$1,000 assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$2.27/\$1,000. The 2026 amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2035. RCW 84.36.381’s senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Section 10. Section titles. Section titles are for convenient reference only and do not modify or limit the text of a section.

Section 11. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances, including the validity of authorizing additional taxes by levy.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 13. Those portions of this ordinance providing for the submission of a ballot proposition to the voters shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070. Those portions of this ordinance that are dependent upon voter approval of said

ballot proposition shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2025, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Mayor's Office		Greg Shiring

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to publicly-financed election campaigns; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to ten years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding the cost and administration of the City's Democracy Voucher program and other City purposes; outlining a process for contemplation of changes to the program; applying RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption to such levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This ordinance would submit a 10-year levy lid lift proposal to the voters of Seattle for their approval on the August 5, 2025, primary election ballot for the purposes of funding the City's Democracy Voucher program.

The proposal would renew and expand the previous 10-year levy. Under the authority of RCW 84.55, the levy renewal proposal would authorize property tax collection up to \$4,500,000 in the first year and an estimated total of \$45,000,000 of revenue over 10 years that would be dedicated exclusively to the Democracy Voucher program.

If the levy is approved by the voters, the 2026 total regular tax limit would increase by approximately \$0.015 per \$1,000 in assessed value. Qualifying low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities who own their principal residence within the City of Seattle would be exempt from the levied amount as authorized under RCW 84.36.381. In King County, the exemption currently extends to homeowners above age 61 or with a disability rating of at least 80%, with a household income under \$84,000. Revenue projections in this ordinance and fiscal note are inclusive of anticipated exemptions offered under RCW 84.36.381.

This proposal would build on the success of the current levy, which has had a dramatic impact on Seattle elections. More than 105,000 Seattle residents contributed their vouchers in the last 10 years. Seattle elections are now financed overwhelmingly by City residents, compared to roughly a third of the money flowing from outside the City previously. More candidates are mounting campaigns than ever before, and they are running competitive races.

The Democracy Voucher program was approved by voters in November 2015 and has provided \$30 million in revenue over the past 10 years (\$3 million each year from 2016 through 2025). The increase to \$45 million over the next ten years is an annual increase of approximately 4.1% from the initial 2016 funding level and will provide for basic inflationary increases; primarily

increases in election costs (higher payments to candidates), and increased candidate participation.

Finally, this legislation requests that the Executive, the City Council, and the Ethics and Election Commission convene a workgroup in 2026 to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on potential improvements to the Democracy Voucher program, including addressing the role of Political Action Committees in City elections.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

This legislation provides for a levy proposal to be placed on the ballot, which, if approved, would provide an estimated \$45 million of dedicated revenue for the City's Democracy Voucher program over ten years. These revenues are not added to the City's budget through this legislation but will be accounted for in separate legislation if the levy is approved.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time, or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

As noted above, this legislation does not directly impact the adopted budget. Appropriations, position changes and acceptance of additional revenue will be approved in separate legislation if voters approve the levy.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

N/A

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

Without a new levy, the City's Democracy Voucher program would not have a dedicated funding source and would need to instead rely on the City's General Fund for support. For several years, the City's General Fund has faced a medium-term structural deficit, so shifting the cost of the voucher program from levy funding to General Fund would likely require reductions to existing City services.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.

The City's Ethics and Election Commission and the Executive Director and staff of the Ethics and Elections Commission administer the City's Democracy Voucher program. Members of the Executive branch, Legislative branch, and the Ethics and Elections Commission are requested to convene a workgroup in 2026 to suggest improvements to the program.

b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.

No.

c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

Professor Jen Heerwig at SUNY Stonybrook has conducted research that shows historically disadvantaged populations playing a larger role in financing campaigns than they did prior to the advent of the program. Additionally, members of historically disadvantaged communities are running, and winning, in numbers not seen since the City experimented with public financing of elections in the early 1990s.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

N/A

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?

The first levy required that key program materials be translated into multiple languages. The Ethics and Elections Commission ensures that program materials are translated (materials are currently available in 20 languages); that it purchases media in a wide variety of languages; and that it contracts with community-based organizations for outreach into diverse communities.

d. Climate Change Implications

i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.

N/A

- ii. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

N/A

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

If approved by the voters, this levy increases the amount of the Democracy Voucher program revenues from \$3 million annually to \$4.5 million annually to reflect inflation since 2015 and the popularity of the program.

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required?**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120948, Version: 2

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle’s construction codes; allowing for the extension of certain projects and building permits; amending Sections 106.6.10, 106.9, and 106.10 of the Seattle Building Code, adopted by Ordinance 127108.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 106.6.10 of the Seattle Building Code, enacted by Ordinance 127108, is amended as follows:

106.6.10 Extensions prior to permit issuance. At the discretion of the *building official*, applications for projects that require more than 12 months to review and approve may be extended for a period that provides reasonable time to complete the review and approval, but in no case longer than 24 months from the date of the original application. No application may be extended more than once. After cancellation, the applicant shall submit a new application and pay a new fee to restart the permit process.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, applications may be extended where issuance of the permit is delayed by litigation, preparation of environmental impact statements, appeals, strikes or other causes related to the application that are beyond the applicant’s control, or while the applicant is making progress toward issuance of a master use permit.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, if an applicant requests an extension prior to November 1, 2026 for an application subject to a version of the Seattle Building Code based on amendments to the 2015 or 2018 International Building Code, and the applicant claims a hardship related to securing construction or permanent financing, the *building official* shall extend the application for 24 months in addition to any

extensions authorized under this Section 106.6.10.

Section 2. Section 106.9 of the Seattle Building Code, enacted by Ordinance 127108, is amended as follows:

106.9 Expiration of permits. Authority to do the work authorized by a permit expires 18 months from the date of issuance. ~~((An))~~ Except as provided in Item 3.4 of Section 106.10, an *approved* renewal extends the life of a permit for an additional 18 months from the prior expiration date. An *approved* reestablishment extends the life of the permit for 18 months from the date the permit expired.

Exceptions:

1. Initial permits for major construction projects that require more than 18 months to complete may be issued for a period that provides reasonable time to complete the work, according to an *approved* construction schedule. The *building official* may authorize a permit expiration date not to exceed three years from the date of issuance, except when there is an associated Shoreline Substantial Development permit in which case the *building official* may authorize an expiration date not to exceed the life of the Shoreline permit.
2. The *building official* may issue permits which expire in less than 18 months if the *building official* determines a shorter period is appropriate to complete the work.

This section is subject to the limitations in Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.800.100, Stormwater Code.

Section 3. Section 106.10 of the Seattle Building Code, enacted by Ordinance 127108, is amended as follows:

106.10 Renewal of permits. Permits may be renewed and renewed permits may be further renewed by the *building official* if the following conditions are met:

1. Application for renewal is made within the 30-day period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the permit; and
2. If the project has had an associated discretionary Land Use review, the land use approval has not

expired; and

3. If an application for renewal is made more than 18 months after the date of mandatory compliance with a new or revised edition of the Seattle Building Code, the permit shall not be renewed unless:

3.1. The *building official* determines that the permit complies, or is modified to comply, with the Seattle Building, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Energy, Stormwater, Side Sewer and Grading codes in effect on the date of application for renewal; or

3.2. The work authorized by the permit is substantially underway and progressing at a rate approved by the *building official*. “Substantially underway” means that normally required building inspections have been *approved* for work such as foundations, framing, mechanical, insulation and finish work that is being completed on a continuing basis; or

3.3. Commencement or completion of the work authorized by the permit is delayed by litigation, appeals, strikes, or other extraordinary circumstances related to the work authorized by the permit, beyond the permit holder’s control, subject to the approval of the *building official*; or

3.4. The permit was issued under a version of the Seattle Building Code based on amendments to the 2015 or 2018 International Building Code, application for renewal is made prior to November 1, 2026, and the applicant claims a hardship related to securing construction or permanent financing, in which case the *building official* shall renew the permit for an additional 24 months; and

4. The permit shall not be renewed unless: (a) the *building official* determines that the permit complies, or is modified to comply, with the Seattle Stormwater Code in effect on the date of application for renewal; or (b) construction has started. For purposes of this provision, “started construction” means the site work associated with and directly related to the *approved* project has begun. For example, grading the project site to final grade or utility installation constitutes the start of construction; simply clearing the project site does not.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2025, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Mayor's Office	Kye Lee	Christie Parker

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle's construction codes; allowing for the extension of certain projects and building permits; amending Sections 106.6.10, 106.9, and 106.10 of the Seattle Building Code, adopted by Ordinance 127108.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This legislation allows building permit applicants an additional 24-month extension on existing permit applications and issued permits for projects vested to the 2015 or 2018 Seattle Building Code requirements. Projects with permit applications vested to the 2015 or 2018 codes would need significant redesign should their applications or permits expire and more recent Seattle Building Code provisions be applied to the project; the redesign could add significant cost to the project.

The Seattle Building Code aims to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of occupants and the public. It and other codes are updated from time to time to address new technologies, safety improvements, and construction methods.

Currently, projects working through the process have 24 months to complete the review and approval process before they must restart, unless additional extensions are granted for causes that are beyond the applicants' control. Similarly, once permits are issued, they are valid for 18 months and may be renewed for an additional 18 months.

In order for vested projects to be eligible for extension under this legislation, property owners must attest that the project has been stalled due to financing issues and must have requested an extension prior to November 12, 2024 (the effective date of the 2024 Seattle Building Code per Ordinance 127108). There are more than 3,000 distinct project addresses with projects vested to the 2015 and 2018 codes that could be extended by this legislation. These projects include an estimated 34,000 housing units. The Mayor's Office is aware of 15 projects, mostly located downtown, that could move forward if this legislation were to pass.

On April 17, the City Council amended the bill to allow a vested project to be eligible for extension if property owners request the extension prior to November 1, 2026, rather than November 1, 2024.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

Yes No

See note on City revenues in Section 3.b below.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: The Mayor’s Office is aware of approximately 15 projects that vested under prior codes that could potentially move forward if they were to receive additional permit extensions. These projects represent approximately \$13.4 million of sales tax revenue to the City and an estimated maximum of \$75 million in mandatory housing affordability (MHA) fees; they could also produce additional but undetermined incentive zone payments as well as real estate excise tax and business and occupation tax revenue. MHA payments are adjusted annually for inflation and are assessed at the time the project vests. The extension could result in MHA revenues due to having projects continue rather than being cancelled. Although fee adjustments may have led to higher revenues if a project(s) reapplied for a new permit in the future, there is a low likelihood that projects would move forward without the extension provided by this legislation and in that event, the City would receive no revenue from cancelled projects. Extending the permitting timeline will increase the chances of these projects being constructed.

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

No.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

N/A

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.
See note on City revenues in Section 3.b. above.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections manages the review and approval process for construction permitting.

The Office of Housing coordinates with developers to ensure compliance with the MHA Program.

- b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No, this legislation does not affect a particular piece of property.

- c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

There are projects vested to the 2015 and 2018 codes for housing that serve these communities that would be costly to update to the 2021 code. The updated costs could increase the cost of housing which would be passed onto these communities. However, updating projects to current codes would ensure that those communities benefit from enhanced accessibility requirements, electric vehicle charging requirements, and seismic design standards as required by current code.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

N/A

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

N/A

d. Climate Change Implications

- i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

This legislation will increase carbon emissions since some building decarbonization methods would not be incorporated on projects vested to the 2015 or 2018 codes; however, these buildings would still be efficient by national standards. Bringing housing to city centers plays a crucial role in reducing emissions by promoting proximity between where people live, work, and access services.

- ii. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

For those projects vested to the 2015 or 2018 codes, this legislation will decrease Seattle's ability to adapt to climate change through the increased energy efficient construction standards; however, resiliency is unlikely to be materially impacted by this legislation.

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

N/A

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required?
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.