

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Quarterly Update

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City of Seattle

What We Do

- Promote Seattle's interests with local, regional, tribal, state, federal, and international governments.
- Deliver strategic guidance to Council, Mayor, City Attorney's Office, and all City departments.
- Advocate on major policy and funding decisions with other governments.
- Coordinate legislative agenda and lobbying strategies.
- Maintain key memberships to strengthen regional and national influence.



OIR Lines of Business

- Leadership & Administration / Public Development Authority Coordination
- Federal Relations
- International Relations
- Regional Relations
- State Relations
- Tribal Relations



OIR Lines of Business

Federal Relations

Advance the City's federal priorities via coordinated engagement with Congress, federal agencies, national groups, and US mayors.

State Relations

Support the City's interests with the state's Legislature, Governor, and agencies through legislative priority development, lobbying, policy work, and strategic advocacy.



OIR Lines of Business

Regional Relations

Coordinate the City's engagement with regional agencies and local governments and advocate for funding and policy priorities.

Tribal Relations

Lead the City of Seattle's coordination and consultation with federally recognized Tribes and the city's urban Native communities.



OIR Lines of Business

International Relations

Manage the City's international relations, consular and delegation engagement, and Sister City programs.

Public Development Authority (PDA) Coordination

Build collaborative partnerships and strategic alignment with the City's PDAs and provide monitoring and oversight.



2027 State Legislative Session

- **Summer 2026:** OIR is collecting priorities from City Departments and the Mayor's Office.
- **Summer 2026:** OIR is meeting with Seattle City Councilmembers to collect legislative priorities.
- **Summer & Fall 2026:** OIR meeting with legislators and stakeholders to begin socializing policies and concepts.
- **Fall 2026:** OIR will finalize a draft legislative agenda for Council review.



Regional Updates

- **King County Transportation District (KCTD)** approved a 0.1% sales tax for transportation in unincorporated areas, and after successful advocacy by the City of Seattle, Seattle's annual share of the funds increased from an estimated \$1.9M to \$4.7M.
- **Sound Transit Board** adopted an updated System Plan and work plan outlining follow-up actions in policy, planning, operations, capital delivery, and finance. Legislation needed in Olympia to support ST3.
- **King County Executive Zahilay** transmitted legislation to implement the 0.1% behavioral health sales tax. King County Regional Policy Committee set to review it in the coming months.



OIR World Cup Support

- Facilitated direct communications, requests, and multiple visits from the governments of participating countries.
- Held emergency workshops for consular officials and connected local organizing committee with individual consulates who were playing in Seattle.
- Worked to ensure that Seattle Police Department's mutual aid strategy included Tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Partnered to host two FIFA Planning – Human Trafficking in Indian Country sessions with WA Attorney General's Office.



Other Updates

- OIR organized a tour for Congresswoman Jayapal to show off the City's work to revitalize 3rd Avenue, which was supported by federal earmarks.
- OIR worked with City partners to lead and develop HB 1515, allowing walkaround alcohol service at World Cup fan zones and Pike Place Market. Legislation expires in 2027 and OIR is in active discussions with departments on next steps.



Questions?

