

2015 - 2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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**Budget Action Title:** Assessment of City owned Property for Host Locations for Shelters

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

**Assessment of City owned Property for Host Locations for Shelters**

The Council requests the Human Services Department (HSD) work with Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) to assess the FAS annual surplus property list, Department of Parks and Recreation properties, Seattle Center properties, and other City owned properties to determine possible locations to host winter only, year round day and/or year round night shelter.

HSD is requested to share information about how the assessment process was conducted to member organizations of the King County Committee to End Homelessness as a model for other jurisdictions to investigate their publically owned properties.

**Background**

The City of Seattle is committed to the Committee to End Homelessness plan to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time. While this requires investment in medium and long term services to provide access to housing, there is still a strong need for short term shelters. On a single night in January 2014, the One Night Count found more than 3,123 individuals living outside and another 6,171 in shelters or transitional housing within King County. Currently City Hall and Seattle Center operate shelters in public spaces successfully. This SLI will explore options for use of public spaces to provide shelter.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing Affordability, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2015