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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle's Legislative Agenda is developed annually with input from our City departments, elected officials, regional governmental agencies, statewide interest groups, and advocates; and

WHEREAS, the City will lobby the Legislature in cooperation with these entities; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 legislative session will last 60 days and will result in the adoption of operating, capital, and transportation budgets, as well as changes to state policy; and

WHEREAS, elected officials of Seattle support the state efforts in funding critical services that protect the quality of life of Seattle residents, and

WHEREAS, ensuring access to public benefits will help vulnerable individuals and families survive; and

WHEREAS, quality public education is crucial to developing a strong citizenry competitive in a global economy the City of Seattle will advocate to fully fund basic education consistent with the recent McCleary decision of the Washington State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the City will advocate for state investment and policies that lead to retained and new jobs through support for innovation and investment in infrastructure, including local and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, State investment in public safety with a focus on crime prevention, supported re-entry, and traffic and pedestrian safety are crucial for the well-being of Seattle residents; and

WHEREAS, Seattle will work with other local governments to protect direct state funding to local governments and support additional local authority to provide resources for transportation, public safety, human services, and public health programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT

Section 1. Issues in the City of Seattle 2014 State Legislative Agenda are an accurate, though not exhaustive, list of current City priorities for the 2014 state legislative session. The Agenda is separated into three sections to show relative priority and to provide guidance to Legislators, City elected officials, and lobbyists. The sections in the Agenda are defined as follows:

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Areas of Significant Interest -- We will press for progress on this list of issues in the 2014 legislative session. However, we realize that legislative approval for many of these items may take several years. See Exhibit 1 for a list of these issues.

Areas of Ongoing Concern -- Legislative action on these issues would make a difference to Seattle. Some of these issues would require only small technical changes to State law and we

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will ask our Seattle legislators to lead the effort on moving these forward during the 2014 legislative session. See Exhibit 1 for a list of these issues.

Section 2. The City of Seattle 2014 State Legislative Agenda attached to this resolution as Exhibit 1 is adopted.

Adopted by the City Council the 16th day of December, 2013, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 16th day of December, 2013.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 23rd day of December, 2013.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachment: Exhibit 1

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Planning & Development

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Form revised: December 12, 2012

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Traci Ratzliff 4-8153	

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION setting forth the City of Seattle's 2014 State Legislative Agenda

Summary of the Legislation:

This resolution adopts the 2014 Legislative Agenda for the City of Seattle that articulates the key policy issues that will be worked on during the 2014 State Legislative session. The agenda is separated into three sections to lend some hierarchy in terms of the importance of policy issues to the City. These are: Primary focus; areas of significant interest; and areas of ongoing concern.

Background:

(Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

On an annual basis, the Mayor and Council develop and adopt a Legislative Agenda to provide guidance to Legislators, City elected officials, and lobbyists regarding policy issues of particular concern or interest to the City in the upcoming State Legislative session.

Please check one of the following:

__x__ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

____ **This legislation has financial implications.**
(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

Appropriations:

(This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not supported by revenue/reimbursements, please confirm that there is available fund balance to cover this appropriation in the note section.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation

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TOTAL				

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

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TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

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

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TOTAL							

** 2014 positions and FTE are total 2014 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2014, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2013.*

Position Notes:

Do positions sunset in the future?

(If yes, identify sunset date)

Spending/Cash Flow:

(This table should be completed only in those cases where part or all of the funds authorized by this legislation will be spent in a different year than when they were appropriated (e.g., as in the case of certain grants and capital projects). Details surrounding spending that will occur in future years should be provided in the Notes section below the table.)

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Other Implications:

a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
(If yes, explain them here.) No

b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** N/A
(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs.)

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
(If so, please list the affected department(s), the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.) No

d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.) N/A

e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
(If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned for the future?) No

f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
(For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.) No

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(If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.) No

h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

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Title Only Resolutions

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Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

RESOLUTION NO. 31487

A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving City Light's adoption of a biennial energy conservation target for 2014-2015 and a ten-year conservation potential associated with Initiative 937.

RESOLUTION NO. 31489

A RESOLUTION revising certain City Council rules and procedures; adopting a new set of General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council to supersede those adopted by Resolution 31343 and as amended by Resolution 31391.

RESOLUTION NO. 31491

A RESOLUTION adopting a Citywide Resource Conservation Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 31492

A RESOLUTION supporting the Growing Transit Communities Strategy, the Growing Transit Communities Compact, and requesting the Department of Planning and Development to report back to City Council with an equitable transit oriented development initiative no later than May 30, 2014, for City Council review and discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 31493

A RESOLUTION Setting forth the City of Seattle's 2014 State Legislative Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 31495

A RESOLUTION exploring mortgage principal reduction and other foreclosure prevention programs for low-income homeowners in order to support and revitalize communities impacted by the foreclosure crisis.

RESOLUTION NO. 31496

A RESOLUTION declaring the intent of the City of Seattle to retain social services currently being provided by the Seattle Indian Center should it lose its space in the Leschi Center.

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