

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Long-term options for Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs (OACA), working with the Seattle Arts Commission (SAC) present its final recommendations, and a plan to implement those recommendations, concerning long-term operations of Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center (LHPAC). The plan should focus on maintaining LHPAC’s existing programming for the African American community while 1) enhancing other types of programming and events at LHPAC and 2) establishing a mechanism for long-term financial support and stability for LHPAC.

In developing this plan, OACA should consider, and then recommend, whether LHPAC should:

- 1) continue to be operated by the City;
- 2) be leased or transferred to a group or organization to carry forward LHPAC programming;
- or
- 3) be managed by a third-party organization for the City

The plan should also include a financial review of why OACA’s preferred option provides the best opportunity for long-term fiscal stability for LHPAC.

Finally, Council requests that OACA, in concert with SAC, create a stakeholder group in developing this plan, comprised of LHPAC’s audiences, its patrons, and the arts and culture community.

The plan should be provided to the Council in two parts – an interim report by September 1, 2013 with the final plan presented by June 1, 2014. The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget should assume implementation of the preferred option.

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