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Budget Action Title: Impose proviso on funding for HSD to implement the Center City Initiative (CCI)

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
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Budget Action description:

The Mayor’s Proposed Budget includes \$133,000 in 2013 and \$136,059 in 2014 for HSD to fund outreach and engagement and case management services as part of the “Center City Initiative” (CCI). The Proposed Budget also includes \$150,000 in 2013 and 2014 for the Seattle Police Department to pay for additional police overtime in the Metropolitan Improvement District in downtown Seattle.

CCI is intended to address both crime and “street disorder” issues in the downtown core that have generated community and business concerns. The Executive is proposing to use the additional resources to increase enforcement and outreach activities, focusing on a limited group of individuals thought to be causing a disproportionate share of the problems. However, many agencies currently provide outreach, engagement and case management services to individuals in downtown neighborhoods, including the mentally ill, chemically dependent, chronically homeless, youth, and families. Thus, Council would like to understand how the proposed new efforts will be integrated with existing work; what particular individuals will be served by the CCI; and whether these individuals could be served by existing outreach, engagement and/or case management efforts, or if new outreach, engagement and/or case management efforts are needed.

To address these questions, Council requests the Executive provide specific information regarding CCI’s Target population:

- The number of individuals and particular types of challenges they face
- Whether and how these individuals are already receiving services, such as outreach & engagement; case management; behavioral health; chemical dependency, and housing.

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In light of the information gathered, Council requests the Executive to further evaluate whether funding is needed for such services, and/or whether further investment in direct services (including housing, identification cards, medication, or substance abuse treatment) would be a better use of limited resources.

Finally, it is Council’s intent that Council staff and the Executive work together over the next several months to clarify the overall program strategy, including goals and outcomes , and how these will be measured; specific types of interventions to be employed; specific geographic boundaries; and how and when the initiative will be monitored, reviewed, and adjusted. It is expected this work will be completed in the first quarter of 2013.

This Green Sheet imposes the following proviso:

“No more than \$35,000 of the appropriation in the 2013 budget for the Human Services Department’s (HSD’s) Transitional Living and Support BCL may be spent on outreach, engagement or case management services to implement the Center City Initiative until HSD submits, and the Chair of the Budget Committee and the Chair of the Housing, Human Services, and Health Committee file with the City Clerk certification that HSD has submitted the following information:

- The number of individuals and the types of challenges faced by the individuals to be served by the CCI;
- Whether and how these individuals are already receiving services, such as outreach & engagement, case management, behavioral health, chemical dependency, and housing; and
- A recommendation on whether additional funding is needed for outreach, engagement and case management, and/or whether further investment in direct services (including housing, identification cards, medication, and substance abuse treatment) would be a better use of limited resources.

The Council requests HSD to provide this information no later than March 29, 2013.”