



Seattle City Council 2011 Priorities

Foster safe, just and healthy communities for all

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION Renew the Families and Education Levy in partnership with Seattle Schools. Foster a community-wide belief that every child in every school neighborhood can excel and graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college or obtain a career credential of their choice.

PUBLIC SAFETY Ensure effective neighborhood policing and efficient use of police resources by supporting innovative community safety strategies, adopting the “Gold Standard” for batterer intervention services, and supporting a comprehensive response plan for juvenile sex trafficking.

LOCAL FOOD ACTION INITIATIVE Emphasize rural-urban connections and economic development through encouraging local food production and food-related businesses. Work with community partners to develop opportunities for increasing healthy food production, distribution, and marketing.



REINVENTING NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES Develop a new operations model for Community Centers. Restructure the Neighborhood District Coordinator system and associated civic engagement efforts.

HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Implement the Housing Levy to encourage long-term housing affordability and support housing for the disabled and homeless communities. Support emergency, transitional and permanent housing for survivors of domestic violence.



RACE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND OPEN GOVERNMENT Promote race and social equity in city government operations. Implement strategies to support education and job readiness, equal access to technology, and other community-based approaches. Implement new technology measures for increased citizen access through the public engagement portal and constituent relations management system.

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Build a livable city for our future

ECONOMIC RECOVERY Advance strategies to foster economic development and promote new jobs, including considering a ‘one-stop’ permitting system, ensuring that regulations are data-driven and goal-oriented, expanding workforce training and developing new marketing tools for businesses.

DEVELOPMENT Adopt legislation making the Yesler Terrace replacement a model for sustainable mixed-income communities, retaining and seeking to increase low-income housing units. Change zoning and land use rules in the South Downtown Neighborhoods and transit communities to promote more housing, smarter design, business success, housing affordability, and neighborhood sustainability.

Invest public resources fairly and effectively

BUDGET Adopt a sustainable 2012 budget that invests in public safety and human services. Expand partnerships with the City’s unions and employees to deliver services to the public in cost-effective ways, while respecting the skills and commitment of the City’s work force. Work on potential changes to the retirement system, better management of health care costs and increase efficiency of personnel functions. Develop strategies to fund parks operation and maintenance.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN Determine funding options for Seattle’s transportation system, in conjunction with the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III and expand transportation choices including a sustainable funding source for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Develop a strategic approach for major capital projects, including the Seawall, the North Precinct, the City’s elements of the SR 99 Replacement Program, and initiating strategic capital planning for Parks and the Seattle Center.

SR 520 Continue to advance Seattle’s interests in protecting the Arboretum and our neighborhoods, secure a full funding plan, increasing transit funding and access, and moving the project forward.

PARTNERSHIP Continue to implement the Council’s *Seattle for Washington* strategy to strengthen Seattle’s relationships on the regional and state level.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Develop specific milestones and steps for Seattle’s carbon neutral goal, update the Climate Action Plan, and add “vehicle miles travelled” reduction targets to the Comprehensive Plan. Continue implementing the Zero Waste Strategy. Begin adapting to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

LIBRARIES Work with Seattle Public Library on a proposed voter-approved levy to expand library services, strengthen partnerships with Seattle Schools and to help relieve pressure on the General Fund.

SR 99 REPLACEMENT PROJECT Consider legislation approving agreements with the State to advance the project on schedule while fully protecting Seattle’s interests. Work to secure increased transit funding, protection for portal neighborhoods and the foundation for the new waterfront. Place a funding plan for the seawall and waterfront on the ballot.

TRANSIT Work with the County and State to identify funding resources to support fairly allocated bus service connecting Seattle neighborhoods and linking Seattle to job centers in other parts of King County. Support the construction of the First Hill Streetcar, progress on Sound Transit lines, and continuation and expansion of electric trolley buses.

CLEAN ENERGY Adopt a long-range strategic plan and new financial policies for Seattle City Light to continue focus on conservation and renewable resources for our future while ensuring financial stability and equitable rates. Continue exploring a smart grid and broadband services.

