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A RESOLUTION setting forth the City of Seattle's 2013 State Legislative Agenda

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 2013 legislative session will last 105 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**

1 Section 1. Issues in the City of Seattle 2013 State Legislative Agenda are an accurate, though  
2 not exhaustive, list of current City priorities for the 2013 state legislative session. The Agenda is  
3 separated into three sections to show relative priority and to provide guidance to Legislators,  
4 City elected officials, and lobbyists. The sections in the Agenda are defined as follows:

5 Primary focus - These issues directly and immediately impact the City of Seattle, and will be the  
6 primary focus of our efforts throughout the 2013 legislative session:

7 1) Protecting the most vulnerable: The City of Seattle will work to protect human services,  
8 public health, and other critical areas such as the Housing Trust Fund. We will oppose efforts to  
9 shift human services, housing and public health dollars to other priorities.

10 2) Education: We support efforts to reform K-12 education on a statewide basis and to comply  
11 with the McCleary decision by fully funding basic education. We support efforts to maximize the  
12 efficiency and accountability of our public education system in order to save money. We support  
13 efforts to raise revenue equitably. We oppose further cuts to higher education.

14 3) Transportation, eEconomic development and infrastructure: We support new local and regional  
15 transportation funding options and a statewide transportation package. We support funding for  
16 infrastructure investments that lead to job creation and continued investments in job training.

17 4) Public safety: We support gun safety regulations that reduce violence and result in safe,  
18 responsible gun ownership. We support investments in youth violence prevention and  
19 intervention, new tools to prevent and reduce gang-related and other forms of violence, and  
20 domestic violence prevention and services. We support funding for programs that help offenders  
21 successfully transition back into society and resources to evaluate and treat mentally ill offenders  
22 deemed not competent to stand trial. We support legislation allowing cities to set speed limits as  
23 low as 20 miles per hour in residential and small business districts.

24 5) City fiscal health: The City of Seattle will work to protect existing state and local shared  
25 revenues, including the restoration of liquor revenues, and to preserve existing local revenue  
26 authorities.

27 Areas of Significant Interest -- We will press for progress on this list of issues in the 2013  
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

1 will ask our Seattle legislators to lead the effort on moving these forward during the 2013  
2 legislative session. See Exhibit 1 for a list of these issues.

3 Section 2. The City of Seattle 2013 State Legislative Agenda attached to this resolution as  
4 Exhibit 1 is adopted.

5 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and  
6 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
7 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

10 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:  
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13 Michael McGinn, Mayor  
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15 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.  
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18 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk  
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23 Attachment: Exhibit 1  
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# CITY OF SEATTLE

## 2013 State Legislative Agenda

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## **SESSION PRIORITIES – 2013**

### **Areas of Primary Focus**

**Protecting the most vulnerable:** The City of Seattle will work to protect human services, public health, and other critical areas such as the Housing Trust Fund; and we support efforts to raise new revenue in order to preserve these essential programs and services.

**Education:** We support efforts to reform education on a statewide basis and to comply with the McCleary decision by fully funding basic education without cutting funding for human services or other important state services and programs.

**Transportation, eEconomic development and infrastructure:** We support new local and regional transportation funding options and a statewide transportation package, as described below. We also support funding for infrastructure investments that leads to job creation, continued investments in job training, and expanding the Main Street Tax Incentive program to include Pioneer Square.

**Public safety:** We support gun safety regulations that reduce violence and result in safe, responsible gun ownership. We support investments in youth violence prevention and intervention, new tools to prevent and reduce gang-related and other forms of violence, and domestic violence prevention and services. We support funding for programs that help offenders-women and men previously incarcerated successfully transition back into society and resources to evaluate and treat mentally ill offenders deemed not competent to stand trial. We support legislation allowing cities to set speed limits as low as 20 miles per hour in residential and business districts.

**City fiscal health:** The City of Seattle will work to protect existing state and local shared revenues, including the restoration of liquor revenues, and to preserve all existing local revenue authorities and support new local revenue opportunities.

### **Areas of Significant Interest**

#### **Human Services and Health**

Periods of economic downturn affect people from every walk of life, but their effects are felt most keenly by those who are most vulnerable. To the greatest extent possible, we ask the State to preserve programs that protect the most vulnerable people and families and reduce future social costs by providing those who are able the tools needed for self-sufficiency. We have identified expanding healthcare coverage through implementing the Basic Health Option or other alternatives that provide, providing federal support for health care coverage, Maternity Support Services, public health funding, Community Health Clinics, Apple Health for Kids, Housing and Essential Needs, the Senior Services Act programs, immigrant services, State Food Assistance, the Farmer's Market Nutrition

Program, Small Farm & Direct Marketing Assistance Program, Farm to School Program, Working Connections Childcare, family planning, and Nurse Family Partnerships, and support implementing the Community First Choice Option provision of the Affordable Care Act to leverage increased federal funding for long-term care services as areas of particular importance to Seattle. In addition, Seattle recognizes that many young people aging out of foster care face numerous and serious challenges, and so we support the full implementation of the federal extended foster care provisions to allow all youth the opportunity to remain in care until they are 21 years old. In addition, Seattle recognizes that many young people aging out of foster care face numerous and serious challenges, and so we support full implementation of Extended Foster Care, the Foster Care to 21 portion of the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, to allow all youth the opportunity to remain in care until they are 21 years old.

### **Housing and Homelessness**

Seattle believes that housing—its availability and affordability—is critical to the quality of life of our residents and neighborhoods. In addition, Seattle supports State efforts to assist with the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Therefore, we support legislation that will create additional financing tools and land accessibility to expand affordable housing.

We also seek additional changes in tenant screening laws to improve fairness, transparency and accountability, including improved protections for victims of domestic violence and fee relief for prospective tenants. We also support aligning state and federal law to ensure housing access for disabled residents with service animals.

### **Transportation**

We support an environmentally sustainable transportation system with stable funding for transit and options to expand transit service in the future. To address long-term funding needs, Seattle supports efforts to craft a statewide transportation package for voter approval that prioritizes safety, transit and maintenance over expansion. Specifically:

- Includes a significant share of funding for cities to help pay for local maintenance backlogs;
- Includes sustainable funding for transit operations;
- Results in expanded transit service in areas with the greatest demand;
- Prioritizes safety and maintenance projects; and
- Meets both the City's and the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets.

We support new local and regional options for transportation funding that could be used to help expand transit, including light rail, ~~within the City~~; modifying the City's parking tax authority to allow for a more equitable application of the tax; and more progressive options regarding MVET.

To help better manage on-street parking and improve access to local businesses for all drivers (including those with disabled parking placards), we seek improvements to the

disabled parking placard eligibility and administration process such that disabled parking placards are distributed to and used only for the benefit of those who need them.

We support the development of a full funding package for the SR 520 Replacement Project (SR 520 Project) that improves safety, improves the movement of transit, bikes, and pedestrians throughout the corridor and is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between WSDOT and the City of Seattle. We urge the State Legislature to fund continuing efforts in 2013 to advance the design of the West Side of the SR 520 Project and build upon the successful outreach and engagement efforts completed as part of the Seattle Community Design Process (SCDP) in 2012. Substantial progress has been made in refining project design near Seattle's neighborhoods and the Arboretum through collaboration with members of the community and the City of Seattle. Continued funding in 2013 is necessary to maintain the momentum, build upon the progress being made with the community and implement recommendations identified in the SCDP Final Report. We also support the completion of continued analysis of tolling I-90. We also support establishing the authorization for tolling I-90.

We support additional resources for commercial vehicle safety enforcement and policies that equitably share the burden of responsibility for safety violations between drivers and equipment owners.

### **Public Safety**

In addition to the issues identified in our highest priorities, we also support the continued use of automated traffic safety cameras and legislation that improves transparency and accountability.

We seek legislation to remove barriers that currently limit the City's ability to release Digital In Car Video footage to the public. We also support a waiver of the two party consent rule pertaining to police video cameras (body-cams), identical to the exemption for Digital In Car Video (DICV).

We believe that local governments should have the ability to regulate firearms or weapons in public places to ensure the safety of their communities and local circumstances.

We support funding for Win 211, which helps the public access important information and government programs and services after disasters.

### **Education**

In addition to supporting efforts to reform education, the City supports maximum possible funding for Early Learning and Basic Education. During challenging economic times, it is also critically important to support community colleges, technical colleges, and state universities as they provide access to retraining and workforce development opportunities.

### **Sustainability and Environmental Protection**

To ensure cleanup of local toxic sites, we support full funding for the Local Toxics Account and use of the funds for their statutory purpose. We also support a new, long-term state funding source for local stormwater management programs to help improve water quality and protect salmon.

### **Areas of On-going Concern**

#### **Economic Development and Infrastructure**

Seattle supports tax increment financing, including new value capture concepts, as a tool to encourage economic development and community improvement projects, and supports a set aside for low-income housing.

We support continued support for the Global Health Fund and continued funding for the Life Sciences Discovery Fund.

Seattle supports revising Section 3 Chapter 38, Laws of 2011 of ESSB 5834 to restore Seattle's ability to collect parking tax revenues from the baseball stadium public facility district.

We support increased capital funding for Seattle's cultural institutions.

### **Sustainability and Environmental Protection**

Seattle supports the Energy Independence Act (RCW 19.285) which was passed by the voters as I-937 in 2006. Seattle City Light has met its renewable and conservation targets and anticipates continuing to in the future. We support changes to the Act that would provide greater flexibility for utilities to meet their targets, such as the ability to roll over excess conservation into the next biennium but without undermining the initiative. Seattle supports the Energy Independence Act (RCW 19.285) which was passed by the voters as I-937 in 2006. Seattle City Light has met its renewable and conservation targets and anticipates continuing to in the future. We support changes to the Act that would provide greater flexibility for utilities to meet their targets without undermining the initiative. In particular we would support the ability to roll over excess conservation to the next biennium to better allow for the fluctuations in conservation that occur over time.

We support incentives for investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy development and net-metering.

We support legislation that will reduce toxic chemicals in children's toys. We support development of common industry standards for recycled products, funding for recycling facilities, promotion of product stewardship, and legislative initiatives to reduce waste and increase recycling. We support product stewardship for surplus pharmaceuticals, carpet, paint, mercury-containing lighting and additions to the products covered by E-

Cycle Washington as well as legislation to ensure manufacturers' responsibility for waste products.

To help promote waste reduction, we are also seeking elimination of the requirement that phone companies publish and distribute telephone directories and support efforts to create a statewide opt out system for commercial telephone directories.

### **General Government**

Seattle seeks the ability to recover costs associated with egregious public records requests, clarification that the Public Records Act does not require ongoing or continuing responses and an automatic exemption for witnesses.

### **Race & Social Justice**

Every person has the right to live, work, and learn free from discrimination. We support legislation that prevents discrimination and creates equitable opportunity in housing, employment, public accommodations, voting, contracting and in lending practices. We support efforts to promote racial equity in the areas of education, community development, health, jobs, housing, the environment, the criminal justice system and in government policies, programs and procedures. We support efforts to protect the rights of and services provided to immigrants. In the 2013 Legislative Session we give special attention to the legislative recommendations of the Race and Social Justice Community Roundtable working to eliminate the opportunity gap by reducing racial disparities in public high school graduation rates.

### **Law & Criminal Justice**

We also support safeguards for protected groups from harassment and violence through misuse of the Public Records Act. We also support efforts that would allow courts of limited jurisdiction to order convicted defendants to pay restitution. We support legislation that clarifies state DUI laws regarding the number of violations that would trigger mandatory probation. We seek legislation to improve enforcement of limousine regulations.

### **Planning & Development**

Seattle believes in the right to impose fees to fund necessary facilities and services related to the impacts of development and to require appropriate infrastructure such as open space and sidewalks associated with new development. We support the expansion of incentive zoning to include provisions that encourage new open space, preserving current open space, creating multi-modal transportation infrastructure, and preserving landmark structures.

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative Department	Jessie Gilliam & Traci Ratzliff: 4-8802 or 4-8153	

**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION setting forth the 2013 State Legislative Agenda of the City of Seattle

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution adopts the 2013 Legislative Agenda for the City of Seattle that articulates the key policy issues that will be worked on during the 2013 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:**

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:

**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*	2012 Appropriation	2013 Anticipated Appropriation
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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

Appropriations Notes:

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

(This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2012 Revenue	2013 Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

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

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions affected by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2012 Positions	2012 FTE	2013 Positions*	2013 FTE*
<b>TOTAL</b>							

\* 2013 positions and FTE are total 2013 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2013, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2012.

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.)

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2012 Expenditures	2013 Anticipated Expenditures
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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

Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**  
 (If yes, explain them here.)  
 None
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**  
 (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.)  
 None
- 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.)  
 None
- 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.)  
 None
- 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
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
 (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:**



