

NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT COORDINATORS 2012 FACT SHEET

Neighborhood District Coordinators work to bring City government closer to communities across Seattle. They help to empower all community members to make contributions in their communities, as well as serve as a resource and liaison.

Program Details

Neighborhood District Coordinators work in regional teams serving the 13 districts of the city. Their primary focus is to increase community involvement and act as a liaison between community members and the city.

Major Functions of the District Coordinators

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT CIVIC PARTICIPATION:

- Lead inclusive outreach and public engagement training for historically underrepresented communities.
- Access city funds to support community development, such as the Neighborhood Matching Fund.
- Provide support to local community or neighborhood councils.
- Staff a network of councils that advise the City in various ways.
- Facilitate application processes for parks or street improvements.



ACT AS LIAISONS BETWEEN THE CITY AND COMMUNITY:

- Liaise between community members, community organizations, the private sector, and City staff to ensure that elected officials and City management are aware of neighborhood needs and concerns.
- Advise individual community members, businesses and groups, in interpreting and responding to City programs, policies, and services.
- Act as a main point of contact for community members who have questions about city programs and services; and for City staff working on a project that will impact a neighborhood.

COORDINATE ACTIVITIES THAT BRING GOVERNMENT CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Coordinate the Mayor's neighborhood visits, as well as neighborhood tours for City Council members and other city agencies, along with other special events initiated by the Mayor's Office.
- Develop and coordinate the 2012 Leadership Development Institute to train emerging leaders in civic engagement processes.



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North Region



NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

The city is divided into 13 neighborhood districts. These districts grew out of a 1987 Seattle City Council resolution to promote, support, and involve citizen participation at the neighborhood level. Each district has a District Council which is comprised of representatives from community councils, nonprofit organizations and business districts. The councils provide a forum for consideration of concerns and for the sharing of ideas for solutions to common problems. To ensure that city programs and services are responsive and reflective of the needs and values of its neighborhoods, field staff known as Neighborhood District Coordinators serve as the community's liaison and resource.