

2016

ANNUAL REPORT

SEATTLE  CITY COUNCIL



Seattle City Council pauses for a moment at the start of each year to measure progress on the previous year’s priorities and set priorities for the months ahead.

Each Councilmember made important and significant investments, across every Council district, serving Seattleites through their sincere, compassionate, and diligent work in 2016.

Our collective priorities ran the gamut from ambitious to lofty, humble to pragmatic. We’re proud of our overarching accomplishments, and of our dedication to furthering public safety, human services, housing and (early) education.

ORDINANCES

New Laws Passed

- Implemented **Secure Scheduling**, requiring that certain retail and food service employees receive their work schedules 2 weeks in advance
- Sought to **prevent traffic fatalities by lowering speed limits** on Seattle roads (“20 is Plenty”)
- Banned Gay Conversion Therapy in Seattle**
- Prohibited discrimination against tenants** based on their source of income; required landlords accept the first qualified applicant
- Set the stage for more **affordable residential housing development**
- Approved a Freight Master Plan to **foster truck mobility and the delivery of goods**
- Prohibited rent increases** in buildings with uninhabitable conditions
- Dedicated Social Justice Funds to **provide alternatives to youth detention**
- Supported business revitalization and development** in Ballard and the West Seattle Junction
- Revamped Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan, **allowing for more equitable development citywide**
- Updated and adopted Transit Master Plan to **advance bus rapid transit and Sound Transit 3 investments**
- Funded 72 new SPD officers**, seeking to improve response times
- Authorized the voter-approved Housing Levy to **create more low-income housing**
- Approved the **All Gender Restroom Ordinance**, making single occupant restrooms available to any person, regardless of sex or gender identity
- Required **periodic building energy tune-ups every 5 years on large buildings**
- Designated Washington Hall, Mt Baker Presbyterian Church, Volunteer Park, and University Heights Center as **historic landmarks**
- Authorized new programming and activation in **Westlake and Occidental Parks**
- Expanded access to Utility Discount Program for more people with low-incomes**
- Enhanced staffing to **provide better in-district Council outreach**

RESOLUTIONS

The Will of the Council

- Required that **SPD procure guns from responsible dealers**
- Supported **prescription drug disposal program** at pharmacies & SPD Precincts
- Aspired to 30% Electric Vehicle Use** in Seattle by 2030
- Called for individualized tenant assessment** for applicants with criminal history
- Supported **six community-initiated projects** for the Central Area, the Chinatown/International District and South Seattle to mitigate displacement and increase access to opportunity

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