



CITY OF SEATTLE

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING

- Secure additional funding to assist local governments in addressing the homelessness crisis and in protecting our most vulnerable populations, including those with mental illness, the elderly, and children
 - Protect and expand the Document Recording Fees to ensure people who are homeless can access emergency shelter
 - Support the Medicaid Supportive Housing benefit
 - Increase resources for behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse services
- Utilize financing tools to expand affordable housing and help ensure tenant affordability
 - Create and preserve housing affordability by supporting a local option property tax exemption
 - Authorize additional tools for local governments, such as the expansion of the real estate excise tax, to construct and maintain affordable housing for owners and renters
 - Invest \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund

SAFETY NET

- Preserve and enhance essential human services, including chemical abuse and dependency services
 - Expand the number of people who may be served at opioid treatment programs beyond the current cap of 350 clients
 - Permit ongoing, long-term, medication assisted treatment facilities in line with evidence-based best practices

TRANSPORTATION

- Support policies that reduce congestion, increase safety, and improve the mobility of transit and freight



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EDUCATION

- Enact new revenue to provide quality education for early learning through K-12
 - Oppose any funding solution that cuts funding for human services or other important state services and programs
 - Oppose any funding solution that creates winners and losers between school districts
- Increase school construction capacity to develop proper facilities for current and future students

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Adopt gun safety laws that reduce violence, protect children, and result in safe, responsible gun ownership
- Clarify marijuana penalty provisions and underage use and provide flexible local options for regulating recreational marijuana markets

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Make reforms to the Public Records Act that maintain transparency, promote public safety, protect privacy, and advance government efficiency
- Clarify and strengthen policies to foster the development of Business Improvement Areas
- Expand the leasehold excise tax exemption to include facilities/venues that are publicly operated

ENVIRONMENT

- Reduce climate polluting emissions and encourage investments in clean energy, including solar energy incentives and energy efficiency
- Fully fund the Model Toxics Control Act



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