



Seattle City Council 2016-2017 Committee Assignments

Council Committees make recommendations to the Full Council on Council Bills, Resolutions, and Clerk Files based on the committee members' judgments of what policies and actions will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people of the City of Seattle.

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING DATES	TIME	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER	ALTERNATE
Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods & Finance	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.	Tim Burgess	Lisa Herbold	Rob Johnson	Mike O'Brien
Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.	Lisa Herbold	Kshama Sawant	Mike O'Brien	Bruce Harrell
Education, Equity & Governance	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.	Bruce Harrell	Lorena González	Debora Juarez	Tim Burgess
Energy & Environment	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.	Kshama Sawant	Debora Juarez	Lorena González	Sally Bagshaw
Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.	Lorena González	Tim Burgess	Sally Bagshaw	Debora Juarez
Human Services & Public Health	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.	Sally Bagshaw	Bruce Harrell	Tim Burgess	Rob Johnson
Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries & Waterfront	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Debora Juarez	Sally Bagshaw	Bruce Harrell	Kshama Sawant
Planning, Land Use & Zoning	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.	Rob Johnson	Mike O'Brien	Lisa Herbold	Lorena González
Sustainability & Transportation	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.	Mike O'Brien	Rob Johnson	Kshama Sawant	Lisa Herbold

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- City Council Briefings are held on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Departments and other agencies present information to Councilmembers.
- The City Council meets in formal, public session on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Committee recommendations are voted upon.
- The public is welcome at all Council Briefings, Council/Full Council standing or special committee meetings.
- All meetings and public hearings are held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd floor of City Hall unless otherwise noted.
- The committees listed above may take public testimony. For more information about a particular committee, check with the office of the chair of the committee. In general, public testimony at committee meetings and at formal or informal public hearings is limited to 2 minutes.

Duties of the Standing Committees of the 2016 - 2017 Seattle City Council

Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods & Finance Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and claims against the City (the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter); oversight of the City's public works construction projects except as otherwise specified; the City Employees' Retirement System; the City Auditor; the City's fleets, facilities, and other administrative functions; the Customer Service Bureau; neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation and housing policies—investing and promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: labor standards; civil rights issues; Seattle Public Utilities; economic development policies and programs; arts and cultural activities; and nightlife issues.

Education, Equity & Governance Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: education and early learning initiatives and the City's Families and Education Levy and Seattle Preschool Program, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps among students in schools and programs throughout the City; regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council; technology; ethics and elections; prisoner reentry; and equity issues.

Energy & Environment Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative energy sources; and urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate protection, stewardship, conservation programs, district energy, green buildings, and food policy.

Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence; implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department; fire prevention and suppression; emergency medical services; criminal justice; coordination with municipal, regional, state and federal agencies engaged in public safety issues; immigrant and refugee rights; gender equity issues; and emergency preparedness, management, and response.

Human Services and Public Health Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: human services, homelessness, child care, aging, and disability services; local and regional public health; and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), which allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to community-based services; and film and music activities.

Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries & Waterfront Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium); the Seattle Center; the Seattle Public Library system; and issues related to the waterfront.

Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, zoning, design, and land use regulations as well as incentive zoning, the Affordable Housing Impact Mitigation Program, and equitable transit oriented development; major institutions; quasi-judicial decisions; and community development.

Sustainability & Transportation Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and transportation issues and projects affecting the City of Seattle including transit service, policies, and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; freight mobility planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning; and coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City's interests on transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and transportation's contribution to local, regional, state, and national sustainability and livability objectives and reduction of carbon emissions.