



Seattle City Councilmember Tim Burgess 2008-2009 Accomplishments

Topic/Theme	Month/Year	Description	Final Action/Result	Council Bill or Resolution Number
Arts/Culture	February-08	Co-sponsored legislation leasing Mercer Arena to Seattle Opera for redevelopment/restoration	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116118
	May-09	Co-sponsored legislation waiving admissions tax on live music venues	Passed Council 5-3	CB 116394
	November-09	Urged Council colleagues to support restoration in library hours from Mayor's proposed budget and restored over \$800,000 in funding to do so	Budget passed Council 9-0	
Budget	November-09	Led push on the Council to increase Rainy Day Fund from \$5 million to \$10 million in anticipation of tough economic times to come	Budget passed Council 9-0	
Economic Development	January-08	Co-sponsored legislation directing city to renegotiate lease for Key Arena with Seattle Storm	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31039
	November-09	Sponsored legislation to repeal the Employee Hours Tax (Head tax) in order to encourage job growth	Passed Council 8-1	CB 116592
Education	July, November 2009	Participated in two trips to New York City with the Office for Education, the School District and the Alliance for Education to study education innovations		CF 310174 CF 310175
	September-October 2009	Oversaw appointment of five new members to the Families and Levy Oversight Committee in preparation for the levy campaign in 2010	First two passed Council 9-0; last three passed 8-0	CF 310213 CF 310214 CF 310215
Environment	April-08	Successfully changed SEPA bill before it reached Committee to limit changes to Urban Centers and Station Overlay Districts	Passed Council 8-0	CB 116101
	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation to ban the use of expanded polystyrene food service containers and plastic service ware	Passed Council 7-1	CB 116250

	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation establishing an advanced recovery fee (a green fee) for disposable shopping bags	Passed Council 6-1	CB 116251
Ethics and Elections	March-08	Co-sponsored legislation requiring paid lobbyists of the city to register	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116154
	April-08	Co-sponsored legislation that formed the Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee	Passed Council 7-1	CR 310352
	June-09	Closed a loophole that allowed city employees to use taxpayer funds to pay for ethics violation fines	Passed Council 8-0	CB 116460
	June-09	Voted to strengthen and clarify the city's ethics code in the first comprehensive review of the code in over 20 years	Passed Council 6-2	CB 116524
Fire Department	August-08	Sponsored resolution recognizing the work that the City of Seattle's Fire Department does on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association with their Fill the Boot annual event	Passed Council 7-0	CR 31078
	October-09	Led process and sponsored legislation authorizing the city to acquire property for a new home for Fire Station 20 on W. Queen Anne, decisively ending a four-year site search	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116671 CB 116679 CB 116680
Housing and human services	November-08	Added funding for shelter, day-center, emergency food programs, advocacy and capacity-building programs	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	November-09	Successfully advocated with other civic leaders for renewal of Housing Levy	Voters passed Proposition 1	
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Parks and Recreation	April-08	Co-sponsored legislation that formed the Parks and Green Spaces Levy citizens' advisory committee	Passed Council 7-1	CR 31055
	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation to put the 2008 Parks and Open Space Levy on the ballot	Passed Council 7-0	CB 116274
	June-09	Voted to create a four-block park boulevard in Belltown that will improve public safety and create green space in the center city	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116560
Planning/Land Use	December-08	Helped write first Incentive Zoning laws for Seattle	Passed Council 8-1	CB 116358
	March-09	Called for designation of the P-I Globe as a historic landmark	Application pending	
	November-09	Voted to expand availability of permits for backyard cottages to entire city after refining legislation in committee	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116528
	December-09	Co-sponsored legislation to change land use code to expedite demolition of derelict housing that serves as a magnet for criminal activity	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116642

Police	July-08	Sponsored legislation to improve police accountability, and expand the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board from 3 to 7 civilian members	Passed Council 7-0	CB 116259
Public Safety	May-08	Successfully amended legislation to move removal of Automated Public Toilets up from January 2009 to July 2008	Amendment passed 2-1 Legislation Passed Council 5-0	CR 31057
	June-08	Sponsored legislation requiring more stringent guest registration at motels and hotels as part of anti-crime effort	Passed Council 5-0	CB 116207
	September-08	Sponsored legislation to increase fines for soliciting the services of a prostitute from \$500 to \$1,000, with the funds going to the prostitution prevention and intervention account, and the Sex Industry Victims Fund	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116324
	September-08	Sponsored resolution, showing City Council and the Mayor's support of two proposals for funding from the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) funds	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31090
	October-08	Gained funding from the King County MIDD to establish a Crisis Intervention Team/Mental Health Partnership Pilot Project, and establish a Safe Housing and Treatment for Children in Prostitution Pilot Project	Passed King County Council 8-0	King County Substitute Ordinance No. 2008-0489.3
	November-08	Restored funding for CURB, GOTS and Co-STARS crime prevention programs	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	March-09	Established a \$150 fee for patrons of prostitutes to fund mandatory counseling of both prostitutes and their patrons	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116472
	June-09	Brought national crime prevention experts David Kennedy (John Jay College of Criminal Justice), Dr. Gary Slutkin (CeaseFire Project) and Phelan Wyrick (USDOJ) to Seattle for community conversations on reducing urban violence		
	September-December 2009	Raised enough funding for the Children in Prostitution Pilot Project from the city, county, foundation and private donors to launch the project in early 2010	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	November-09	Added funding to continue innovative Drug Market Initiative program to close down open air drug markets and offer the choice of services or prison to drug dealers	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	November-09	Restored funding for CURB, GOTS and Co-STARS crime prevention programs and provided direction to implement recommendations of evaluative report	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	November-09	Sponsored legislation to give police a sharper and well-defined tool to reduce crime on chronic nuisance properties	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116667

Transportation	December-08	Voted to continue examining the possibility of additional streetcar lines	Compromise bill passed Council 6-3	CR 31091
	October-09	Voted to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Washington and the City of Seattle to move forward on a deep-bore tunnel replacement for SR 99	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116668
	October-09	Co-sponsored Traffic Justice Summit with City Attorney and the Cascade Bicycle Club to learn more about the need for stronger laws to protect pedestrians and bicyclists		
Youth Issues	November-08	Worked closely with other councilmembers, Council staff, and the Mayor's office to edit and focus the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Added 5 Resource Officers to South End Middle and High Schools	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	April-09	Sponsored legislation to adopt final budget for Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116489
	December-09	Developing legislation to formalize the Seattle Youth Commission giving youth a greater voice in city government		