

### **Statements of Legislative Intent:**

This section describes the Statements of Legislative Intent (SLI) adopted by the City Council. SLIs provide specific direction to departments on various work plan items for the 2016 Adopted Budget.

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOODS AND FINANCE

<b>1.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	18-2-A-1
	<b>Title:</b>	Department of Neighborhoods (DON) programs and Council Districts
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Godden; Rasmussen
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Lish Whitson

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council requests that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) develop a plan to reorient their programs around the new City Council District structure with a primary focus on the Neighborhood District Coordinator program and a goal for more equitable community engagement. The plan should include proposals for changes or modifications to the Neighborhood District Coordinators program, including proposals for updated job descriptions, protocols for working with district Councilmembers, and improvements to the City's relationship to the existing District Councils and City Neighborhood Council. The Council requests the plan be submitted to the Council's Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee in two phases: (1) a preliminary report due May 1, 2016, that would explain preliminary thoughts and be used to solicit feedback and input from Councilmembers, and (2) a final report due by no later than July 15, 2016.

### Background:

Many DON programs, particularly the Neighborhood District Coordinators, Neighborhood Matching Fund and City Neighborhood Council/District Council programs, are structured around 13 Neighborhood Districts. The Neighborhood District boundaries were created in 1987 based around the 13 "Little City Halls" that were then in place. The seven City Council Districts created through Charter Amendment No. 19 in 2013 are increasingly being used as the default geography around which discussions of neighborhood issues take place.

Neighborhood District Coordinators are charged with providing technical assistance and support services for residents and neighborhood groups to develop a sense of partnership among neighborhood residents, businesses and City government. There are currently nine neighborhood district coordinators, assigned into three teams of three coordinators, with each coordinator assigned to support one or two District Councils. One of the major changes to the Department of Neighborhoods in the 2016 budget is an increased role and emphasis on community outreach and engagement. A stronger relationship between the Neighborhood District Coordinators and the Council Districts may be one of the most effective ways of better aligning the City's current capacity for community outreach and engagement with new Council District-based needs.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** May 1, 2016; July 15, 2016

<b>2.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	19-1-A-1
	<b>Title:</b>	DON Historic Preservation process improvements
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Godden; Rasmussen
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Lish Whitson

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The City Council requests that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) work with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Seattle Information Technology Department (Seattle IT) to develop a plan for software and process improvements to enable DON’s Historic Preservation program to accept and review applications online, to post staff recommendations and board decisions on the web proximate to meetings, and to implement any other process improvements that the Department identifies. The plan should include software and hardware requirements and costs, process improvements identified by the department, training needs and any additional staffing required to implement the plan. The Council requests the plan be submitted to the Council’s Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee by no later than June 30, 2016.

**Background:**

The Mayor’s Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) report states: “the City will improve [its Design Review and Historic Review] processes to continue their important functions in a way that is more predictable, efficient and considers the impacts of the decisions on the cost of housing” (*Housing Seattle: A Roadmap to an Affordable and Livable City*, p. 6). The average review time for an application for modification to a structure in a historic district is 17 days. However, there is currently not a way for applicants to submit plans electronically for staff to review. In addition, applicants, board members and members of the public are generally not able to read and review staff reports online prior to meetings or meeting minutes after meetings, reducing the transparency and efficiency of the process. The Department of Planning and Development found that electronic plan submittal and review reduces costs and review times for projects.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2016

<b>3.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	20-1-A-1
	<b>Title:</b>	Race and Social Justice Initiative analysis of DON grant programs
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Harrell; O'Brien
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Lish Whitson

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The City Council requests that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) report on opportunities to improve their grant-making processes, including, but not limited to, a Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) analysis through the Racial Equity Toolkit. The report should review existing grant-making processes and delineate changes to increase the equity and accessibility of the Department and the City’s community grant programs. The Council requests a preliminary report outlining methods and approach to the RSJI analysis, and identifying opportunities to incorporate findings into the 2016 grant-making cycle, to be submitted no later than March 31, 2016. The Council requests the final report be submitted to the Council’s Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee no later than July 1, 2016.

**Background:**

Each year DON provides approximately \$2,500,000 to an average of 150 community-initiated projects through the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) program. The NMF program has supported many successful projects across the City. However, some communities have found the application process onerous, and there may be opportunities to reduce barriers and increase access to grants and funds to communities of color and other groups with fewer resources and capacity. In addition to the NMF program, the Duwamish Opportunity Fund provides \$250,000 to support projects along the Duwamish River. Some communities have found the application process onerous and the grant awards inequitable. While the Participatory Budgeting Pilot has not yet been implemented, an equitability and accessibility analysis, including, but not limited to, an RSJI analysis at this early stage can help inform the pilot process. This Statement of Legislative Intent asks the department to review their processes in order to increase the equitable disbursement of funds.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** March 31, 2016; July 1, 2016

<b>4.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	28-1-A-1
	<b>Title:</b>	Office of Housing (OH) Monitoring Program for Un-Subsidized Rental Housing in Seattle
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Licata; O'Brien; Sawant
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Esther Handy; Traci Ratzliff

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests the Office of Housing (OH) with the assistance of the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) develop a program to monitor un-subsidized rental housing in Seattle affordable to households earning 80% Area Median Income (AMI) and below.

The Council requests the program provide as much information as feasible about the housing stock including information such as age, condition, unit size (i.e., number of bedrooms), and location as well as rent levels (30%, 50%, 60%, and 80% AMI). This information should be updated as frequently as is feasible to monitor changes in the availability and affordability of this housing.

In developing this program, the Executive should identify data that is available or could be available from different sources including: local rental market research experts; U.S. Census Bureau; City programs, such as the Multifamily Tax Exemption Program, the Tenant Relocation Assistance program, or building or demolition permit issuance. In addition, the Executive should review similar programs operating in other cities to inform the development of a monitoring program.

The Council requests that the Executive develop recommendations for a monitoring program and submit such recommendations to the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee by June 30, 2016.

**Background:**

Older housing stock that is affordable without subsidy to low-income households is critical to meeting the housing needs of Seattle.

In September 2015, the Council passed Resolution 31622, concurring with the Mayor’s goal of creating 20,000 net new rent and income restricted units and an additional 30,000 market rate units by 2025. In order to understand the effectiveness of these programs in advancing affordability and minimizing displacement, it is important to obtain regular information on both the rent-and-income restricted housing stock and the un-subsidized, market-rate affordable housing stock.

The City currently does not know how much un-subsidized, market rate housing is affordable to lower-income households and does not have a mechanism to track what happens to these units in terms of rent changes, demolition or conversions. This SLI aims to increase the data available to the City to monitor this sector of housing, in order to inform program evaluation and policy decision.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2016

<b>5.</b>	<b>SLI Number</b>	75-1-A-2
	<b>Title:</b>	Requesting that FAS develop a scope of work for the valuation of Seattle’s natural capital and how to incorporate that valuation into City reporting and planning
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Licata; Rasmussen
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Tony Kilduff

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services:

1. Develop a scope of work for an RFP to estimate the value of Seattle’s natural capital (open space, green space, tree canopy, etc.), both public and private;
2. Determine what would be necessary to include such an estimate in the City’s asset management, cost-benefit analyses, accounting, reporting, and planning, including how inclusion of natural capital can improve the City’s bonding capacity; and
3. Propose how to incorporate the estimate in the surplus property disposition process.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2016

**6.****SLI Number:** 76-2-A-2**Title:** Requesting the Executive identify policy direction, steps forward and sources of funding for a viable, privately operated childcare facility on the City's downtown Civic Center campus**Councilmembers:** Bagshaw; Burgess; Godden; Harrell; Licata; O'Brien; Okamoto; Rasmussen; Sawant**Staff Analyst:** Bailey Bauhs; Tony Kilduff; Lish Whitson**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Council requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) create an interdepartmental team (IDT) which will include the Central Budget Office, the Human Services Department, the Department of Early Learning and Education, and other appropriate departments. The IDT will evaluate the questions listed below relating to developing a privately operated childcare center on the City's Civic Center campus. In addition, the IDT will assess hiring and managing a contractor to estimate the costs of preparing an identified space for a childcare center, and will prepare the financial estimates surrounding the buildout and ongoing operational costs of a municipal campus childcare facility.

This proposal envisions a childcare center on the Civic Center campus that will support the City's gender pay equity, quality pre-kindergarten, social justice, and affordability goals. The IDT report should be completed and presented to Council no later than June 30, 2016. This IDT evaluation should address the following:

- 1) City resources (including Pre-K Levy dollars, childcare incentive zoning bonus dollars, and FAS capital improvement dollars) available to prepare a designated childcare site for buildout, perform the tenant improvements necessary to a childcare buildout, and sustain longer-term operations and maintenance costs;
- 2) The process, timeline, and estimated costs to develop a municipal campus childcare center downtown and contract with an operator (utilize appropriation in green sheet 76-1-A);
- 3) Answers to the policy questions surrounding the development of a childcare center, including but not limited to:
  - a) How many childcare centers are in the Seattle downtown core, how many are planned for development, and is there demand for a childcare center in or near The City of Seattle's downtown campus?
  - b) What opportunity costs does the development of a childcare site on City property present? How can these opportunity costs be mitigated? This could include but is not limited to: foregone revenue from outside tenants and foregone space for other City functions. How would a childcare facility change recruiting and retention for The City of Seattle? What opportunity costs does the use of different funding sources present?
  - c) Is a downtown childcare center independently financially viable? Can an independently financially viable downtown childcare center meet City of Seattle access and affordability objectives? What range and composition of subsidy (rent or operations) might be necessary from The City of Seattle to see an accessible *and* financially viable downtown childcare center? What types of subsidies do other childcare centers in the downtown area receive?
  - d) Is available space viable (utilize appropriation for site feasibility assessment from green sheet 76-1-A)? If not, where else might a childcare space near The City of Seattle's downtown campus be developed? What other spaces are available? What would these spaces cost?
  - e) Should a childcare center on City property be available to the public or just City employees? Should there be income requirements and for what portion of the childcare slots?
  - f) What number of classrooms serving which ages should be developed?
  - g) What process should be utilized to bring on an operator? What criteria would be utilized to decide on an operator?



- 4) Funding, operations, and policy choices for Council to consider. For example, what costs per childcare space would exist at which subsidy levels, and what are the policy implications of these options?

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2015

## CIVIL RIGHTS, UTILITIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ARTS

7.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	15-1-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	Implications for The City of Seattle, Workforce Development Council Report: Workforce Ecosystem Project
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Harrell; O'Brien; Okamoto
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Aaron Pritchard

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Office of Economic Development (OED) will analyze and report on the organizational assessment study "Workforce Ecosystem Project" as conducted by the regional Workforce Development Council. The final report will be released in early 2016. The report by OED will determine whether a better alignment of strategic interests can be developed between The City of Seattle and the Workforce Development Council. At a minimum the report shall identify: (1) opportunities for the City to leverage strategic regional partnerships for workforce development and (2) how local investments made by OED can be aligned with those made by regional partners to increase availability of funding.

The regional bodies that represent, fund, receive funding and partner with Seattle, including the Economic Development Council, the Trade Development Alliance and the Workforce Development Council, all have specific charters to serve the residents of Greater Seattle Metropolitan area. The focus on youth and developing the workforce in the region are of particular concern to this Council. It is the Council's intention that the OED work with the WDC to determine how our interests can be better aligned based on this report and other OED recommendations.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts

**Date Due to Council:** June 6, 2016

<b>8.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	36-1-A-3
	<b>Title:</b>	Dedicated funding source for local labor laws
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Burgess; Licata; O'Brien
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Patricia Lee

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council intends to increase funding for organizations to perform worker outreach and business outreach for the purpose of providing education, ensuring compliance with the City’s labor laws, and to provide additional funding for staff investigators at the Office of Labor Standards (OLS). It intends to do so by establishing a new dedicated source of funding for OLS as well as having the City enter into contracts with trusted partner organizations and associations in order to provide additional resources for outreach, compliance education and assistance, and enforcement.

Council requests that the Executive provide staffing and appropriate resources to support Council Central Staff’s analysis of how best to raise these dedicated funds, including potentially a \$0.01-per-hour-worked-in-Seattle supplemental business license fee, an increase in the annual business license fee, or other options. This analysis should include:

- An estimate of the amount raised through each dedicated source considered.
- How other Washington cities like Redmond and Vancouver have created similar dedicated sources and how much is raised.
- Any changes in law, policies, or regulations necessary to implement such a dedicated source.
- A needs assessment to determine how to most effectively apportion new revenue between education, investigations and enforcement by OLS or community and business outreach and education by community-based organizations.
- An implementation strategy and timeline.
- Model legislation to implement the dedicated source with the funds being dedicated to worker outreach, business outreach, and OLS.

The Council specifically intends that a significant portion of new funds to be used for community-based organizations, under contract with OLS, to provide the outreach and compliance education and assistance for employees and employers.

The Council also intends that the funds will be used to contract with business association(s) with dedicated business outreach, education, and technical assistance programs targeting small businesses and/or businesses associated with high-violation industries.

Central Staff’s findings and recommendations should be submitted to the chair of the Council’s committee with oversight of the City’s labor laws no later than April 1, 2016.

**Background:**

The City’s Office of Labor Standards (OLS) is a division of the Office for Civil Rights and is responsible for the administration of the City’s labor laws. Effective administration of these laws requires strong compliance, education and enforcement activities, as well as outreach to employees and employers.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts

**Date Due to Council:** April 1, 2016

<b>9.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	50-1-A-1
	<b>Title:</b>	Explore expanding the 1% for Art Program by eliminating exclusions
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Harrell; Licata; O'Brien; Okamoto
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Frank Video

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The City Council requests that the Executive and the Seattle Arts Commission together explore the possibility of expanding the City's 1% for Art Program by removing current exclusions, thereby increasing the number of eligible projects currently allowed, and to report their findings.

**Background:**

Considered one of the most successful public art programs in the country, Seattle's 1% for Art Program integrates artworks and the ideas of artists into a variety of public settings, advancing Seattle's reputation as a cultural center for innovation and creativity.

The Program specifies that 1% of eligible city capital improvement project funds be set aside for the commission, purchase and installation of artworks in a variety of settings. By providing opportunities for individuals to encounter art in parks, libraries, community centers, on roadways, bridges and other public venues, the program both enriches the urban landscape and empowers working artists.

Development in Seattle has grown significantly since its 1% for Art Program was instituted in 1973. The program has never seen an increase in its percent allocation.

The City's public art collection includes more than 400 permanently sited and integrated works and nearly 3,000 portable works, commissioned through a public process of selection panels comprised of professional visual artists and community and city representatives.

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services defines several categories of projects that are ineligible to participate in the City's 1% for Art Program, such as projects outside City limits, major maintenance, and in-kind replacement projects.

Rather than proposing a percentage increase to the current 1% for Art Program, this proposal is to assess the viability of expanding eligible projects beginning with the 2021 CIP.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts  
**Date Due to Council:** September 19, 2016

<b>10.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	149-1-A-3
	<b>Title:</b>	Commercial rent control
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Licata; O'Brien; Sawant
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Asha Venkataraman; Ted Virdone

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The cost of rent in Seattle is increasing on both residential and commercial properties. Stability of rent is vitally important to many small businesses. Commercial rents, just like residential rents, are already so prohibitively high as to be a major obstacle for aspiring storefront small businesses. In addition, existing storefront small businesses are being hit by dramatic rent increases. Because of the precarious environment in which most small businesses are forced to operate, they often lack the finances to reestablish themselves in a new location when forced to move, especially at short notice. Big business in Seattle is far less vulnerable to unstable rent because it has the capital to own property or the economic clout to negotiate favorable leases.

State law limits the ability of municipal governments to regulate rents on residential properties, but does not do so on commercial properties. Commercial rent control in Seattle could provide our small businesses with desperately needed stability in their leases. A legitimate public discussion on commercial rent control could also help build support to overturn the state ban on residential rent control.

Council requests the Mayor's Office and the Office of Economic Development convene a task force of small businesses to make proposals for reasonable regulations on the rents of commercial property in Seattle. These recommendations should be the basis for a future ordinance to implement some form of commercial rent control. Recommendations should be delivered to the Committee on Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts, or its successor committee, no later than April 1, 2016.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts

**Date Due to Council:** April 1, 2016

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

<b>11.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b>	4-1-A-2
	<b>Title:</b>	Request that City Light review its financial policies and propose any change to align them better with the financial risks it faces
	<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Burgess; O'Brien; Okamoto
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Tony Kilduff

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that City Light work with the Council's Central Staff, the City Budget Office, and the City Light Review Panel to review its financial policies and to recommend any changes necessary to ensure that they provide adequate protection from the risks associated with the utility's volatile wholesale and retail revenue streams. The Council further requests that City Light develop any necessary legislation for the Council to consider.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Energy and Environment

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2016

## GENDER EQUITY, SAFE COMMUNITIES AND NEW AMERICANS

12.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	80-1-A-4
<b>Title:</b>	Report by Special Task Force on the Chinatown/International District
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Burgess; Harrell; Okamoto; Rasmussen
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Audrey Buehring; Rebecca Herzfeld

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that the Special Task Force on the Chinatown/International District report to the Council on their recommendations on public safety and neighborhood vitality. By April 29, 2016, the Task Force should provide the Council with a written report that accomplishes the following:

1. Identifies strategies for a new model for neighborhood policing, which will build on the micro-policing plans and community policing plans initiated by Chief O'Toole. The strategies should be replicable in other neighborhoods throughout the City, while flexible enough to reflect the unique situations or dynamics of other diverse neighborhoods; and
2. Identifies strategies for a culturally and linguistically responsive data-driven approach to improving the City's relations to and effectiveness with the Chinatown/International District, which will also inform the City's engagement with all other neighborhoods.

### Background:

The Mayor established a Special Task Force on the Chinatown/International District to identify innovative strategies that address the following areas:

1. Public safety and policing issues that will focus on:
  - Exploring the feasibility for the Chinatown/International District neighborhood to be included in the geographic boundaries of one single precinct, as opposed to being divided in two separate precincts;
  - Strategies to increase police visibility and positive engagement with the neighborhood and community;
  - Examining ways to help make the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) programs successful in the Chinatown/International District;
  - Strategies to improve public safety education given a predominantly multi-lingual, immigrant/refugee neighborhood population; and
  - Strategies to improve 911 service responsiveness and capacity challenges related to multi-lingual and multicultural reporting.
2. Development of neighborhood vitality metrics that include:
  - Identification of baseline data around crime and social, health, and housing services in the neighborhood;
  - Developing baseline data and metrics for economic development; and
  - Improving the City's responsiveness to neighborhood concerns in a culturally and linguistically responsive way.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans

**Date Due to Council:** April 29, 2016

## HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

13.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	87-1-A-2
<b>Title:</b>	Explore greater collaboration and efficiency gains within the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) programs
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Burgess; O'Brien
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Josh Fogt; Rebecca Herzfeld

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council requests that the Human Services Department adjust its 2016 contracts with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) programs to require that they engage in a planning process to explore the following questions, with the desired outcome being greater collaboration and operational efficiencies within the programs and agencies involved, as well as improving neighborhood-level public health and safety conditions where the programs operate. The planning process should include, but is not limited to, requiring that the LEAD and MDT programs:

1. Evaluate how they can streamline and create efficiencies within and between the LEAD and MDT programs, and specifically describe potential costs and benefits of integrating or more closely coordinating LEAD and the MDT.
2. Explore how they can create meaningful change at the neighborhood level where LEAD and MDT are operating, and what should be measured going forward to track changes at the neighborhood level (e.g., crime statistics, 911 calls for service, environmental indications of crime or street disorder, etc.).
3. Estimate the average cost per participant for both programs, separated out for a) case management; b) support services (e.g., housing, detox); and c) program administration. Provide both the total costs and the City-funded portion.
4. Define the theory of change used by each program. For LEAD, describe any recommended revisions to the theory of change to respond to recent City and County changes to arrest and prosecution policies for prostitution and drug dealing.
5. Engage with community representatives from Downtown and Capitol Hill, including the Special Task Force on Chinatown-International District (see SLI 80-1-A-4) to support program success.
6. Identify potential operational changes that could be made by government agencies to make these programs more effective, as well as the expected behavioral changes in the programs' participants that correspond to these operational changes.
7. Propose recommendations for how to take these programs to scale, both in their current geographies and beyond. Incorporate lessons learned from the 2014 expansion of MDT and LEAD into the Chinatown-International District.
8. With regard to expansion to Capitol Hill:
  - a. Recommend strategies for incorporating youth into the LEAD and MDT programs to help prevent youth detention.
  - b. Evaluate whether the expansion of the LEAD and MDT programs into Capitol Hill would affect public safety issues in the Little Saigon neighborhood, and if so, how.
9. Propose recommendations to revise the LEAD and MDT governance structures to reflect the changing mix of funders.

Council requests that the Human Services Department, along with the LEAD and MDT programs, report back to Council on recommendations from this planning process by May 31, 2016.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Human Services and Public Health

**Date Due to Council:** May 31, 2016



**14.**

<b>SLI Number:</b>	118-1-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	Analysis and report by HSD on the impact of major funding shift for agencies working with older adults and people with disabilities
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Godden; Okamoto; Rasmussen
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Brian Goodnight

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that the Human Services Department (HSD) analyze and report to the Council on the impact of a shift in the investment strategy of the United Way of King County. The shift of approximately \$1.76 million in philanthropic contributions is expected to affect up to 29 agencies serving over 50,000 older adults and people with disabilities throughout King County.

Due to the magnitude of this funding shift, the Council is concerned that some agencies that hold contracts with the City may have difficulty maintaining their current levels of service. The Council requests that HSD address the following in its report:

1. What, if any, impact does HSD anticipate that the United Way funding shift will have on planned or existing contracts between The City of Seattle and agencies that provide services to seniors and people with disabilities? Please provide an analysis of any anticipated impact.
2. What, if any, direct impact does HSD anticipate that the funding shift will have on seniors and people with disabilities? Please provide an analysis of any anticipated impact.
3. If there is an identified impact on planned or existing contracts between the City and affected agencies, please provide recommendations for addressing that impact.
4. How are such shifts in investment by major funders monitored and incorporated into HSD's services and contracts? Does HSD have recommendations for changes that should be made?

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Human Services and Public Health

**Date Due to Council:** March 30, 2016

## PLANNING, LAND USE AND ZONING

15.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	25-2-A-2
<b>Title:</b>	Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) report to Council on (1) potential fee increases for the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) program to support an inspections auditing program and (2) a data collection plan on the value of repairs resulting from RRIO
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Godden; Licata; Sawant
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Aly Pennucci

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection's (SDCI) Code Compliance division report to the Council on two components of the RRIO program outlined below.

1. Evaluate what changes are needed to support the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) auditing program with fee revenue. This should include reconvening the stakeholder group that helped design the current RRIO program to consider administrative and legislative changes including (but not limited to):
  - increasing renewal registration fees;
  - requiring more properties with prior notices of violation to be fully inspected by a date certain in 2016;
  - decreasing the cost of City inspections; and
  - increasing the frequency of inspections for any property with a prior notice of violation.The report should include an implementation plan to make adjustments to RRIO program fees to support the auditing program.
2. Develop an implementation plan, including analysis of any resource needs, to include data collection in the RRIO auditing program. Data collection would include measuring the cost and quantifying the value of repairs that resulted from the RRIO program to understand the overall investments in property improvements leveraged by the program.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Planning, Land Use and Zoning

**Date Due to Council:** June 15, 2016

16.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	32-2-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	OPCD Equitable Development Implementation Plan for Seattle 2035
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Burgess; O'Brien; Okamoto
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Lish Whitson

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) develop an equitable development implementation strategy for Seattle 2035. Two reports are requested, one to be delivered no later than April 30, 2016 and the other to be delivered on June 1, 2016.

The Council requests that the Executive provide a draft implementation strategy to the Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee or the successor committee with oversight of OPCD by April 30, 2016, including:

1. Place-based anti-displacement strategies including programs, policies and public investments for areas of the City with high-risk of displacement;
2. Place-based strategies to increase access to high opportunity areas for marginalized populations;
3. A framework for coordinating public infrastructure investments around equitable development ;
4. A community capacity-building model for stewarding the strategy; and
5. A plan to identify financial and other resources to implement the strategy.

The Council requests that the Executive provide a financial plan for implementation of the strategy to the Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee or the successor committee with oversight of OPCD by June 1, 2016.

**Background:**

In May 2015, the Council adopted Resolution 31577, making race and social equity a core value of the Comprehensive Plan. The resolution set an action plan to incorporate equity into all parts of the plan. This work includes incorporating equity into each of the elements, an RSJI analysis of the growth scenarios, new measurement tools to track progress and use of the RSJI Inclusive Outreach and Public Engagement (IOPE) toolkit to engage historically underrepresented communities during the Plan's public review period and collaborating during implementation with community bodies representative of marginalized populations.

The Equity Analysis of the growth scenarios presented with the Seattle 2035 Draft Environmental Impact Statement identified the need for investment in anti-displacement strategies in many areas of the city designated for growth. These strategies would help maintain affordability, anchor cultural communities and provide education and economic opportunities for current residents. The Council requests that the Executive develop an implementation plan in order to translate this analysis into actionable policy that can be advanced concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan to minimize displacement of marginalized populations and increase their access to opportunity.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Planning, Land Use and Zoning

**Date Due to Council:** April 30, 2016; June 1, 2016

<b>17.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b> 33-1-A-2
	<b>Title:</b> Request that OPCD analyze and prepare implementing legislation for a rezone for the intersection of 16th Ave SW and SW Holden Street, including the former SCL Dumar Substation
	<b>Councilmembers:</b> Harrell; Licata; Rasmussen
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b> Evan Clifthorne; Aly Pennucci

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Council requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) develop and execute a scope of work to consider zoning and land use changes for the properties in and around the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and SW Holden Street, including the former Seattle City Light Dumar Substation (“Dumar”) at 1605 SW Holden Street. OPCD should add this to the scope of work for either the Delridge Action Plan or to the work called for in Resolution 31612 to consider zoning and land use regulation changes in certain single-family areas (implementing recommendations from the Housing Affordability and Livability Action Agenda Committee’s proposal). The Executive is requested to submit a report to the Council with a project scope, timeline and implementation plan for potential changes to zoning and land use regulations that could apply to this area by July 1, 2016. The implementation plan should result in any zoning changes and corresponding comprehensive plan amendments being completed by December 1, 2017. The project scope must include working with the Highland Park Action Committee (HPAC), property owners of lots being considered for a rezone (to include 1605 SW Holden Street), and other community members to develop recommendations. The rezone analysis should consider the most appropriate zone(s) for the area, including considering the addition of a Pedestrian zone designation.

**Background:**

Seattle City Light (SCL) has submitted legislation (CB 118512) for Council consideration that would declare eight substation properties as surplus and authorize the sale of these properties. The Dumar site is one of the eight properties being considered for disposition.

The Dumar site is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of SW Holden Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in the Highland Park neighborhood; this property is in a single-family zone. The other three corners of the intersection are zoned Neighborhood Commercial with a 30-foot height limit. The northwest corner is occupied by a 7-Eleven store, the northeast corner by the City’s Fire Station No. 11 and the southeast corner by a two-unit strip mall. As requested in Resolution 31424, SCL conducted outreach to the community about the potential disposition. This included attending district council meetings, community council meetings, soliciting comments through letters and emails and two formal public hearings.

SCL heard from HPAC and from emails from community members a strong interest in seeing the Dumar site rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial (or an alternative commercial zone) to implement their vision that this intersection will be built out as a small, pedestrian-friendly commercial center. SCL also heard from the abutting owners to the Dumar property who requested that the property not be made a park and, instead, be sold for development as a single-family residence. Whether the City disposes of the Dumar property or retains it, this SLI directs OPCD to initiate an evaluation of the zoning and land use regulations that apply to this site and the surrounding area to determine if a rezone is appropriate and to implement any identified needed changes.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Planning, Land Use and Zoning

**Date Due to Council:** July 1, 2016

## PARKS, SEATTLE CENTER, LIBRARIES AND WATERFRONT

18.

<b>SLI Number:</b>	66-1-B-1
<b>Title:</b>	Community Center Strategic Plan addressing needs of Capitol Hill residents
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Rasmussen
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Tobias Pulliam; Traci Ratzliff

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

In 2015, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) began work on the development of a strategic plan for the 26 community centers operating Citywide. This plan will set a course for achieving the following goals, as established in the 2014 Parks Legacy Plan:

1. Ensure community centers are the focal points in our neighborhoods and serve as places where people can connect, foster relationships, build community, and enhance their health and well-being by offering programs, activities, and events to Seattle's changing population.
2. Ensure community centers are physically and emotionally safe and welcoming places for individual enrichment and community growth.

The Community Center Strategic Plan will include objectives and action items to accomplish these two broad goals.

In addition, racial and social equity underpin community center operations: centers are the equalizers in our City, giving *all* people a place to play, learn, connect, engage in healthy activities, meet and celebrate with their neighbors. Barriers to centers providing equitable access and opportunities will be addressed in the Strategic Plan, with strategies to overcome those barriers.

This plan will include recommendations for each of the 26 community centers based on:

- Demographic information (Census data and trends)
- Information from users and non-users of community centers (obtained through surveys and outreach activities) concerning needed/desired programs and services
- Recreation Demand Study that assesses current and future need and demand for recreation services, including those provided at community centers. The plan will address whether our programs align with the demographics of the community and what and where are the service gaps.

The Community Center Strategic Plan will be delivered to the Council in the first quarter of 2016.

The Council requests that this plan specifically examine the specific needs of the Capitol Hill neighborhood and how the existing Miller Community Center could be optimally utilized to meet the recreation and social needs of this community.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Waterfront

**Date Due to Council:** March 31, 2016

## SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

<b>19.</b>	<b>SLI Number:</b> 95-2-A-1
	<b>Title:</b> West Seattle Bridge Corridor Improvements
	<b>Councilmembers:</b> Harrell; Okamoto; Rasmussen
	<b>Staff Analyst:</b> Evan Clifthorne; Peter Lindsay

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) prepare a written progress report on the implementation of initiatives described in the West Seattle Bridge Corridor Whitepaper and Priority Investment List.

The report should describe the Executive's planning and progress implementing the 2015 West Seattle Bridge Whitepaper and Priority Investment List ("the Investment List") recommendations to the Transportation Committee or the appropriate Council committee. The report should be transmitted to the Council no later than March 31, 2016, and should include the following information:

- 1) A description of all anticipated 2016 SDOT maintenance and capital project activities planned for the West Seattle Bridge Corridor ("the Corridor"). The report should identify all planned Corridor project activities included in the Investment List and any planned Corridor project activities not included in the Investment List.
- 2) A comprehensive schedule review defining SDOT's timing for implementing the Investment List's recommendations including any multi-year initiatives or projects that may not have full funding.
- 3) Estimated total investment of City resources in both staff and funding to carry out Investment List recommendations in 2016 and beyond.
- 4) A description of the ongoing metrics SDOT will use to measure the effectiveness of the recommended investments and a Corridor-wide assessment of traffic conditions for all modes in 2016.

### Background:

The crossing over the Duwamish River that connects West Seattle neighborhoods, the Duwamish Industrial Area, and Port of Seattle terminals to downtown Seattle and the overall regional transportation network has long been one of the City's busiest and most fragile travel corridors. Over the past year, SDOT, working in collaboration with the Council and the Seattle Police Department, developed a list of potential initiatives to address congestion throughout the West Seattle Bridge Corridor. The Investment List provides a detailed compilation of feasibility studies, targeted capital investments and right-of-way operational improvements that SDOT believes will lead to or directly improve traffic conditions.

Although a number of the initiatives described in the Investment List are funded, the Council is interested in a comprehensive understanding of the Mayor's intention for completing all elements of the Investment List and the anticipated timing to complete each element.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Sustainability and Transportation

**Date Due to Council:** March 31, 2016

**20.**

<b>SLI Number:</b>	98-1-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	Evaluate a new program requiring employers to provide transit benefits to employees
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Burgess; O'Brien; Rasmussen
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Calvin Chow; David Yeaworth

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Council requests that the Executive evaluate the feasibility and merits of a potential new program requiring employers to provide transit benefits to employees. This evaluation should include a City-led process to consult with affected and interested stakeholder groups.

**Background:**

Traffic congestion is repeatedly cited as a significant concern to Seattle residents. To reduce congestion, it is well documented that one of the best solutions is to incentivize more commuters to take transit, as opposed to traveling by single-occupancy vehicle.

Today, a number of Seattle employers provide incentives for their employees to take transit, through benefits such as tax-free employer-paid transit passes, a federal pre-tax payroll deduction for employees to purchase their own transit passes, employer-provided shuttle programs, or other similar programs. However, these incentives are generally provided by employers on a voluntary basis only.

Recently, San Francisco, New York City, and the District of Columbia have enacted legislation that mandates employers with over 20 full-time employees provide these types of transit benefits to their employees. Many employers choose to offer the federal pre-tax payroll deduction option to employees, as this benefit can actually save employers from paying payroll taxes on the dollars set aside by employees pre-tax.

The merits of enacting similar legislation in Seattle have not been explored before. The possibility of incentivizing more employees to take transit is intriguing, as it could have a significant positive impact on transit ridership and contribute to a reduction in single-occupancy vehicle usage. As the Executive evaluates potential new requirements for employers, research should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- The City's authority to enact such legislation;
- The number of Seattle employers – small, medium, and large – that currently provide transit benefits to employees;
- City costs associated with enforcing a mandatory transit benefits requirement; and
- The experiences of other cities that have enacted similar legislation.

**Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability and Transportation****Date Due to Council:** June 1, 2016

**21.**

<b>SLI Number:</b>	100-2-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	SDOT report on parking benefit districts
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Burgess; O'Brien; Rasmussen
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Lish Whitson

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) work with Capitol Hill Housing (CHH) to:

1. Review existing on-street parking regulations, policies, and procedures;
2. Identify disincentives and policy considerations to piloting a parking benefit district;
3. Identify strategies that could address the identified practical and policy considerations and be replicable in different parts of the City; and
4. Make recommendations on policy and procedural changes needed to pilot a parking benefit district in the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict.

As used in other cities, a parking benefit district would build on partnerships between the City and local community groups. If the City were to decide to create any parking benefit districts, it would designate areas that include some blocks with metered streets in which the City would allocate a portion of the parking meter revenue collected within the district to transportation improvements within the district. Currently the City allocates parking meter revenue to the General Fund. Parking benefit districts are generally instituted to support investment in local commercial districts and to build support within the community for paid parking.

Council requests that by June 30, 2016, SDOT work with CHH to deliver a written report to the Council's Transportation Committee that:

1. Reviews incentives, regulations, and policy considerations that support or hinder the implementation of parking benefit districts in Seattle;
2. Recommends a pathway for piloting a parking benefit district in the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, including potential dedication of some percentage of on-street parking revenues for street, sidewalk, vehicle, and pedestrian improvements physically located within the district.

**Background:**

In July 2015, the Mayor-appointed Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) Committee delivered a set of recommendations to address Seattle's affordable housing crisis. Several recommendations of the HALA Committee address current parking policies and management as a hidden cost and/or barrier to affordability.

The HALA report includes the following two recommendations to improve Seattle's on-street parking system:

- HALA OP.1. Create a parking benefit district and "cap and trade" demonstration pilot
- HALA OP.2. Explore revising the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program.

SDOT and CHH have already discussed working together on revising the RPZ program in Capitol Hill. This Statement of Legislative Intent provides a necessary preliminary step towards creating a parking benefit district in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Capitol Hill's commercial corridors, where parking occupancy in metered zones after metered hours is high, provide an opportunity to pilot a parking benefit district in a place and manner that is consistent with the City's parking management, affordability, and general sustainability goals. Capitol Hill Housing and the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict are logical partners for this work as the lead community development entity in the Capitol Hill neighborhood and the City's identified partner (Council Resolution 31562) in advancing local sustainability goals.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Sustainability and Transportation

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2016



**22.**

<b>SLI Number:</b>	101-1-A-1
<b>Title:</b>	An inventory of public benefits provided by street and alley vacations
<b>Councilmembers:</b>	Bagshaw; Licata; O'Brien
<b>Staff Analyst:</b>	Jasmine Marwaha; Lish Whitson

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) develop a report detailing the public benefits received from alley and street vacations since 1995. The report should include, but not be limited to:

- An inventory and map of publicly accessible plazas, art, pedestrian ways, and green spaces built as a result of street and alley vacations, and an indication of whether they are located on public or private property;
- A complete inventory of all public benefits received, including the assessed value of those benefits;
- The types of public benefits that are most commonly provided through the street and alley vacation process;
- An inventory of the square footage of street or alley land conveyed and the amount of money paid to the City for that right-of-way, not including funds conveyed as part of public benefits; and
- A scope of work for further qualitative analysis of public benefits received from street and alley vacations, to measure the impact of these public benefits on the general public.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Sustainability and Transportation

**Date Due to Council:** March 31, 2016