

CNC's Prioritized Audit Recommendations

(based off of discussions from the Audit Response Work Planning sessions)

| Audit Recommendations for Improving Seattle's District Council and City Neighborhood Council System | City Neighborhood Council/ District Council/ Department of Neighborhoods Work Plan Elements | City Neighborhood Council/District Council Work Plan Priority Ranking |
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| 1. Clarify the City's objectives for the district council/City Neighborhood Council system: is the emphasis on information or policy? | Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with City Objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input. (addresses Audit Recommendations 1, 2, and 6) | Priority 1 |
| 6. Clarify the City's role in district council governance. | Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with Seattle objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 1, 2, and 6) | Priority 1 |
| 4. Require that standards are met if District Council and City Neighborhood Council responsibilities include rating and ranking City grants. | Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 4,5,7, and 8) | Priority 2 |
| 7. Establish appropriate conditions for the City's continued support of the district councils and City Neighborhood Council. | Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 4,5,7, and 8) | Priority 2 |
| 9. The City should clarify the level of staff support it will provide to district councils, the City Neighborhood Council, and other groups. | Goal 3: Establish baseline staffing function that supports District Councils (provides uniformity across system, guides expectations, staff operations, and provides a method for public records retention). (Addresses Audit Recommendations 9 and 10) | Priority 3 |
| 8. The City should explore ways to help district councils and the City Neighborhood Council reduce and/or manage conflict at meetings. | Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 4,5,7, and 8) | Priority 4 |

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| <p>10. The Department of Neighborhoods should improve its compliance with the State's document retention laws by retaining district council documents that come into its possession.</p> | <p>Goal 3: Establish baseline staffing function that supports District Councils (provides uniformity across system, guides expectations, staff operations, and provides a method for public records retention). (Addresses Audit Recommendations 9 and 10)</p> | <p>Priority 5</p> |
| <p>3. Provide additional guidelines for the district council/City Neighborhood Council system consistent with any clarified objectives.</p> | <p>Goal 2: Review existing guidelines and City Objectives and (if necessary) revisit/develop more consistent guidelines for District Councils and City Neighborhood Council. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 3)</p> | <p>Priority 6</p> |
| <p>5. Avoid characterizing the district councils and City Neighborhood Council as representative bodies.</p> | <p>Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 4, 5, 7, and 8)</p> | <p>Priority 7</p> |
| <p>2. Consider a change in the names "district council" and "City Neighborhood Council."</p> | <p>Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with Seattle objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input. (Addresses Audit Recommendations 1, 2, and 6)</p> | <p>Priority 8</p> |