

# CITIZENS' BUDGET CONFERENCE 2008

*Sponsored by Seattle's City Neighborhood Council and Seattle Center  
in cooperation with the Mayor, the City Council,  
and the Departments of Finance and Neighborhoods*

When: Sunday, February 10, 2008 -- 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Where: Seattle Center, Center House Conference Center (third floor)

What: Understand why the City's budgeting matters to you and how to get involved in the decisions that affect your neighborhood

- 12:00 noon in reception area     **REGISTRATION/REFRESHMENTS/BUDGET FAIR** Discuss your neighborhood's needs one-on-one with departmental representatives at the tables in the reception area.
- 1:00-1:20 room H     **WELCOME** Officiating: Chris Leman (Eastlake, Lake Union District Council, and Chair of the City Neighborhood Council). Speakers:  
-- Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis  
-- City Councilmember Jean Godden, Chair of the Finance and Budget Committees. Introduced by Pete Spalding (Pigeon Point, Chair of the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council, Vice Chair of the City Neighborhood Council)
- 1:20-1:55, room H     **OVERVIEW** Officiating: Ron Boddie (Madrona, Chair of the Central Area Neighborhoods District Council, and Chair of the City Neighborhood Council's Budget Committee). Speaker:  
-- Dwight Dively, Director of Seattle's Department of Finance, will analyze budget and finance issues facing the City, and respond to questions.
- 2:00-2:55     **SESSION ONE** Choose from these simultaneous panels, four of which will be repeated in session two:  
-- Health, Human Services, and Housing Programs (in a nearby room at Center School; repeated in session two) Moderators: Kristin O'Donnell (Yesler Terrace, East District Council); and Pete Spalding (CNC Vice Chair)  
-- Parks, Community Centers, and Seattle Center (room A; repeated in session two) Moderators: Carol Burton (Magnolia, Chair of the Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council) and Cheryl Klinker (Lake City, North District Council)  
-- Police Department and Fire Department (room B; repeated in session two) Moderators: Pat Murakami (Mt. Baker, SE District Council) and Laine Ross (Downtown District Council).  
-- Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities (room 311) Moderators: Suzie Burke (Fremont, Chair of the Lake Union District Council) and Robert Drucker (Sunset Hill, Ballard District Council)  
-- Seattle Department of Transportation: Roads, Traffic Signals, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements (room H; repeated in session two) Moderators: Kathy Nyland (Georgetown, Chair of the Greater Duwamish District Council) and Malaika Lafferty (Cascade, Lake Union District Council)
- 3:00-3:55     **SESSION TWO** - Choose from these simultaneous panels:

-- Library and Neighborhood Programs (room 311) Moderators: Dennis Ross (Admiral, Southwest District Council) and Irene Wall (Phinney Ridge, Co-chair of the Northwest District Council)

-- Parks, Community Centers, and Seattle Center (room A; repeat from session one) Grover Haynes (Seward Park; Southeast District Council) and Jessica Vets (Queen Anne, Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council)

-- Police and Fire Departments (room B, repeat from session one) Moderators: Ron Boddie (Chair of the Central Area Neighborhoods District Council) and Quang Nguyen (International District, Vietnamese American Economic Development Association)

-- Health, Human Services, and Housing Programs (in a nearby room at Center School, repeat from session one) Moderators: Willie Austin (Austin Foundation) and Dick Selin (Fremont, Lake Union District Council, and Secretary of the City Neighborhood Council)

-- Seattle Department of Transportation: Roads, Traffic Signals, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements (room H; repeat from session one) Moderators: Jim Erickson (First Hill, East District Council) and Ref Lindmark (Greenwood, Northwest District Council)

4:00-5:00

(may extend to 5:30)

**CITY COUNCIL PANEL** (room H) Dialogue with City Councilmembers on how your neighborhood can get the budget results it wants. Officiating: CNC Chair Chris Leman. *Note: the City Council Budget Committee has designated this panel as one of its meetings, to begin with a public comment period administered by Councilmember Jean Godden, committee chair; and then Councilmembers' discussion and responses to questions from the public, with moderation provided by CNC.*

On the sheets provided, please write down any questions you have for the speakers or panelists, and provide them to the moderator or leave them at the registration desk.

The biennial Citizens Budget Conference is organized by the City Neighborhood Council and its Budget Committee. We offer sincere thanks to the hundreds of volunteers, City employees, businesses, journalists, and others who have made this conference possible. We need your feedback on this event. Please fill out an evaluation form and leave it at the registration desk.

The City Neighborhood Council, and the thirteen district councils which comprise it, are all-volunteer bodies that are assigned by City legislation to advise on budgeting, neighborhood planning, and the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and to assist in dialogue on community concerns, problems, and solutions. For information about CNC and its committees, and the district councils, see <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>, call Ted Divina of the Department of Neighborhoods at 684-0270, or contact CNC Chair Chris Leman at [cleman@oo.net](mailto:cleman@oo.net) or (206) 322-5463.

CNC's budget committee welcomes your participation at its meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of the month at noon at Seattle Central Grind, 2724 E. Cherry (corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Cherry Street). For information, contact committee chair Ron Boddie, [rjboddie\\_2@msn.com](mailto:rjboddie_2@msn.com).