



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2010
TO: District Council Chairs
CC: Stella Chao, Department Director
Darryl Smith, Deputy Mayor, Communities
FROM: Veronica Sherman King, Director of Planning and Community Building
Charles Redmond, City Neighborhood Council Chair
RE: District Council Audit Work Plan

The City Neighborhood Council and Seattle Department of Neighborhoods want to thank all those who participated in the recent workgroup meetings focused on the development of a work plan. This work plan, as many remember, was at the request of City Council in response to an audit conducted last year. It is also, however, an opportunity to develop a road map for 2010-2012.

We are happy to report that 77% of District Councils (10 of 13) participated in the development of a draft work plan. This work plan is attached for your convenience in two formats. The first work plan document breaks out key goals and specific outcomes, and where possible target timelines and responsible persons. The second document presents the same information in a linear format with action items provided as a separate listing. We are also making these documents available on our website for public comment.

We apologize for the delay in getting these important documents out. It was necessary, though, to take time to fully integrate key discussions amongst the work group, as well as with members from District Councils who were not able to attend meetings. The process took a bit longer than we imagined. The good news is that Councilmember O'Brien's Office has granted us an extension. Previously, this document was due June 1st, and is now due at the end of June, with a presentation to Council on July 13th at the Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee meeting. This also gives us considerable additional time for greater public involvement and District Council review.

The documents can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>. As part of the public comment process, we are also asking District Councils and the larger community to volunteer their participation in one or more of the proposed work plan activities. These activities include developing surveys, web-based tool kits, and other important activities. This is a collaborative effort to support the advancement of the larger District Council system. Across the thirteen District Councils, there are hundreds of volunteers who participate and work supporting their local communities.

After the public comment period closes, and a presentation is given to Council, the Department of Neighborhoods and the City Neighborhood Council will work with District Council Chairs, Deputy Mayor Smith, and Councilman O'Brien's Office to finalize our next steps.

Timeline information:

- **The public comment period: June 3rd, 2010 and ends June 28th, 2010. Please send comments directly to Wendy Watson at wendy.watson@seattle.gov with subject line: 2010-2012 Work Plan**
- **Presentation to Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee – July 13, 2010**

