




Office of Planning and Community Development
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2016 Proposed Budget Overview
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Primary Services

The objective of OPCD is to help ensure the City supports thriving communities with a mix of amenities, open space, transportation, affordable housing, and educational and economic opportunity to meet current and future community needs, ensuring healthy, sustainable, equitable development across the City.

- ▶ **Research & Analysis**

- ▶ Guide data-driven decisions related to strategic capital investments and planning for growth.

- ▶ **Planning & Implementation**

- ▶ Develop, update and implement plans and citywide initiatives, as informed by the Research and Analysis Division's assessment of data on growth, equity, and other topics.

Primary Services (cont'd)

Research & Analysis

- ▶ Lead long-range physical planning functions
 - ▶ Oversee and coordinate implementation of City's Comp Plan
 - ▶ Evaluate regional growth management policy
- ▶ Work with department liaisons in a Citywide Capital Subcabinet to align long-range capital investment planning
- ▶ Support equitable growth analysis and community investment strategies
- ▶ Coordinate with revenue team and capital projects manager at City Budget Office

Primary Services (cont'd)

Planning & Implementation

- ▶ Work closely with the Department of Neighborhoods on outreach and engagement for community plans and citywide initiatives, such as advancing the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA)
- ▶ Work with neighborhoods, community organizations and City departments to develop, update and implement plans and citywide initiatives
- ▶ Implement community plans and foster urban design excellence throughout the city
 - ▶ Develop sub-area and functional plans

Primary Services (cont'd)

Seattle Design Commission

- ▶ Comprised of 10 commissioners.
- ▶ Promotes civic design excellence in capital improvement projects that are located on City land, in the City right-of-way, or constructed with City funds.
- ▶ Provides recommendations on aesthetic, environmental and design principles and policies, and promotes interdepartmental and interagency coordination.

Seattle Planning Commission

- ▶ Comprised of 16 commissioners.
- ▶ Provides independent analysis and promotes issues vital to livability.
- ▶ Seeks public comment and participation as a part of the process to achieve the Comprehensive Plan's vision.

Service Changes

- **Transfer and fully fund existing staff**
- **Add Positions for Office Leadership and Support**
- **Implement Recommendations for Affordable Housing Goals**
- **Support Planning for a Multicultural Community Center for Immigrant and Refugee Communities**

Organizational Changes Summary

2016 Proposed FTE Total: 43

