

On 12/13/2022, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations made a presentation to City Council about upcoming work in the 2023 legislative session. This 17 page, single-spaced document describes all of the city's priorities for the upcoming session. The following summarizes the policing-relevant items from [RES 32076 Proposed City of Seattle's 2023 State Legislative Agenda](#):

1. Enhanced authority for police chiefs to discipline officers, including the ability to lay off officers on the [Brady List](#)
2. Ending [qualified immunity](#) for law enforcement. See prefiled bill [HB 1025](#), sponsored by Rep. Thai
3. Prohibit collective bargaining on topics related to discipline, appeals, subpoena authority, and state reforms about law enforcement
4. Require police reforms that free local jurisdictions from having to negotiate and pay for accountability reforms, including body worn cameras
5. Reform of civil service hearings and arbitration in law enforcement officer discipline cases
6. Remove private arbitration as a route of appeal in law enforcement discipline cases
7. Support for independent prosecutions of deadly use of force by law enforcement
8. Extend employment in law enforcement, fire, and other public agencies to legal permanent residents and those with [DACA status](#)
9. Expansion of law enforcement training for de-escalation and implicit bias
10. Increased flexibility for civilian personnel to respond to 911 calls (referencing the [CAHOOTS program](#))
11. Reduce or eliminate city and county law enforcement involvement in immigration law enforcement
12. Restrict local jurisdictions from honoring ICE detainers without a federal criminal warrants

There are other statements regarding support for gun violence reduction efforts, victim support, and domestic violence victim support that are not directly related to policing. Please review [the original resolution text](#) for full details.

Relevant Paragraphs:

“The City of Seattle supports efforts to increase accountability and transparency in law enforcement. We support legislation that enhances the authority of police chiefs to discipline officers that violate professional standards and public trust, and the ability to sustain those decisions, including the ability to lay off officers on the Brady list. We support ending qualified immunity for law enforcement.

We support prohibiting collective bargaining between law enforcement agencies and officers on topics related to disciplinary action, appeals of discipline, subpoena authority, and any state reforms related to law enforcement. We support the State requiring the types of police reforms

that would free local jurisdictions from having to negotiate and pay for accountability reforms with additional compensation, including body worn cameras. We support reform of civil service hearings and arbitration in law enforcement officer discipline cases. The City of Seattle also supports removing private arbitration as a route of appeal in law enforcement discipline cases.

We support independent prosecutions of deadly use of force to ensure a fair and impartial assessment can be reached. We support legislation to enable law enforcement, fire departments and other public agencies to build departments more reflective of the communities they protect by extending employment opportunities to legally permanent residents and recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Temporary Protected Status. We support expansion of and funding for de-escalation, implicit bias, and other critical training for law enforcement officers to respond appropriately and equitably, and we also support increasing the flexibility for local jurisdictions to allow civilian personnel to respond to 911 calls and low-level criminal calls, as in the CAHOOTS program.

The City supports legislation that would eliminate or at least significantly reduce the involvement of county and city law enforcement officials in immigration law enforcement. In particular, the City supports legislation that would restrict local jurisdictions from honoring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers unless they are supported by a federal criminal warrant. We support the state setting a clear, statewide standard for these restrictions. The City of Seattle supports providing essential legal services and community navigation to indigent immigrant and refugee residents.”