



## Participating in the 2025 Budget Process

Three ways you can share your insights:

1. **Budget Committee Meetings** - 4 Opportunities
2. **Public Hearings** - 2 Opportunities
3. **Written Comment** - Anytime

Public comment can be given remotely or in person.

## Budget Process Overview

Oct. 15  
through  
Oct. 20

### Budget Hearings: Central Staff Presentations

To better understand the mayor's proposed amendments, the council unpacks individual department budgets. The council's policy experts — Central Staff — do a deep dive into the departmental budgets. Councilmembers raise questions and identify issues they'll have to address in the council's budget.

Oct. 28  
through  
Nov. 17

### Budget Deliberations: Balancing Package, Discussion, and Amendment Voting

Councilmembers create, explain, and discuss their amendments. There are two types of budget amendments:

1. **Council Budget Actions (CBAs)**
  - CBAs change revenue, expenditures, staff positions, create provisos, and other actions with financial implications.
2. **Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs)**
  - SLIs state the council's intent, gives guidance about city policy, call for additional study or reporting, etc.

Nov. 20  
through  
Nov. 21

### Final Action: City Council Vote

The council takes two final votes on its budget – the first vote as the Budget Committee, and the second final vote as the full City Council. After the council passes the budget, it's sent to the mayor for signature.

### Committee Meetings with Verbal Public Comment

September 25 - 9:30AM

October 8 - 2PM

October 15 - 9:30AM

October 28 - 9:30AM

November 14 - 9:30AM

November 21 - 9:30AM

### Public Hearings

October 7

Remote - 1PM | In-person - 5PM

November 6

Remote - 1PM | In-person - 5PM

### Written Comment

Visit [www.seattle.gov/council/members](http://www.seattle.gov/council/members) to contact your councilmember

Or email City Council at [council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)

### Sign up for Public Comment

[www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment](http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment)



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