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## FINANCE, BUDGET, BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

### 1. Collecting Payments from Outside Agencies

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the Council's intent that the City collect payments in a timely manner for work done on behalf of outside agencies by City departments (primarily SPU and SeaTran). The Council directs the Finance Department to coordinate with the relevant City departments to evaluate this issue and propose policies and procedures for minimizing late or disputed payments by outside agencies.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** June 2002

### 2. Memorandum of Understanding between CSC and PSCSC

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of the Council that the Civil Service Commission Department and the Public Safety Civil Service Commission Department develop a Memorandum of Understanding to share the administrative staff assistant currently assigned to the Civil Service Commission Department. It is the intent of the Council that both Commissions' hearings and appellate processes be supported by one administrative position. Because that position is currently located in the CSC Department, Council directs both Departments to develop a MOU and report to the Finance, Budget, Business and Labor Committee by February 1, 2002.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** February 1, 2002.

### 3. Strategic Planning Office Review

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In early 2002, Council intends to review the work program and overall resource requirements of the Strategic Planning Office (SPO) and to explore options for accomplishing the activities currently performed by SPO. This information will be incorporated into discussions of SPO's 2003-2004 budget. It is Council's intent that SPO submit the following materials for Council's review and/or adoption no later than January 15, 2002. The materials shall include:

- 1) A detailed work program indicating the tasks, resource requirements for each task, and whether the resources used will be performed by existing permanent staff, TES or external consultants;
- 2) A review of the overall resource requirements, appropriate classifications and reporting relationships within the organization, with an analysis of how the span of control (ratio of staff to managers) within SPO could be increased;
- 3) Options to reduce duplicative or overlapping staffing caused by having policy or planning staff from SPO and other Executive departments participating in the same projects and attending the same meetings; and
- 4) A review of the duties and responsibilities of the three Assistant Director positions that may have been reclassified from the Executive 3 to Executive 2 level through the adoption of the 2002 budget, and an explanation of any adjustments made to warrant classification at the lower level.

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**Date Due to Council:** January 15, 2002

## **4. Supported Employment Program Staffing**

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of Council that the Administrative Specialist I position (pocket #00024482) to be moved from the Citywide Personnel Services Line of Business (LOB) to the Employment and Equal Opportunity LOB, as described in the Mayor's 4% budget reduction proposal, be used within the Supported Employment Program.

No later than July 1, 2002, the Personnel Department shall report back to Council on how this action has been implemented, including:

- 1) Whether the position has been filled and if so, the duties of the position;
- 2) Whether the position has been reclassified; and
- 3) The specific sources of funding for the position.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** July 1, 2002

## **5. Review of Personnel Department Mission and Structure**

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** Council directs the Executive to conduct a comprehensive review of the Personnel Department's role, services and resource requirements. The Council strongly prefers that the City Auditor and/or an external management consultant conduct the review. If an internal review is conducted, however, the City Auditor and/or an external consultant should provide oversight to avoid questions of bias or perceptions that any City agency is vested in maintaining existing Personnel Department funding or staffing levels.

In addition to a general review of the Personnel Department's roles, services and resource requirements, the review shall also consider:

1. Possible duplication of Personnel services, especially by departments with significant human resources divisions, and any Charter implications of shifting responsibilities;
2. Appropriate cost allocations for Personnel services;
3. Organizational structure, including the rationale for having relatively low numbers of direct reports per manager within some programs or units;
4. Effectiveness of the staffing and recruitment services provided by the Employment and Equal Opportunity Line of Business. The analysis should also include options to improve the utilization of the Talent Bank by increasing the percentage of resumes that prove useful in filling vacancies. The Talent Bank analysis should also address the cost and staffing requirements to expand the services offered and capabilities of the underlying computerized recruitment system (Resumix).

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** June 30, 2002

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## 6. The Ave. Project and Revitalization of the U. District

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Office of Economic Development (OED) shall recommend to the Council a plan for revitalization of the University District (U. District) in order to fulfill the City's longstanding commitment to economic and community development in the University District, including reviving the Ave. as a viable, safe and attractive neighborhood shopping center. The University District Revitalization Plan shall be developed with the involvement of U. District stakeholders and shall consider how the City's commitment to The Ave. Project can effectively serve as a catalyst for further redevelopment led by non-City investments in the U. District community. By March 31, 2002 OED will report back to the Council's Finance, Budget, Business and Labor Committee with a proposed work program leading to the timely development of a University District Revitalization Plan.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** March 31, 2002

## 7. Consultant Contract Audit

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council requests that the City Auditor evaluate department compliance with the existing contract rules and recommend any necessary changes to the rules<sup>1</sup>. In addition to a general review of compliance with the rules, the Council would like the Auditor to specifically address the following:

1. Are departments using consultants for appropriate purposes? That is, are departments hiring consultants on a "nonrecurring basis over a limited and pre-established term" as described in the rules, or are they hiring consultants for work that can be or should be done by regular City employees?
2. Do the contract rules describe in sufficient detail when it is appropriate to hire consultants? If so, are departments following these guidelines? If not, what are the reasons for this?
3. Are departments following the policies and procedures for selecting contractors? How many WMBE contractors are listed on the City's consultant contractor roster and how often are they used?
4. Are there enough safeguards in the rules to prevent potential abuses and provide a proper level of oversight? If so, are they being followed? If not, why?
5. Are there any issues with how often departments amend contracts?
6. What are reasonable reporting thresholds? If the majority of contracts are less than the current thresholds (96% of 2001 contracts to date are less than \$250,000), does it make sense to lower them? Should different departments have different reporting thresholds? Are there particular types of contracts, regardless of cost, that merit review?
7. Are departments budgeting and tracking consultant contract expenditures in the correct Summit fields, enabling the City Budget Office to readily access this information in Summit reports? How can departments improve accounting of these expenditures so that information can be easily compiled?

**Responsible Council Committee:** The Auditor's report should be submitted to the Chair of the Finance, Budget, Business and Labor Committee.

**Date Due to Council:** The Council requests that the audit be completed by June 2002.

<sup>1</sup>The Auditor has indicated it is willing to conduct an audit for this purpose.

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## 8. Budget/Lines of Business

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The City Council recognizes that it is important to limit ongoing funding commitments that might be made in 2002 that may not be able to be sustained in 2003. The Council intends to review all Department lines of business in 2002 in preparation for the 2003-2004 budget process.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** NA

## 9. Continuation of the City's Hiring Freeze Through 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council directs the Mayor to continue the current hiring freeze through the first quarter of 2002. Given the uncertainty of the local and national economies, the Council seeks to implement measures that provide a hedge against declining revenues while maintaining service levels. The City Budget Office (CBO) shall report to the Finance, Budget, Business and Labor Committee on the effects of the hiring freeze on the City's finances, workforce and on service delivery. This report shall be made as soon as possible after the first quarter of 2002 is closed.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** April 2002

## 10. Mayor's Office Reorganization

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In adopting the 2002 budget for the Mayor's Office, the Strategic Planning Office, City Budget Office and other core functions, it is not the Council's intent to preclude reorganization by the incoming Mayor, so long as such reorganization is budget neutral.

It is the Council's expectation that the Executive will propose in January or February 2002 an organizational structure that supports effective management, budgeting and strategic planning.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Finance, Budget, Business and Labor

**Date Due to Council:** January or February 2002.

## 11. Municipal Conservation Funding Strategy

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council directs the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), in conjunction with CBO, Seattle City Light (SCL), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Fleets and Facilities, and other departments as appropriate, to review the Municipal Conservation Fund (MCF) and report to Council by May 1, 2002, with a proposed strategy for:

1. Developing sustained funding for investments in municipal conservation; and
2. Expanding the scope of the program beyond energy and water conservation to include other sustainable building and purchasing practices that are not typically employed by City departments but which have potential for yielding quantifiable benefits to the City.

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The proposed strategy should include, but not be limited to:

An evaluation of the MCF's successes and lessons learned;

- An evaluation of whether the MCF or its equivalent should provide funds for capital projects to meet the City's Sustainable Building Policy targets or whether departments should be building that funding into their capital budgets;
- Identification of the funding strategy's targets/measures and potential benefits;
- An outline of how the funding strategy would be implemented, including criteria for funding, departmental roles in administering the municipal conservation program, how the program would be promoted to departments, and policies and guidelines for expenditures from the fund or its equivalent.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Energy and Environmental Policy

**Date Due to Council:** May 1, 2002

## **12. Implementing Resolution # 30418 relating to proposed I-71 (Homeless Initiative) \$1.75 million for transitional housing**

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council authorizes the Office of Housing to expend \$1.75 million (\$1,071,000 in HOME funds and \$679,000 in CDBG funds) to implement the transitional housing program and support services portion of the Homeless Strategic Response Program (included in Resolution # 30418 relating to the Homeless Initiative). These funds shall be allocated via a competitive process. OH shall provide a progress report on the implementation of this program no later than June 28, 2002 and follow-up report no later than December 16, 2002.

Although no particular results can be guaranteed, the City has the following expectations for this effort: The funds allocated in addition to the operating/support funding provided by other sources would support this effort for the long term. If fully implemented, this program would provide 70 transitional housing units and related services for those accessing such units. City funds will be leveraged at least one for one by non-City funds or in-kind contributions to implement this program.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Housing, Human Services and Community Development

**Date Due to Council:** June 28, 2002 and December 16, 2002

## **13. Sand Point Community Housing Association**

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council intends to provide up to \$190,000 (plus an additional \$69,000 from Office of Housing capital development funds) in 2002 to fund the administrative and operational costs for the Sand Point Community Housing Association (CHA). This funding (\$190,000 and \$69,000) shall not be allocated to the Sand Point CHA unless and until the following is submitted, reviewed and approved by the Office of Housing, the Budget Office, and the Council: 1) A resolution approved by the Sand Point CHA's Board of Directors that designates the operating structure for the Sand Point CHA; 2) A 2002 operating and administrative budget for the Sand Point CHA approved by the Sand Point CHA's Board of Directors; 3) A complete description of the specific roles and job responsibilities for the staff funded with City dollars. In addition, the Board of Directors shall submit a proposed multi-year fundraising plan that identifies multiple funders to support the future operations and administration of the CHA and includes a lesser financing role for the City of Seattle. This report shall be provided to the Office of Housing by April 2, 2002.

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An annual report on the activities of the Sand Point CHA shall be provided to the Council Housing, Human Services and Community Development Committee no later than September 2, 2002.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Housing, Human Services and Community Development

**Date Due to Council:** September 2, 2002

## 14. Severe Weather Shelter

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of City Council to ensure that the Severe Weather Shelter is fully-funded at \$37,500 in 2002.

HSD had determined that funding for the Severe Weather Shelter should be a part of its base in future years, and will be working with the Budget Office to identify options for doing this.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Responsible Council Committee: Housing, Human Services and Community Development

**Date Due to Council:** NA

## 15. Funding Recommendations on Additional Human Services Funding

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** Funding has been placed in Finance General for human services funding requests that the City Council considered during its review of the Mayor's 2002 proposed budget. The Human Services Department is directed to 1) review the funding requests listed in this Statement of Legislative Intent, 2) provide specific recommendations to the Council on allocating this funding including the rationale, criteria and process used by HSD to make their recommendations, and 3) prepare legislation that would allocate this funding.

In developing their recommendations, the Department shall give highest priority to survival services including shelter, food banks and counseling services and will consider and indicate in their funding recommendations whether the funding request: 1) was included as a part of HSD's prioritized list of additional funding requests for the 2002 Budget; 2) was not included in the Department's original list but represents a new funding need resulting from unanticipated losses from other revenue sources that merits priority consideration; 3) represents either a request that was not brought to the Department's attention for consideration and/or represents a new, unanticipated priority need; 4) provides an opportunity to leverage city funding because city funding will be matched by non-city funding, or 5) is related to domestic violence or sexual assault services.

At least **\$65,000** of this amount should be set aside specifically in finance general for domestic violence and sexual assault services.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Responsible Council Committee: Housing, Human Services and Community Development.

**Date Due to Council:** First committee meeting in January 2002.



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## 16. Youth Safety Initiative

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In adopting the 2002 budget for Family and Youth Services, it is the Council's intent that the Youth Safety Initiative accomplish the goals of the final report of the Mayor's Action Plan following the recommendations of the Mayor's Youth Safety Task Force. The Council endorses the complementary goals of the Reinvesting in Youth and Communities that Care strategies and the collaboration between the City and the Seattle School District proposed by School Superintendent Joseph Olchefske on November 8, 2001. The Youth Safety Initiative shall do the following:

Follow the Reinvesting in Youth strategy in transforming an already-completed feasibility study into a specific program of services and system reform as well as a financing strategy. The Executive shall report quarterly on success in the financing and fundraising strategy.

Support and cooperate with the Seattle School District in planning and executing a city-wide grant-funded assessment of youth risk factors that would support interventions following the "Communities that Care" model to prevent youth crime. The District has secured an \$8 million grant to support this activity.

Develop a neighborhood-based strategy for youth development and crime prevention based on the "Communities that Care" risk and protective factors approach, to complement the School District's school-based interventions.

Consult with the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection (OJJDP) in applying the OJJDP "Comprehensive Strategy" to Seattle. It is the Council's hope that Seattle be chosen for a federally-financed inventory of juvenile justice and prevention resources, and that Seattle be considered as a "demonstration city" for the application of proven "best practices" as advocated in the Comprehensive Strategy.

It is also the Council's intent that the Executive propose by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, an organizational structure for achieving the goals of the Youth Safety Initiative.

**Responsible Council Committees:** Housing, Human Services & Community Development; and Police, Fire, Courts & Technology

**Date Due to Council:** February: Recommendation on organizational structure for Youth Safety Initiative. March, June, September, December: Reports on success in financing and fundraising.

## 17. Hygiene/Day Center

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Executive will provide to the Council, by no later than February 1, 2002, a work plan and schedule for developing new or expanded hygiene/day center services or facilities, including identifying existing funds for planning and development. While Resolution 30418 did not provide any funding in 2002 associated with this effort, the Council is directing the Human Services Department, in collaboration with other Executive departments, to explore utilizing existing staff, departmental consulting and planning funds, Community Development Block Grants, and other State and Federal Grants to undertake the preliminary planning and development work.

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Any hygiene or day centers developed or expanded will provide, at a minimum, the following services: showers, toilets, and laundry facilities. They may also provide directly or through referrals, mental health and treatment services, health care, case management, employment training and search services, computer and/or library services, and recreational programs. The Executive will provide to the Council, by May 31, 2002, a report with options and recommendations on hygiene/day center service expansion and development plans.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Responsible Council Committee: Housing, Human Services and Community Development.

**Date Due to Council:** Report on Status of Available Funding by February 1, 2002, and a Report on hygiene center/day center services development plan by May 31, 2002

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## NEIGHBORHOODS, ARTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS

### 18. Neighborhood Matching Subfund

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Executive shall work with neighborhoods, affected departments and the City Council to re-examine the Neighborhood Matching Subfund (NMF). The Council is particularly interested in exploring the following issues:

- Expanding the scope of projects eligible to be funded by the NMF;
- Expanding the eligibility criteria to include citywide projects and/or citywide organizations;
- Expanding the eligibility criteria to include human services organizations and/or projects;
- Examining the history of funded projects to determine how NMF funding for NMF projects supplements other fund sources and to determine whether to re-allocate funds from the Large Projects category to the Small and Simple Projects category; and
- Adding or modifying the subfunds within the NMF to allow set-asides for specific projects, such as transportation or human services projects.

The Executive shall prepare a report with recommendations and submit it to the Council for consideration. The recommendations shall include a proposal for the use of any unencumbered and unexpended year end NMF fund balance from 2001 (to be reconciled in late March or early April 2002) so that the Council can determine whether the fund balance, if any, should be redirected or carried forward as part of the NMF 2002 fund balance.

The Executive shall also examine NMF-related staffing levels as part of its work and recommend appropriate staffing levels in the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Parks and Recreation, SeaTran, or any other departments, in light of any changes proposed in response to the issues listed above.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Neighborhoods, Arts and Civil Rights

**Date Due to Council:** March 29, 2002

### 19. Funding for the Vera Project from the Seattle Arts Commission

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the Council's intent that the Vera Project receive funding in 2002 that will allow it to continue its programming at the level initiated in 2001. The Council acknowledges and accepts the agreement made by the Seattle Arts Commission to fund the project at a level of \$50,000 from the adopted 2002 SAC budget, by the Seattle Center to fund the project at a level of \$10,000 from the adopted 2002 Seattle Center budget, and by the Department of Parks to seek to identify at least \$15,000 from the adopted Parks budget. The \$75,000 total will equal the level of City support provided in 2001.

The Council also Requests that the Vera Project develop a long-range business and funding plan that can be used to provide the Council with options for determining the future direction, governance structure and relationship to the City for this project, and for making decisions on the appropriate level of City support for this project in future years. The Council requests that the Departments assist the Vera Project in securing funding for the development of this plan.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Neighborhoods, Arts and Civil Rights

**Date Due to Council:** Report shall be submitted to the appropriate Council Committee by July 1, 2002.

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## PARKS, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

### 20. “Libraries For All” Delays

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Executive shall submit a proposed revised projection (or alternative projections) of the cost of operating libraries year by year and a recommendation. These will include costs for libraries and projects identified through the LFA Opportunity Fund that were not included in the 1998 LFA Fiscal Note. A preliminary report will be presented by the City Budget Office and Library to a joint meeting of the Council and Library Board (expected in January 2002). The revised projection(s) and recommendation will be submitted to the Council’s Parks, Education and Libraries Committee with copies to the Finance, Budget, Business and Labor Committee no later than March 31, 2002. The revised projection will be consistent with the current LFA schedule for opening new branches and will explicitly state assumptions regarding library operating hours. The Executive shall present at least one alternative that is no more costly (excluding Opportunity Fund projects) than the 1998 Fiscal Note.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Parks, Education and Libraries with copies to Finance, Budget, Business and Labor.

**Date Due to Council:** The Executive will present revised projections of operating cost and a recommendation no later than March 31, 2002.

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## POLICE, FIRE, COURTS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### 21. Municipal Court Operations/Two Judicial Positions

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council directs the Municipal Court, the Law Department, the Defense Bar, the City Budget Office, the Seattle Police Department, and the Legislative Department to appoint representatives to a workgroup to analyze changes the Court could implement in anticipation of a reduction in two judicial positions effective January 2003. The evaluation should focus on how to minimize service impacts and increase operational efficiencies, including, but not limited to, the following analysis:

- An evaluation of the night and weekend courts, weighing all costs associated with the courts against demand and potential jail savings;
- A thorough assessment of calendaring options and caseload management practices that will be available in the new Justice Center space and how judicial time on and off the bench can be used most efficiently;
- A review of the new Justice Center space and associated operational efficiencies;
- An evaluation of efficiencies the Law Department and the Defense Bar can institute in response to changes in Municipal Court operations;
- A review of any other practices or programs as appropriate and relevant to improving court operations and efficiencies, such as how to reduce overlap between Municipal Court and District Court.

**Responsible Council Committee:** The Executive should report back to the Police, Fire, Courts and Technology Committee.

**Date Due to Council:** The report is due March 2002

### 22. OPA Complaint Investigations

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In appropriating the 2002 budget for Police Administration, it is the Council's intent that there be no higher priority in Police Administration than successfully investigating citizen complaints of officer misconduct. This includes full, fair and timely investigation of complaints. It also includes meeting contractual obligations and timelines; adequately informing complainants of the progress and conclusions of investigations; adequately responding to public disclosure requests; and supplying the Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) Auditor and OPA Review Board with the information necessary for their functions.

The Department shall report to the Police, Fire, Courts and Technology Committee in January 2002 on how it will achieve this priority within the adopted budget. In her semiannual reports to the Council, the OPA Director shall report on whether this priority has been achieved.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Police, Fire, Courts and Technology

**Date Due to Council:** January 2002: Department report on ensuring adequate resources for citizen complaint investigations. January 2002 and July 2002: OPA Director's semiannual reports.

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## 23. Police Overtime

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In approving the Police Department budget, including the specified funding for overtime, the Council intends that the Police Department provide the Council and Executive with monthly written reports on the use of overtime. The reports shall indicate the amounts of overtime used for different purposes, and so far as possible shall forecast demands for overtime for the remainder of the year.

The Council acknowledges that large unforeseen events may increase the demand for overtime beyond the amount budgeted. If and when such events occur or can be anticipated, the Executive, Police Department and Council shall review options for meeting the demand.

The Police Department and Executive shall brief the Police, Fire, Courts and Technology Committee quarterly on overtime use and forecasted overtime demand, including anticipated overtime demand from any large events not foreseen when the budget was adopted.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Police, Fire, Courts and Technology

**Date Due to Council:** Briefings of Police, Fire, Courts and Technology Committee: March, June, September and December.

## 24. School Crossing Guards

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In approving the budget for Police Special Operations, it is the Council's intent that the Executive and Police Department evaluate options for achieving efficiencies in the functions of school crossing guards or transferring responsibility for school crossing guards to public and private schools.

The Executive and Police Department shall report its evaluation to the Police, Fire, Courts & Technology Committee at the beginning of the second quarter of 2002.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Police, Fire, Courts & Technology

**Date Due to Council:** Evaluation report to Committee: April 2002

## 25. Misdemeanor Warrants Unit

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** In adopting the budget for Police Criminal Investigations, it is the intent of the Council to review the purposes, functions and organization of the Misdemeanor Warrants Unit. The Police Department and Executive shall report to Council no later than May 2002 on the goals of the Misdemeanor Warrants Unit, on the unit's performance in achieving those goals, on the relationship between the unit's goals and performance to the goals and performance of the Criminal Investigations line of business, and on alternative ways, if any, to achieve the unit's goals. The report may benefit from comparisons to other jurisdictions.

The Council intends that misdemeanor warrants are handled efficiently and expeditiously. The Council is adopting the budget for Police Criminal Investigations and the Warrants Unit based on currently available information. The Council intends to take appropriate action, which could include reinstating any

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Warrants Unit positions eliminated in the current budget, if the review called for here indicates that doing so would be the best way to achieve the related line of business goals.

**Responsible Council Committee:** Police, Fire, Courts and Technology

**Date Due to Council:** Police Department and Executive report: May 2002.

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### 26. Priorities for Employment & Equal Opportunity LOB Reductions

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of Council that any reductions made to the budget or staffing levels of the Personnel Department's Employment and Equal Opportunity Line of Business not reduce the services, staffing levels or budget of the Supported Employment Program.

**Responsible Council Committee:** N/A

**Date Due to Council:** N/A

### 27. Evaluation of City's Domestic Violence Funding

**Statement of Legislative Intent:** The Council supports the Executive's intention to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the City's approach to domestic violence services. In presenting its final report to Council, the Executive should explain what the City's policies for domestic violence services have been and what changes are indicated as a result of the evaluation. The evaluation should include a review of the domestic violence services provided by the Seattle Police Department, the Law Department and Municipal Court. The Executive should also review the City's priorities for funding of Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The evaluation should address, but not be limited to, the following questions:

1. What should the City's funding priorities for domestic violence be and why? Do current funding allocations to the Seattle Police Department, Law Department, Municipal Court, and Community Based Organizations reflect these priorities?
2. Can certain services and programs be consolidated to reduce administrative costs and minimize overlap, both within and between city departments? Is there overlap in City funding of CBOs?
3. How much funding support do suburban cities and King County contribute towards domestic violence? Do Community Based Organizations track the residency of clients? Is Seattle funding commensurate with the number of Seattle residents served? If this information is not available, how can Seattle be confident that its funding is not subsidizing populations from other jurisdictions?
4. What services are working and what aren't? For example, are DV offenders who participate in batterer's treatment less likely to re-offend? Are the "Community Organizing" efforts funded by HSD resulting in more women coming forward who would not otherwise? Has there been an increase in successful prosecutions of domestic violence offenders?
5. What are the criteria for awarding funding?
6. What are the general measurable outcomes for community service providers in the following categories: Batterer's Treatment, Community and Legal Advocate?
7. Services, Shelter/Housing, Sexual Assault, Teen Advocates/education? How does HSD track performance and what steps does HSD take when agencies do not meet their performance measures?

**Responsible Council Committee:** A written report should be submitted to the Council President with copies to remaining Councilmembers.

**Date Due to Council:** The information should be submitted no later than June 3, 2002