



Seattle City Council 2018-2019 Committee Assignments

Council Committees make recommendations to the Full Council on Council Bills, Resolutions, and Clerk Files based on the committee members' judgments of what policies and actions will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people of the City of Seattle.

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING DATES	TIME	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER	ALTERNATE
Civic Development, Public Assets, and Native Communities	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.	Debora Juarez	Sally Bagshaw	Lorena González	Kshama Sawant
Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.	Lisa Herbold	Kshama Sawant	Mike O'Brien	Alex Pedersen
Finance and Neighborhoods	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.	Sally Bagshaw	Lorena González	Bruce Harrell	Mike O'Brien
Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans, and Education	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.	Lorena González	Teresa Mosqueda	Alex Pedersen	Debora Juarez
Governance, Equity, and Technology	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.	Bruce Harrell	Lisa Herbold	Teresa Mosqueda	Sally Bagshaw
Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Teresa Mosqueda	Debora Juarez	Sally Bagshaw	Lisa Herbold
Human Services, Equitable Development, and Renter Rights	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.	Kshama Sawant	Bruce Harrell	Debora Juarez	Teresa Mosqueda
Planning, Land Use and Zoning	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.	Alex Pedersen	Mike O'Brien	Lisa Herbold	Lorena González
Sustainability and Transportation	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.	Mike O'Brien	Alex Pedersen	Kshama Sawant	Bruce Harrell

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- City Council Briefings are held on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Departments and other agencies present information to Councilmembers.
- The City Council meets in formal, public session on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Committee recommendations are voted upon.
- The public is welcome at all Council Briefings, Council/Full Council standing or special committee meetings.
- All meetings and public hearings are held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd floor of City Hall unless otherwise noted.
- The committees listed above may take public testimony. For more information about a particular committee, check with the office of the chair of the committee. In general, public testimony at committee meetings and at formal or informal public hearings is limited to 2 minutes.

Civic Development, Public Assets, and Native Communities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium); the Seattle Center; the Seattle Public Library system; issues related to the waterfront; and Native American issues, including housing affordability, health and mental health services, services for youth, access to justice, art and culture, and historic preservation.

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: civil rights issues; Seattle Public Utilities; economic development policies and programs; including small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, workforce development, and improving access and opportunities to education and training for low- and middle-income workers, youth and communities of color; arts and cultural activities; nightlife issues; and film and music activities.

Finance and Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation; the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and claims against the City (the Finance and Neighborhoods Cmte. is the Finance Cmte. required by the Seattle City Charter); oversight of the City's public works construction projects except as otherwise specified; the City Employees' Retirement System; the City Auditor; finance and administrative services of the City, including the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City's fleets and facilities, the Customer Service Bureau, and other administrative functions; and City personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of employment.

Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans, and Education: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: issues related to gender equity; criminal justice and law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence; police accountability and the implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and The City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department; coordination with municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies engaged in public safety issues; fire prevention and suppression, and emergency medical services; emergency preparedness, management, and response; immigrant and refugee rights; and education and early learning initiatives, including the City's Families and Education Levy and the Seattle Preschool Program, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps.

Governance, Equity, and Technology: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council; issues related to governance and racial and social equity in underserved communities; City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access; ethics and elections; taxi, transportation network companies, and for-hire industry; and youth justice, alternatives to youth detention, and alternative housing options to youth incarceration.

Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative energy sources; Office of Labor Standards; monitor implementation of the priority hire program, and promote worker protections; housing policies and programs, investing and promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers, families, and retirees; and local and regional public health.

Human Services, Equitable Development, and Renter Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: human services including but not limited to: homelessness, child care, aging, and disability services; and the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program; the equitable development initiative and its projects; and renters' rights, including but not limited to legislation intended to protect renters facing gentrification, economic evictions, excessive background checks, and unaffordable rent.

Planning, Land Use and Zoning: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development, zoning, design, and land use regulations; incentive zoning, the Affordable Housing Impact Mitigation Program, and equitable transit oriented development; and Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions.

Sustainability and Transportation: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to: the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation; transportation issues and projects affecting The City of Seattle including transit service, policies, and planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; and freight mobility planning; transportation's contribution to local, regional, state, and national sustainability and livability objectives and reduction of carbon emissions; coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City's interests on transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate protection, stewardship, conservation programs, district energy, green buildings, and food policy.