Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee

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2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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MO-001S-A

Request that the MO provide information on enforcement of City regulations

SPONSORS

Robert Kettle, Rob Saka, Dan Strauss

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of the Mayor (MO) report on enforcement of non-technical City regulations and provide recommendations for the creation of a new office charged with facilitating better enforcement. The City of Seattle has many teams spread across departments that are charged with enforcing non-public safety-related regulations. This SLI would request that the MO provide a report on enforcement activities related to non-technical codes and regulations in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), and Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR).

The report should include information for 2026 on the most common complaints each department receives regarding non-technical codes, the number of complaints, number of enforcement actions, average and maximum response times to complaints, number of complaints that were never responded to, number of enforcement actions that were closed in 2026, number of enforcement actions that remained open at the end of 2026, and any impediments the department faces in responding to or closing enforcement actions.

Further, the SLI would request that MO provide options for improving enforcement of non-technical codes citywide, including but not limited to, creation of a separate Office or Department of Accountability and Efficiency that would include enforcement staff from other City departments and would be charged with enforcing City regulations.

The Council also anticipates requesting an audit of some or all of these functions to identify other strategies to improve enforcement of non-technical regulations.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Governance & Utilities

DUE DATE: August 2, 2027

2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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MO-002-A

Increase MO by $418,000 GF (2027) and impose a proviso for technical assistance by national gun violence intervention organization

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(418,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(418,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

The Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Mayor's Office (MO) by $418,000 GF in 2027 (one-time) and impose a proviso for the two-year retention of an internationally recognized organization that is a direct institutional pioneer in the implementation of the focused deterrence model of Group Violence Intervention (GVI), founded by the originator of the focused deterrence strategy, which addresses gun violence through a tripartite collaboration between law enforcement including police, community leaders, and support services, based on decades of experience, empirical research, and a track record of successfully implementing focused deterrence in multiple major US cities, such as the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College, to develop and implement a comprehensive gun violence intervention strategy. It is the intent of the Council that: 1) the City of Seattle (City) and the internationally recognized organization will work together to identify the law enforcement agencies, including police, City departments, other government entities, community leaders, and support services, that will participate in this true tripartite partnership strategy, working together at the same time; 2) the internationally recognized organization will provide analysis of violence dynamics in Seattle, facilitate in-depth working sessions on gun violence intervention for key stakeholders to include capacity and capability training, provide regular strategic advising as well as access to management and development tools, peer support networks, and collaborative learning opportunities; and, 3) the City should evaluate the results of this effort and provide a report to Council at the end of the two-year partnership and determine what is needed for Seattle to successfully continue implementing this strategy independently.

This funding and proviso is intended to implement Resolution 32217 passed by the Council in September 2026. This resolution declared the Council's intent to implement an evidence-based, comprehensive gun violence reduction strategy including a commitment to a two-year partnership with NNSC at John Jay College.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the Mayor's Office (MO) 2027 budget for the Office of the Mayor Budget

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Summary Level (BO-MA-X1A00), $418,000 is appropriated solely for the two-year retention of an internationally recognized organization that is a direct institutional pioneer in the implementation of the focused deterrence model of Group Violence Intervention (GVI), which addresses gun violence through a tripartite collaboration between law enforcement, including the police, community leaders, and support services, based on decades of experience, empirical research, and a track record of successfully implementing focused deterrence in multiple major US cities, such as the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College, to develop and implement a comprehensive gun violence intervention strategy, and may be appropriated for no other purpose. It is the intent of the Council that: 1) the City of Seattle (City) and the internationally recognized organization will work together to identify the law enforcement agencies, including the police, City departments, other government entities, community leaders, and support services, that will participate in this true tripartite partnership (Police, Services, Community) strategy, working together at the same time; 2) the internationally recognized organization will provide analysis of violence dynamics in Seattle, facilitate in-depth working sessions on gun violence intervention for key stakeholders to include capacity and capability training, provide regular strategic advising as well as access to management and development tools, peer support networks, and collaborative learning opportunities; and, 3) the City should evaluate the results of this effort and provide a report to Council at the end of the two-year partnership and determine what is needed for Seattle to successfully continue implementing this strategy independently."

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
MO	Office of the Mayor	00100-BO-MA-X1A00	2027		$418,000

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2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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MO-003S-A

Request MO report on Seattle Center bond measure proposal

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This SLI would request that the Mayor's Office (MO), in coordination with Seattle Center (CEN), City Budget Office (CBO), Office of City Finance (OCF), and other relevant departments, report to Council in two parts:

1) The Executive's schedule for transmitting the Seattle Center Campus Revitalization bond measure (bond measure) proposal per Resolution 32205 and
2) Transmittal of the complete bond measure proposal.

Report Part One: Schedule for transmitting the bond measure proposal

No later than January 15, 2027, Council requests that MO transmit to the Council President and the Chair of the Transportation, Waterfront, and Seattle Center Committee, or the Committee with purview over the bond measure, written notice identifying: (A) the specific election for which the Executive is developing the proposal, and (B) the anticipated date of formal transmittal to the Council.

Council intends to begin consideration of the potential bond measure in early-to-mid 2027, depending on the election for which a proposal is developed. Council further intends to take final action on authorizing legislation in time to submit the bond measure to voters in either August or November 2027.

Recognizing the deadlines for submission to the ballot imposed by King County Elections and to provide for meaningful legislative and public review of a bond measure, Council expects the MO to transmit legislation according to the following:

If targeting the August 3, 2027 Primary Election, then the Executive should transmit a complete proposal to Council no later than February 15, 2027.

If targeting the November 2, 2027 General Election, then the Executive should transmit a complete proposal to the Council no later than May 15, 2027.

These deadlines are intended to provide adequate time for thoughtful Council review and consideration and transparent public engagement before the City submits a ballot measure resolution to King County Elections for a special election. April 30, 2027 is the submission deadline for the August special election and August 3, 2027, is the submission deadline for the November special election.

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Council requests that if the MO anticipates that it will not meet the applicable transmittal deadline, then it will provide written notice to the Council at least 15 calendar days before the deadline explaining the cause, identifying outstanding deliverables, and providing a corrective schedule. Any subsequent change in the targeted election should be communicated promptly to Council.

Report Part Two: Transmittal of the complete bond measure proposal

The Council requests that MO transmit a complete bond measure proposal according to the deadlines defined above to ensure that the Council possesses the information necessary to make a final determination as to whether, and in what form, a bond measure should be submitted to voters in 2027, regardless of the status of a formal Executive transmittal.

A complete proposal should include, at a minimum, the following:

1) Project list;
2) Cost/risk analysis;
3) Financing;
4) Legal documents;
5) A description of coordination with Seattle City Light (SCL) and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)*; and
6) Bond measure legislation

*Resolution 32205 requests that SCL and SPU collaborate with CEN and other relevant departments to advance projects that decarbonize CEN's operations and maintenance, modernize infrastructure, and enhance CEN's applications for competitive grants and legislative appropriations, especially Climate Commitment Act funding from Washington State.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation, Waterfront & Seattle Center

DUE DATE: January 15, 2027