

One Year of Urgent Action

November 28, 2017 – November 28, 2018

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan



City of Seattle
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor



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marks one year since Mayor Jenny Durkan was sworn into office as Seattle's 56th mayor, and the first woman to lead the City in nearly a century. Since taking office, Mayor Durkan has led the City's nearly 12,000 employees as they worked together to focus on a year of urgent action.

Mayor Durkan pledged to get out of City Hall and listen to solutions and ideas from communities and neighborhoods. Since her first day in office, she has listened at more than 175 community events, 43 roundtables and town halls, and 11 neighborhood walking tours.

From delivering essential services to meet the needs of our growing city, to helping to build an innovative, affordable, inclusive city of the future, Mayor Durkan has delivered on key priorities. These include: free transit for 15,000 Seattle students, a new, fair contract for Seattle's police officers, two free years of community college through her Seattle Promise College Tuition Program, urgent action on climate change, and the largest expansion of Seattle's bridge housing and emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

By The Numbers

1,500

Police Officers Now Paid Fair Wages While Advancing Reform Through a New Contract

15,000

Students with Free ORCA Passes through the Mayor's ORCA Opportunity Program

1,204

New Students Enrolled in the Seattle Preschool Program

1

New Domestic Workers Bill of Rights

25%

Increase to Seattle's Bridge Housing and Emergency Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness

14,000

Additional Seattle Households That Now Have Access to 10-Minute or Better Transit

2,500

New Affordable Homes Opening in Seattle By 2021

875

Approximate Number of Seattle Promise College Tuition Program Students Each Year

542

People Positively Impacted by the City's Move to Vacate Misdemeanor Marijuana Possession Convictions

1,350

Seattle Public Schools High School Students Getting College Prep Support through the Seattle Promise College Tuition Program

\$49 million

Savings Mayor Durkan Identified in the Budget, Including Through Vacancies and Efficiencies at Departments

208

People Prevented from Falling into Homelessness through the Mayor's Seattle Rental Housing Assistance Program

Delivering Essential Services & Meeting the Needs of Our Growing City



Mayor Durkan with Chief of Police Carmen Best at her swearing in ceremony at the Northwest African American Museum.

A New Permanent Chief of Police

Following the departure of Chief Kathleen O’Toole, Mayor Durkan selected Carmen Best to serve as Interim Police Chief. After a national search process that drew more than 60 candidates across the country, Mayor Durkan selected Interim Chief Carmen Best as the next Chief of the Seattle Police Department (SPD). Best, who previously served as Deputy Chief, is a widely-respected law enforcement leader who has been an instrumental part of implementing the historic reforms undertaken by the SPD. Chief Best was unanimously confirmed by the City Council on August 13 and sworn in on August 21.



A New Contract for Seattle’s Police Officers That Advances Police Reform, Public Safety, and Fairness

With Seattle’s approximately 1,500 police officers working without a contract and a raise since 2014, upon taking office Mayor Durkan made it a priority to secure a new contract for our police that paid fair wages and advanced reforms. We got both and overcame years of previous efforts that failed to reach an agreement.

Fire and Emergency Response from the Seattle Fire Department

In the past year, the men and women of the Seattle Fire Department have responded to more than 73,300 calls for emergency medical assistance and nearly 14,200 fires, including the largest in nearly a decade. With rescues and marine and hazardous materials responses, the department is on track to respond to 96,000 calls for assistance in the last year. In the past year, Seattle Fire has provided alternative transportation or on-scene resources for non-emergency callers in 950 instances, avoiding a preventable ER visit.



Expanding Seattle's Network of Bike Lanes

In Mayor Durkan's first year, the City of Seattle completed building more than 1.4 miles of protected bike lanes in the downtown corridor. The City of Seattle now has nearly 16 miles of protected bike lanes, and more than 85 miles of non-protected bike lanes across Seattle.

Investing to Provide More Transit Service

Due to investments made under Mayor Durkan through the Seattle Transit Benefit District, 14,200 additional Seattle households now have access to 10-minute or better King County Metro bus service. In the past year, the City of Seattle also invested in additional transit service to provide capacity for 4,800 new weekday daily rides in Seattle, a five percent increase.



Maintaining Our Roads and Advancing Safe Routes to Schools

Under Mayor Durkan’s leadership, the City has made important strides in maintaining and preserving roadway infrastructure. In the last year, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) filled 25,285 potholes, replaced 4,053 signs (like speed limit signs), and completed 32 Safe Routes to School projects.

Removing Trash, Debris, and Needles

In the past year, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) responded to 18,084 illegal dumping complaints and cleaned 99 percent within 10 days; removed and disposed of a total of 1,366,900 pounds of illegally dumped material. SPU distributes litter bags and picks up trash from unmanaged encampments. Since January 2017, SPU has collected 680,965 pounds of trash. Mayor Durkan also directed a new Citywide effort to remove garbage and debris from roads, sidewalks, and public right-of-way adjacent to RVs, that has collected 268,221 pounds of trash. In addition, SPU’s needle disposal program has collected and disposed of 86,711 needles.



Mayor Durkan takes a customer service call at the City’s Contact Center in September 2018

A Public Utility Industry Veteran to Lead and Innovate Seattle City Light

On August 28, Mayor Durkan and leaders from the search committee [announced](#) she was nominating public utility industry veteran Debra Smith to be the next General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle City Light. In October, the Seattle City Council unanimously confirmed Debra, and she was sworn in by Mayor Durkan on October 15. She is only the second woman to lead Seattle City Light in its 108-year history, and has already begun the work of improving the agency’s culture and modernizing its business.

Eliminating the City Light Customer Service Backlog of 74,000 Requests

Shortly after taking office, Mayor Durkan learned that Seattle City Light had a customer service backlog – including requests for re-forms, moves, and corrections or adjustments – that reached a peak of 74,157. After direction from the Mayor for a focused effort to address the backlog, it was cleared by March 23. ►

Building Economic Opportunity, and Addressing the Crisis of Affordability, Housing, and Homelessness

Building Economic Opportunity & Making Seattle More Affordable

Creating the City's First-Ever Small Business Advisory Council

On her third day in office, Mayor Durkan [established the City of Seattle's first Small Business Advisory Council \(SBAC\)](#). SBAC has convened this year to ensure small businesses inform policies and programs in city government, as well as access to resources. Small businesses employ more than 200,000 people in Seattle, and now they have a strong voice at City Hall.

Expanding the Seattle Preschool Program to 28 New Classrooms and 1,204 New Students

Studies show that preschool makes a big difference for our kids. In March, Mayor Durkan [announced the expansion of the Seattle Preschool Program](#). In 2018, the Seattle Preschool Program opened 28 new classrooms, with each room typically serving 20 students. In addition, the Seattle Preschool Program enrolled new 1,204 students. This expansion took place before the voter levy, which approved even greater access.





Two Years of Free College through the Seattle Promise College Program

On her second day in office, Mayor Durkan signed an Executive Order to create the Seattle Promise College Tuition Program and expand free access to college for more Seattle Public School students. This provided immediate access for many students. To ensure expanded access, Mayor Durkan included the free college program in the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise levy. Annually it will serve approximately 1,350 high school students in college prep and 875 Seattle Promise college students. Beginning in Fall of 2019, all Seattle Public Schools seniors will be able to attend any of the Seattle Colleges for two years for free.

Voters Overwhelmingly Approve the Mayor’s Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Plan

On November 6, nearly 70 percent of Seattle voters approved Mayor Durkan’s Families, Education, Preschool and Promise plan. These investments nearly double the number of kids able to attend the Seattle Preschool Program from 1,500 in 2018-19 to 2,700 in 2025-26, maintain and expand school-based health centers, and create and maintain year-round learning programs to close the opportunity gap from K-12.

Free Year-Round ORCA Passes for 15,000 High School and College Students

Mayor Durkan authored and City Council passed legislation to give free ORCA passes this school year to Seattle Public Schools high school students and Seattle Promise scholars. By partnering with Seattle Public Schools, King County Metro, Seattle Colleges and the Seattle Department of Transportation, 15,000 young people were given access to unlimited public transportation through ORCA Opportunity. Seattle is now the largest city in the United States to provide free transit passes to high school students.

Seattle Becomes the First U.S. City to Enact Enforceable Worker Standards for Domestic Workers

After committing to pass a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights in her first year, on July 27 Mayor Durkan worked with Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda to craft and sign legislation to protect Seattle's domestic workers. The legislation will help ensure domestic workers receive [proper rest and meal breaks](#), minimum wage, and are able to retain their personal, original documents. The legislation marked the first time in history a city in the United States has set enforceable worker standards for domestic employees, and a Domestic Worker Board will provide recommendations for future protections.

Investments through the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI)

In July, Mayor Durkan announced [\\$5.5 million to fund community-based organizations working in Seattle on anti-displacement strategies and economic development opportunities](#). In September, the city celebrated the first property acquisition by an organization made possible through EDI funding (a childcare provider serving immigrant families purchased a daycare and community center).



Mayor Jenny Durkan signs the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights at Casa Latina, surrounded by community and labor supporters.

New Innovative Pilot Program to Help Seniors Reduce Their Energy Bills

In February 2018, Mayor Durkan announced [a new innovative joint pilot program by the Seattle Office of Housing and Seattle City Light to help senior homeowners stay warm while reducing their energy bills](#). Under the pilot program, senior homeowners with electric heat already receiving help with their utility bills will be notified that they can now automatically qualify for energy efficiency upgrades to their home that provide additional utility bill savings, freeing up resources to pay for other important household needs.

Investing in Senior Centers across the City

In September, Mayor Durkan announced \$1.7 million in awards for senior centers that contribute to the health, well-being, and independence of Seattle's older adults.

Supporting the Arts and Artists in Seattle

A formerly unused space, the City's Office of Arts & Culture has spearheaded the development of the top floor of King Street Center into a public cultural space on track to open next year with an inaugural exhibition featuring Indigenous artists. Cultural Investment work has distributed over \$4 million through multiple funding programs to hundreds of artists and cultural organizations and a recent Cultural Facilities Fund award invested more than \$1.1 million in supporting capital projects throughout the city. Under Mayor Durkan, the City also added a fourth arts and cultural district in Columbia City/Hillman City, and in partnership with the Office of Housing, the City announced a joint affordable housing project in Uptown that incorporates arts space. The Creative Advantage, the City's arts education initiative with Seattle Public Schools, is now incorporated in half of the public school system and is broadening its reach with media arts skills centers, preparing students for careers in Seattle's creative economy. ►



Mayor Jenny Durkan is joined by small business owners and community advocates during a walking tour of Hillman City in advance of declaring the neighborhood Seattle's newest arts and cultural district.

Addressing the Crisis of Housing & Homelessness



A Historic Expansion of Seattle's Bridge Housing and Emergency Shelter Capacity

In January, [Mayor Durkan proposed legislation to create a historic expansion of the City's shelter by 25 percent](#). In the first six months of 2018, 4,071 individuals and families in Seattle were served by enhanced shelters, and 691 exited to permanent housing, an increase rate of seven percent of over the first six months of 2017. Enhanced shelters, which provide 24/7 or extended hours of services, storage for belongings, and case management, have continued to support more people in finding permanent housing. Under Mayor Durkan, the City has worked to create 58 percent more enhanced beds in 2018 than in 2017 – including opening the first enhanced shelter for people living with HIV/AIDS in Seattle. This focus on enhanced shelter will continue in 2019. In addition, Mayor Durkan will continue support of Seattle's tiny home villages with increased case management and is working with County to create an additional 150 shelter spaces.

- **700 More Enhanced Shelter Beds:** In 2017, the City funded mostly basic shelter and only 749 enhanced shelter beds. In 2018, the City now has 1,411 enhanced shelter beds. In addition, the Mayor has been working with the County to open an additional 150 beds.
- **Tiny Homes Serving 120 More People:** In 2017, the City had 255 tiny homes serving 300 people. In 2018, the City has 328 tiny homes serving 420 people.

25%

Historic Expansion of the City's Shelter

18,356

Individuals and Families Served in the First Half of 2018

35%

More Exits to Permanent Housing Than 2017

700

More Enhanced Shelter Beds

120

More People Being Served by Tiny Homes

Serving More Families and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

The Mayor’s plan is helping people experiencing homelessness move into safer places where they are more likely to access services. Within the first six months of 2018, the Human Service Department served **18,356 households** and exited **35 percent** more households from homelessness to permanent housing than in the same timeframe in 2017. In addition, Black and Native American/Alaskan Native households – populations which are historically over-represented in homelessness – had a 10 percent increase in exits to permanent housing as compared to the same timeframe in 2017. While still not enough, the City better understands what strategies work.

Preventing More Than 200 People From Falling Into Homelessness Through A New Seattle Rental Housing Assistance Program

In March, Mayor Durkan [announced the launch of her Seattle Rental Housing Assistance Pilot Program](#), which focuses on preventing households from falling into homelessness while on the wait list for longer-term assistance. And in April, the City began serving approximately 1,000 low-income households to provide a range of critical resources, including rental assistance and utility discounts as applicable. The first six months of the Seattle Rental Assistance have prevented 208 people (108 households) from becoming homeless while they wait for their Seattle Housing Authority Voucher.

Seattle’s First-Ever Performance-Based Contracting Measures for Homelessness Services and Housing Providers

Under Mayor Durkan’s leadership, for the first time in Seattle’s history the Human Services Department instituted performance pay accountability measures in critical investment areas. Eligible enhanced emergency shelters, transitional housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs must reach the standard to receive their full funding each quarter. In all, 65 percent of the programs met or exceeded their contract requirements within the first six months of 2018. The other programs that didn’t meet the set standards were able to submit individualized plans that outline specific actions to improve their performance. To help our providers succeed, HSD actively monitors programs with site visits, individualized technical assistance and reviewing files.

\$100 Million for Affordable Housing Leveraged to \$300 Million

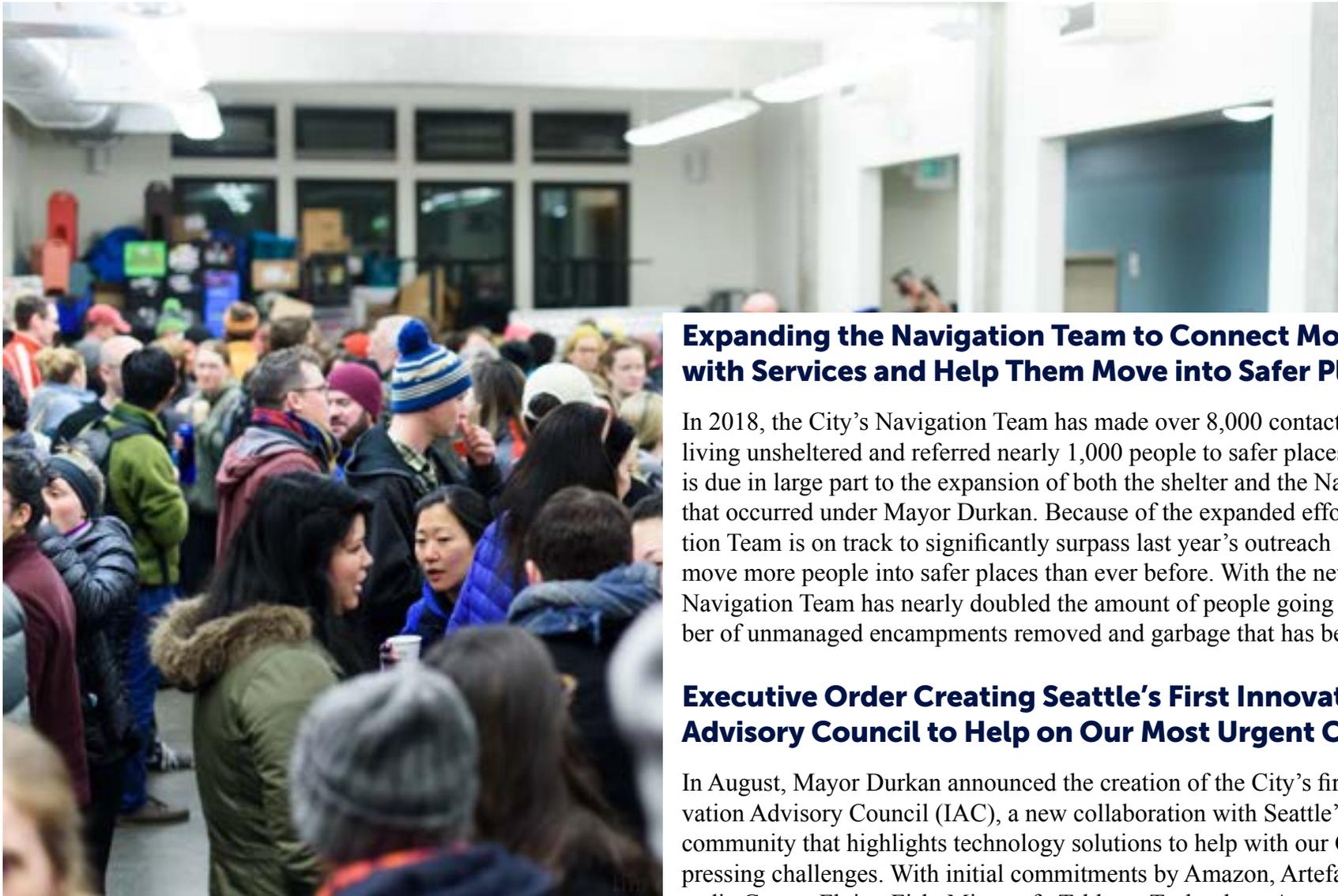
In December, Mayor Durkan [announced more than \\$100 million in investments to build and preserve 1,450 affordable homes in neighborhoods across Seattle](#), including the construction of 896 new homes in nine new buildings. These investments have been leveraged with other resources to result in almost \$300 million in investments. It was the largest one-time investment in affordable housing in Seattle’s history, and Seattle is on track to build nearly 2,500 new affordable homes by 2021.

Fast-Tracking More Affordable Rental Housing Options

In May, Mayor Durkan directed the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to [fast-track the design of pre-approved backyard cottages or in-law apartments known as Accessory Dwelling Units \(ADUs\)](#). With strong community support these units will create the opportunity for homeowners to build more affordable rental housing options throughout the city. In coordination with the Office of Planning and Development (OPCD), the pre-approved designs are in the final stages of proposing a preferred option for developing plans that can be reproduced quicker, reduce construction costs, and be offered at a lower cost to tenants.

Progress on Regional Strategies to Combat Homelessness

Just three days after taking office, Mayor Durkan joined with King County Executive Dow Constantine and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus to [announce the creation of One Table](#), a new collaborative effort of service providers, labor, business, healthcare providers, the faith community and people with lived experience focused on a regional strategy to combat homelessness. In May, as a result of the One Table effort, Mayor Durkan signed an agreement between the City and King County to examine changes to increase the effectiveness, reach, and efficiency of our countywide homelessness response system. Recommendations are expected in December 2018.



Expanding the Navigation Team to Connect More People with Services and Help Them Move into Safer Places

In 2018, the City’s Navigation Team has made over 8,000 contacts with people living unsheltered and referred nearly 1,000 people to safer places. This increase is due in large part to the expansion of both the shelter and the Navigation Team that occurred under Mayor Durkan. Because of the expanded efforts, the Navigation Team is on track to significantly surpass last year’s outreach and successfully move more people into safer places than ever before. With the new resources, the Navigation Team has nearly doubled the amount of people going inside, the number of unmanaged encampments removed and garbage that has been picked up.

Executive Order Creating Seattle’s First Innovation Advisory Council to Help on Our Most Urgent Challenges

In August, Mayor Durkan announced the creation of the City’s first-ever Innovation Advisory Council (IAC), a new collaboration with Seattle’s technology community that highlights technology solutions to help with our City’s most pressing challenges. With initial commitments by Amazon, Artefact Group, Expedia Group, Flying Fish, Microsoft, Tableau, Technology Access Foundation, Washington Technology Industry Association and Zillow Group, Mayor Durkan brought together some of the region’s most innovative companies and organizations to address the City’s most urgent challenges, including mobility and homelessness. The IAC held its first meeting in September. ►

Standing Up for Justice, Inclusion & Equity – and Protecting the Most Vulnerable

Lasting Reform at the Seattle Police Department and Progress on the Federal Court-Ordered Consent Decree

Mayor Durkan and Chief Best believe true reform requires continuous self-improvement and a commitment to community. In January, the City reached “full and effective compliance” with the Court-ordered Consent Decree – which Mayor Durkan signed while U.S. Attorney for Western Washington. The City also submitted a plan to the Court to ensure and assess ongoing compliance for the next two years.

A New Responsible Storage Gun Safety Law

On her 100th full day in office, Mayor Durkan hosted a town hall on Students Stopping Gun Violence at Chief Sealth International High School with students, educators, parents, community advocates, and public health officials. Too many guns used to commit crimes are stolen, and too many kids are hurt or killed because of unsecured guns. In May, [Mayor Durkan proposed new legislation](#) to reduce gun violence by requiring the responsible storage of firearms. The City Council approved the legislation on July 9, and Mayor Durkan signed it into law. The legislation will take effect on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, which allows for rulemaking, education and awareness efforts, and individual compliance.

Vacating Misdemeanor Marijuana Possession Convictions for More Than 500 People

In February, Mayor Durkan and City Attorney Pete Holmes [announced that the City of Seattle would move to vacate misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions prosecuted by the City before marijuana was legalized in Washington](#). On April 27, the Seattle City Attorney’s Office [asked the Seattle Municipal Court to vacate convictions and dismiss charges](#) for marijuana possession for people who were prosecuted by the City of Seattle from 1997 to 2010. In September, the Seattle Municipal Court agreed to vacate those convictions, positively affecting as many as 542 people.

The Seattle Times

‘Trump ... blinked, Seattle won,’ Durkan says as police get federal funds despite ‘sanctuary city’ threats

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Executive Order on the Race and Social Justice Initiative

In one of her first official actions as Mayor, Mayor Durkan [signed an Executive Order affirming the City of Seattle’s commitment to the Race and Social Justice Initiative \(RSJI\)](#). The Executive Order (EO) requires an extensive review of the City’s current implementation of the Race and Social Justice Initiative as well as recommendations for areas that need additional work. Leading the way, Mayor Durkan, the Mayor’s Office, and department directors have completed implicit bias training as mandated in the EO. In addition, the Mayor’s proposed budget advances the City’s commitment to RSJI by continuing to invest over \$1 million in RSJI through the Office for Civil Rights and increasing staffing and support for RSJI across many departments.

Creating Seattle’s Census Task Force

States and cities are allocated federal funding based on census counts. Under the law, all residents must be counted. To ensure a complete, accurate, and safe count of our residents in the 2020 Census, Mayor Durkan [announced the creation of the Seattle Census Task Force](#). Co-Chaired by Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda and Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA) Executive Director Mahnaz Eshetu. The Task Force will ensure Seattle is prepared for the 2020 Census. Seattle also [joined a coalition of states and cities in a lawsuit](#) to block the Trump administration from including a citizenship question as part of the Census. The City will continue to fight the Trump administration’s attempts to strip Seattle of resources by under-counting communities of color and immigrants. The Seattle Census Task Force includes elected officials on the federal, state, and local level, as well as community leaders and members of nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

“Trump Blinking, Seattle Won”

Taking on the Trump Administration for Withholding Federal Grants in Retaliation for Seattle’s Welcoming City Status: In a victory for Seattle, the rule of law, and public safety, in October the Trump administration abandoned its nearly year-long initial effort to withhold 2017 federal funds from Seattle in retaliation for policies that support and welcome immigrant and refugee communities. Multiple federal courts had ruled against the Trump administration’s efforts to withhold funds. Following a series of legal defeats and condemnation by Mayor Durkan, City Attorney Pete Holmes and other Seattle leaders, [the City received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice](#) informing it that approximately \$252,157 in previously withheld [Justice Assistance Grant program](#) funds had been released to the Seattle Police Department (SPD). The Department will use the federal grant to fund three Crime Prevention Coordinators.



Protecting Our Immigrant and Refugee Neighbors

Over her first year in office, Mayor Durkan has upheld Seattle’s status as a Welcoming City and fought for the rights and dignity of our immigrant and refugee neighbors in the face of mounting attacks from the other Washington.

- **Mayoral Directive:** In February, Mayor Durkan and Councilmember González [announced a mayoral directive](#) that requires all requests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) be directed to the Mayor’s Office Legal Counsel. Additionally, an effort was launched by the City to review policies and practices to confirm Seattle’s compliance with established City ordinances and protect our communities. Following the mayoral directive, City departments were asked to issue a letter to all contractors receiving General Fund dollars which clarifies our expectation that contractors comply with our Welcoming City policies.
- **Investing in the Seattle-King County Legal Defense Fund:** To ensure that the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) can continue and expand on their critical work with communities, the Mayor’s adopted budget increases the overall funding level for the Seattle-King County Legal Defense Network (LDN) and makes this support ongoing. Previously, the LDN was sustained by one-time funding.
- **Mobilizing Communities:** Throughout her administration, Mayor Durkan has refused to be silent in the face of the Trump administration’s continued attacks on our immigrant and refugee neighbors. In addition to consistently standing with our communities in the face of fear and hate, the Mayor worked to build trust in communities and advocate for our shared values of equity and inclusion.
- **Opposing the Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy:** In June, the Mayor [joined more than 20 mayors in Tornillo, Texas](#) in response to the Trump administration’s inhumane detention of children seeking asylum in the United States. In addition, she [led a bipartisan coalition of U.S. mayors](#) in condemning the administration’s “zero tolerance” policy separating immigrant families.
- **Victories over the Trump Administration:** In a victory for Seattle, the rule of law, and public safety, and after [condemnation](#) by Mayor Durkan and other City leaders, the Trump administration [abandoned its nearly year-long effort](#) to withhold 2017 federal funds from Seattle in retaliation for its Welcoming City policies.



Combating Harassment and Discrimination at the City of Seattle

In January 2018, Mayor Durkan [launched an extensive review of the City’s harassment and discrimination policies](#) and convened a Citywide Anti-Harassment Interdepartmental Team (IDT) to identify areas for improvement and make recommendations on policy changes. Following the IDT’s [series of recommendations](#), Mayor Durkan [signed an Executive Order \(EO\)](#) to update the City’s harassment and discrimination policies and practices to create more accountability, transparency, consistency and equity.

Based on the IDT’s recommendations, the Mayor also [transmitted legislation](#) to the City Council to create an independent Office of the Employee Ombud (OEO). The proposed Office of the Employee Ombud would operate independently from SDHR and City departments to provide an independent, impartial, and informal place for City employees to go with questions or concerns on any misconduct. The OEO ordinance was transmitted to the City Council on October 17.



Reducing the Office of Labor Standards’ Backlog by 83 Percent and Winning Over \$2 Million to Seattle’s Workers

Since Mayor Durkan took office, the Office of Labor Standards (OLS) has been working to address a backlog of cases, affecting more than 1150 workers, from 2015 and throughout 2016. Now under new leadership, OLS has reduced the backlog by 83 percent over the course of the year, bringing economic justice to primarily low-wage, people of color working in Seattle. With the resolution of backlogged cases and the cases initiated and resolved throughout the year, to date, more than \$2 million has been assessed that will go back into the pockets of workers throughout the city. This amount more than doubles the amount won for workers in OLS’s previous five years.

Championing Environmental Justice in the Duwamish Valley

In June, Mayor Durkan [released the Duwamish Valley Action Plan](#), which outlines a series of actions and strategies to expand economic opportunity, make environmental progress and increase investments in the South Park and Georgetown neighborhoods. The plan is the result of an 18-month process that centered community engagement and reflected community priorities, like those outlined by the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps. To ensure we continue to promote environmental justice, the Mayor's adopted budget includes ongoing funding in support of the Duwamish Valley Action Plan.



Investing in Seattle's Young People

Creating true opportunity for Seattle's young people has been a consistent priority throughout Mayor Durkan's administration. Over the past year, the Mayor has allocated \$1.8 million in funding for community improvements in South Park, including expanded programming for the South Park Community Center, sustained investments in the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, and invested \$6.7 million in youth safety programming to continue mentorship programs and outreach. In addition, with continued investments from the Department of Neighborhoods, Mayor Durkan has centered young people through a variety of cross-cultural, inclusive initiatives by investing in youth theater, dance, school playgrounds, and museums. This work has consistently been informed by the input and feedback from Seattle's young people. ►



Mayor Jenny Durkan joins community members in South Park and meets with members of the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps.

Building a City of the Future

Action on Climate Change

Over the last year, Mayor Durkan has undertaken new bold climate actions to reduce carbon pollution from our transportation and building sectors and make Seattle a national leader in fighting climate change. Actions include:

- **Singing the Chicago Climate Charter**, pledging to continue Seattle's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement
- **Expansion of Energy Efficiency as a Service (EEaaS)** through Seattle City Light, the nation's greenest utility, which passed City Council in April
- **Extending Seattle City Light's highly successful 'Pay for Performance' (P4P)** program, which passed in April
- **The 2030 Buildings Pilot**, through which the City will offer additional height and floor space incentives for up to 20 major renovations in urban centers for significant upgrades in energy and water use, stormwater management, and better transportation efficiency, which passed Council in July
- **Opening new electric vehicle charging stations** at Seattle Municipal Tower as well as in Beacon Hill
- **New Executive Order** to reduce the City's fleet by 10 percent
- **Investing in the Duwamish Valley Action Plan** to make environment progress and increase investments in the South Park and Georgetown communities





Mayor Jenny Durkan and Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg arrive at Kerry Park to announce Seattle's receipt of a \$2.5 million grant as part of Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Cities Climate Challenge.

National Climate Leadership

As part of Seattle's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, Mayor Durkan committed the City to a set of short-term and long-term actions in the absence of federal leadership. This includes a series of new actions including:

- Increasing electric vehicle use and infrastructure
- Improving mobility through studying congestion pricing in the upcoming years
- Ride share and taxi fleet electrification
- Reducing reliance on cars, increasing access to transit, and improving bike and pedestrian facilities

In recognition of Seattle's progress to fight climate change, the City was announced as an initial winner of Bloomberg's American Cities Climate Challenge. The award grants the City \$2.5 million in investments in Seattle's toughest climate challenges.

A New Arena at Seattle Center

Within weeks of taking office, Mayor Durkan signed a memorandum of understanding with Oak View Group (OVG) to move forward on building a world-class arena and music venue in the heart of our city at Seattle Center. The Mayor made bringing this partnership to life a top priority. In October 2018 she signed a lease agreement with OVG that will renew Seattle Center, improve our arena for our championship-winning Seattle Storm and bring professional hockey to Seattle – and hopefully, help bring our Sonics back. Construction on the new arena will begin in December 2018.

Action – and Progress – on Bringing Professional Hockey to Seattle

In addition to laying the foundation for a new world-class arena at Seattle Center, Mayor Durkan has taken key steps to help bring the National Hockey League to Seattle. In January, she traveled to New York to meet with the NHL Commissioner. In October, Mayor Durkan and representatives from the Oak View Group made the case to the Executive Committee of the National Hockey League’s Board of Governors on why the NHL should come to Seattle in 2020. A vote awarding Seattle a franchise is expected on December 3.

Hockey | Sports

The Closer: How Mayor Durkan helped convince NHL execs to recommend Seattle expansion

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Seattle Hockey Partners David Bonderman, left, and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan talk to the media as they leave a meeting of National Hockey League executives Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in New York. (AP/PhotoMark Lambert)



Mayor Jenny Durkan signs the Lease Agreement and Development Agreement with the Oak View Group for a new arena at Seattle Center.



Investing in A New Waterfront for All

Removal of the SR99 viaduct will reconnect Seattle to its heritage and create a generational opportunity. In her biennial budget Mayor Durkan proposed nearly \$66 million in 2019 investments and \$127 million in 2020 to help reconnect downtown Seattle to our waterfront and create a “Waterfront for All” that includes 20 acres of new parks and public spaces, and reconnects downtown with the Puget Sound. The investments in the Mayor’s budget will support a number of key projects, including: designing and constructing Alaskan Way and Elliot Way surface streets and adjoining pedestrian promenade; connecting the downtown core and the waterfront via including a new pedestrian connection, the Overlook Walk, between the waterfront, Aquarium, and Pike Place Market; and improving the Waterfront Park and Pier 62/63 to create flexible public recreation and open spaces.

Expediting Light Rail to West Seattle and Ballard

We need more transit, more quickly. With the support of all Seattle area Sound Transit Board Members, in December 2017 Mayor Durkan signed an agreement for an expedited plan to build the West Seattle and Ballard light rail extensions. The Mayor has led the City’s effort to partner with Sound Transit to identify a Locally Preferred Alternative for this critical project. By the end of 2018, the Elected Leadership Group will have completed step two of the three-step process to identify alternatives to move forward to environmental review.



Listening to the Community

Getting Outside of City Hall



43 roundtables and town halls



11 neighborhood walking tours



175 community events



Legislative Snapshot

Since taking office, Mayor Durkan has submitted 174 pieces of legislation to the City Council. Of those, 151 of Mayor Durkan's bills have been passed by the Council to date, 97% of which passed unanimously. Twenty-one additional bills are pending before the Council and are expected to be considered before the end of the year or early next year.

180

**boards and commissions
appointments**

1

Judicial appointment

174

bills submitted to Council

151

bills passed by Council

97%

passed unanimously

21

pending before Council

Executive Orders

November 2017	Mayor Jenny Durkan’s first action was to sign Executive Order 2017-12: Seattle Rental Housing Assistance Program and Affordability Portal aimed to quickly develop and implement strategies, including rental assistance, to assist Seattleites on SHA Waitlist.
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November 2017	Mayor Durkan signed Executive Order 2017-14: Creating the Seattle Promise College Tuition Program , which will reduce and remove the financial barriers that keep some Seattle Public Schools high school graduates from earning a degree, credential or certificate.
November 2017	Mayor Durkan signs Executive Order 2017-15: Establishing the Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC) .
April 2018	Mayor Durkan signs Executive Order 2018-01: Climate Impact Assessment directing City departments to assess the greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilience of major City policies, capital projects, and purchasing decisions.
April 2018	Mayor Durkan signs Executive Order 2018-02: Green Fleet to accelerate the electrification of the City’s municipal fleet and phase out fossil fuel use in City vehicles by 2030.
August 2018	Mayor Durkan signs Executive Order 2018-03: Innovation Advisory Council establishing an “Innovation Advisory Council” to harness the expertise of Seattle’s best technology organizations and brightest minds towards solving the challenges of our City, including addressing the affordability and homelessness crisis in our City.
September 2018	Mayor Durkan signed Executive Order 2018-04: Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination to implement a series of changes that will reform and update how the City addresses allegations of harassment, discrimination, and other forms of misconduct. This action was taken in response to a series of recommendations provided by the Anti-Harassment Interdepartmental Team.
September 2018	Mayor Jenny Durkan signs Executive Order 2018-05 to reduce the size of Seattle’s vehicle fleet by 10 percent .