



Agenda Bill

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Agenda Bill Title

Discussion and Potential Action on the 2019 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for the City of Burien.

Summary

Annually, the City Council establishes state and federal legislative priorities. These agendas reflect the priorities of the Council in order to support legislation that addresses Council interests and areas of concerns. A finalized legislative agenda enables staff and our contract lobbyists to advocate and support legislation that benefits the City of Burien and its residents. Approval of the 2019 state and federal legislative priorities provides direction to the City Manager to address legislative priorities of importance to the Council.

Options

1. Adopt the state and federal legislative priorities as presented.
 2. Make revisions to the state and federal legislative priorities.
 3. Do not adopt the state and federal legislative priorities.
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Advisory Board Recommendation

N/A

Administrative Recommendation

Approve the state and federal legislative priorities for 2019.

Suggested Motion

Move to adopt the state and federal legislative priorities for 2019.

Fiscal Impact

FUND: N/A
COST OF PROPOSAL: N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED: N/A

Attachments

[2019 State Legislative Priorities](#)

[2019 Federal Legislative Priorities](#)



2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Strengthen City Tools to Address Housing and Behavioral Health Conditions in our Communities**

- Continue to support new resources for subsidized affordable housing both at the state and local level. Examples include:
 - Funding the state Housing Trust Fund; and
 - A state sales tax credit for affordable or supportive housing.
- Provide greater flexibility and refinement of existing programs that support affordable housing. Examples include:
 - Extending the authority to use REET for affordable housing; and
 - Enhancing the City role in decision-making for the use of existing and potential new resources provided to the counties to address housing and homelessness in cities.
- Support options to stimulate the condo development market.
- Support funding for behavioral and mental health services.
- Support funding for opioid challenges in urban core cities.

2. **Address Public Safety**

- Support a Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) request to fund 19 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) training classes per year.
- Support the Department of Corrections funding request to increase jail bed rates to ensure continuity of contracts with local jails.
- Support gang prevention and intervention policies.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

3. **Invest in Transportation**

- Support mitigation strategies for neighboring airport cities.
- Support transportation policies and multimodal funding proposal that include a significant share of funding for cities to help pay for local maintenance backlogs and other local needs.
- Seek \$3 million for SR 518 WB On-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

4. **Enhance Economic Development Tools that Foster Business Development**

- Create a sales tax value capture tool like the Building Business Ecosystems from 2018, including exploring opportunities to broaden the proposal to make it applicable to a variety of cities.
- Support product stewardship for plastic packaging.
- Support policies like the Keep Washington Working Act that recognize the role of immigrants in the workplace.
- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.

5. **2019-2021 Capital Budget**

- Seek funding for the design and construction of the Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility.
- Pursue \$1.5 million for Moshier Sports Field to convert existing grass sports fields into year-around multipurpose turf fields.



2019 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Monitor the FAA Reauthorization Legislation**

Work with our Congressional delegation to monitor the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorizing legislation passed October 2018 with specific attention to the following studies and directives:

- The appointment of a FAA regional ombudsman for each FAA region to work with the community on aircraft noise issues,
- The study on potential health and economic impacts of overflight noise – Seattle is one of eight cities involved in the study,
- The study of non-leaded fuel alternatives to existing airplane fuel, and the ambient lead concentrations at and around airports.

Monitor the implementation of the Next Gen System at SeaTac Airport for aircraft noise and emission standards.

2. **Reduce Airport Noise and Emissions**

Work with our Congressional delegation, the FAA, and the Port of Seattle to reduce SeaTac Airport noise and emissions by:

- Implementing the 2018 federal FAA budget to assign a full-time staff member to the FAA Northwest Mountain Region office to improve community engagement on the issues of airport noise and emissions,
- Monitor any 2019 federal budget directives to reduce aircraft noise and emissions.

3. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Mitigation Funding**

Work with the federal delegation, the Port of Seattle, and neighboring cities to identify traffic, environmental, and other appropriate mitigation funding for Burien due to SAMP impacts.

4. **Support Federal Funding for Housing and Homelessness Programs**

- **Maintain or Increase Community Development Block Grants:** the King County Consortium (of cities) uses CDBG for housing stability/homelessness prevention, affordable housing development and many other human services. The federal government funded CDBG at \$3.3 billion in FY 2018. King County is expected to receive \$750,000 in CDBG funds in 2019.
- **Maintain or Increase the HOME Program:** HOME funds provide funding for affordable housing. Each HOME dollar invested leverages an additional five dollars for housing. The federal government funded HOME at \$1.36 billion in FY 2018. King County is expected to receive about \$2.8 million in HOME dollars in 2019, funding allocated to non-profits for housing development.
- **Maintain or Increase McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants:** McKinney grants help provide shelter and services to homeless families and individuals. The federal government funded McKinney at \$2.5 billion in FY 2018.
- **Support Full Funding for Section 8 Vouchers:** Support full funding for Section 8 Tenant-Based and Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers.

- Support Funding for VA Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH): Support funding for the VASH program that has been a vital source of homelessness for low-income veterans in King County.
- Support Amendments to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program: Support the bipartisan Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (HR 1661/S. 548) sponsored by Senator Cantwell in the Senate (S. 548). S. 548 increases the annual housing credit allocation authority by 50%, phased in over five years, and would provide more predictability and flexibility in housing credit financing by establishing a 4% rate for credits used to finance acquisitions and housing bond-financed developments.

5. Census

Support efforts to obtain an accurate population count in the 2020 federal census by removing the new citizenship question in the 2020 federal census.

6. Burien Public Works Projects

Work with potential regional partners in applying for federal grant money for two projects:

- The Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility,
- The SR 518 Westbound On-Ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

7. Drones

Monitor federal drone legislation/rules with particular attention to the jurisdictional role of local governments.