



Dorsol Plants for Seattle City Council

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One Hundred Ideas for Seattle

CULTURE, CIVIL RIGHTS, HEALTH & PERSONNEL

1. Expand Mayor's summer concert series to include dramatic readings, poetry, and one-act plays.
2. Create a monthly "City Council Culture Night" in which the winner of a contest will enjoy a play or orchestra event with a City Councilmember – giving that person the chance to enjoy the arts and express their own ideas and concerns for Seattle.
3. Hold monthly poetry and art contest. Submissions will be displayed at City Hall.
4. Put pressure on the County to restore the Public Health and vaccination programs.
5. Ensure that each neighborhood in Seattle has a qualified First Aid instructor.
6. Have an "open house" at City Hall every first Thursday.
7. Provide Seattle Civics 101 class quarterly at City Hall.
8. Add class and housing status to anti-hate crime laws.
9. Explore bringing an NBA team to Seattle.
10. Create a City Council Physical Fitness Challenge to promote continuing fitness among high schoolers.
11. Provide firefighters with medical insurance for the period between retirement and eligibility for Medicaid.
12. Partner with youth and community organizations to remove graffiti and, in some areas, replace with public art.
13. Change City Council positions to include 4 city-wide seats and 5 district seats.
14. Enable charter amendments during off years.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

15. Convert City government building roofs to green roofs.
16. Research leasing skyscraper roofs as locations for city solar panels.
17. Create cell phone charging spots (complete with charging heads) downtown for those whose cell phones run out of batteries while away from home.
18. Enact a "dark city" policy on the majority of downtown skyscrapers

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY, continued

19. Create a searchable website where citizens can provide feedback on city issues affecting them.
20. Begin conversion of city motor pool to hybrid or alternative energy vehicles.
21. Blanket downtown with free Wi-Fi, similar to Tokyo's network.

ENVIRONMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, UTILITIES

22. Create a comprehensive snow removal plan.
23. Put pressure on the agencies that are currently contracted to provide waste management services to fix the current problem of trash buildup in certain downtown alleys.
24. Work with county and state to create more effective cleanup strategies for Puget Sound.
25. Designate mass casualty points for each neighborhood and provide these to neighborhood leaders and communication hubs.
26. Revise Seattle's nuclear attack emergency plan.
27. Expand Veteran Conservation Corps program.

FINANCE AND BUDGET

28. Reorganize the "square footage" tax.
29. Overhaul all extra taxes on nightclubs.
30. Create a yearly "day of refuge," when individuals can file for leniency on unpaid fines.
31. Implement a windfall property tax for new development that benefits from the replacement of the viaduct by the bore tunnel.
32. Reduce the salaries of the Mayor and City Council.
33. Create comprehensive plan for Public Financing of Local Elections.
34. Establish a Living Wage Ordinance.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

35. Create a small business government liaison in each neighborhood to support small business growth and collaboration.
36. Partner with local small businesses to create formal work-learning programs for disadvantaged students to be exposed to a variety of career options.
37. Encourage small business growth specifically in "urban desert" areas.
38. Lease some city building space to Unions interested in starting or expanding training for apprenticeship programs.

PARKS and SEATTLE CENTER

39. Connect all major city parks via multi-use trails.

PARKS and SEATTLE CENTER, continued

40. Create 'whitewall' spaces in city parks and other public places to allow youth a venue for artistic expression.
41. Remove elephants from Woodland Park Zoo to an elephant sanctuary to give them humane living conditions.
42. Restore funding to the city's wading pools.
43. Commission the Parks department to assume responsibility for the upkeep of school playgrounds and school grounds to allow schools to focus more resources on education.
44. Review public parks' rules and policies to make them more accessible to the public and remove any discriminatory language.

PLANNING, LAND USE and NEIGHBORHOODS

45. Reallocate some funding for low-income housing into transitional housing programs.
46. Hold an open design contest to solicit creative, environmentally friendly architectural designs for townhomes to be built in the city.
47. Create an inventory of all languages spoken in each neighborhood and promote translation of announcements and community meetings into these languages.
48. Create online survey system for neighborhood improvements.
49. Ensure that the ongoing review of neighborhood plans contain some measure of legal authority to prevent unwanted and unnecessary changes to the character of our neighborhoods.
50. Create a "Declaration of Character" program so neighborhoods can file to protect items of defining character in their neighborhoods.
51. Create a system that enables the Department of Neighborhoods to recognize and incorporate neighborhood leaders who currently work outside of the traditional neighborhood council system.
52. Create a sub-permitting system for property improvements that neighbors undertake to the benefit of the greater community.
53. Negotiate with the "Nickelsville" tent city for a temporary permit site.
54. Don't annex White Center.
55. Create more P-patch spaces for urban farming.
56. Create permitting process to enable the expansion of safe, well-maintained self-run homeless shelters.
57. Work with neighborhoods to increase the amount of family and community areas in the city.

PLANNING, LAND USE and NEIGHBORHOODS, continued

58. Change zoning regulations so that jails can only be zoned in Downtown.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION

59. Create a virtual supply depot to connect all city funded nonprofits.
60. Include objectives in city contracts to promote cooperation and communication between agencies receiving city funding for similar objectives/projects.
61. Explore partnering with local veterinarians to create affordable cost vet clinics for low-income families.
62. Redirect money currently used for sweeps of homeless encampments to create subsidized storage space for people who are homeless.
63. Create City Council "page" program for middle school students, specifically aimed at introducing low-income and minority students to the ins and outs of city government
64. Partner with community organizations to create Spanish classes for English speakers.
65. Expand voucher programs at Farmers Markets for low-income households.
66. Reduce possession of Marijuana under 40 grams to a ticketable offense; and Invest fines collected into drug treatment.
67. Revitalize "Safe to Home" escort program in Pioneer Square and Capitol Hill.
68. Convert unused city buildings into enhanced shelter space.
69. Research the possibility of expanding hours in the main library branch.
70. Allow for live voice monitoring of the police scanner.
71. Build a Domestic Violence Family Justice Center, such as the one in San Diego.
72. Expand homelessness outreach programs.
73. Leave Severe Weather Emergency Shelters open continuously throughout the winter.
74. Provide free budget and life skill classes quarterly at City Hall.
75. Sponsor monthly point-counterpoint discussions on topics at local, state and national levels to aid in educating people on both sides of pressing issues.
76. Create a voucher program for self-defense training for targeted minorities.
77. Restructure homeless shelter funding to prevent dumping of difficult individuals.
78. Fully fund SHARE (Seattle Housing & Resource Effort).
79. Increase city funding for domestic violence shelters.
80. Restore the Seattle Police Department's Gang Unit.
81. Provide firefighters with job-essential vaccines.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, continued

82. Support the Fire Department in tracking firefighters' TB tests.
83. Support funding to keep firefighters as dispatchers and to maintain four fighters per truck.
84. Partner with colleges to create a City Scholarship Fund for families of dead or disabled veterans.
85. Stop the immoral and illegal sweeps of homeless people.
86. Work to end the illegalization of homelessness and expand the successful Drug Court program in order to significantly lower the number of people we are incarcerating.
87. Explore ways to expand AmeriCorps opportunities in Seattle to encourage the best and brightest college grads to get involved with community projects in the city.
88. Expand Youth Violence Prevention Initiative to include Central District and Lake City; and provide for planned expansion as the program attains key objectives.
89. Expand scope and capacity of Seattle Jobs Initiative.

TRANSPORTATION

90. Conduct a traffic study to explore implementing a congestion charge in Downtown.
91. Create a written pledge that all City Council members will regularly use alternative forms of transportation. to complete their duties (i.e. bus, bicycle, zipcar).
92. Assign Metro routes servicing Seattle a 'Twitter' account to instantaneously update regular riders of delays or other important route updates.
93. Consider changing downtown walk lights on certain key routes to allow walkers to start crossing the street five (5) seconds before traffic.
94. Allocate more money from transportation budget for mandatory sidewalk and bike lanes in areas where they are currently lacking.
95. Work with county to repair South Park bridge.
96. Create a coordinated plan and timeline to repave every major neighborhood arterial.
97. Explore options to improve public transit traveling east-west in the city.
98. Explore ways to encourage the use of alternative-energy vehicles in the city.
99. Explore ways to allow bikes to travel safely around the ship canal near Magnolia.
100. Ensure that the waterfront tunnel to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct proceeds only if all funding has been secured, and city residents are not liable for cost overruns.