



CITY OF SEATAC 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City-Specific Issues

The following areas are of specific concern to the City of SeaTac:

1) *[Placeholder for Capital Funding Request]*

2) **Support for Asylum Seekers**

The City of SeaTac has taken a leadership role in supporting asylum seekers residing in the community. The City continues to collaborate with the King County Executive's Office, the Cities of Seattle and Tukwila, and the State of Washington to help house and provide case management, legal services and wraparound services to asylum seekers. The City asks for the state's continued partnership in solving this crisis.

3) **Aviation Impacts**

With about 50 million passengers per year, SeaTac International Airport is the 9th busiest airport in the United States and the largest in the Pacific Northwest. While the airport is the City's largest employer, it also has massive impacts on residents. The City of SeaTac will play an active role on any issues that have the potential to add to, mitigate, or affect these impacts including air pollution mitigation, port mitigation funding, and siting of another major international airport in the state.

4) **State Parking Mandates**

SeaTac is different from most other cities in that a large number of its residents are employed as drivers for airport travelers. Vehicles used to provide rideshare, shuttle, and town car services are parked at private residences throughout the City. In addition, SeaTac has a large immigrant population that generally shares more multi-generational housing and therefore more cars per household than average.

The City supports urban density, particularly near the three Sound Transit stops in SeaTac. However, state imposed parking restrictions that are not tailored to local circumstances will have a particularly burdensome impact on SeaTac's residents. The City will work to retain the ability to determine where cars can be parked and for how long.

Statewide Issues

The City of SeaTac supports the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) on issues that have a general impact on all cities. The following statewide issues are of particular interest to SeaTac:

5) **Increase Workforce Development Opportunities**

The City of SeaTac is strongly invested in expanding workforce opportunities for residents and ensuring youth and young adults may access local, family-wage jobs, including careers within the technical and trades industry. Other communities have experienced immense success with pre-apprenticeship programs operated in conjunction with local labor partners and education institutions.

6) **Behavioral Health**

The behavioral health system in south King County, like much of Washington State, is under considerable strain. The City of SeaTac supports enhancements to the behavioral health system for the benefit of our residents, including support for additional 9-8-8 crisis response teams and crisis

triage and detox facilities. The City supports funding additional school counselors to meet the behavioral health needs of students of all ages.

7) Affordable Housing and Homelessness

The City of SeaTac has some of the most affordable housing within King County and supports increasing supply of diverse, high-quality, affordable housing. SeaTac also believes that efforts to increase housing and density should be equitably distributed throughout King County and the state. In addition to increasing affordable housing, the City also supports bolstering of state resources and programs dedicated to alleviating chronic homelessness.