

46th District Democrats Platform - 2018

City of Seattle, Local Section

We support:

1. Implementing developer impact fees with priority to fund Seattle school construction to provide adequate capacity at a time of fast-growing enrollment.
2. The creation of more affordable housing in Seattle; therefore, we support:
 - a. Policies that encourage more housing near transit hubs
 - b. Directing affordable housing funds to assist those who need it the most
 - c. Defining workforce housing as assisting those earning between a minimum wage and a living wage, and building much more of it
 - d. Requiring developers to replace on-site any affordable housing they displace with new affordable housing (i.e., 1-for-1 replacement)
 - e. Requiring developers to build inclusionary affordable housing, rather than paying a fee instead, in exchange for granting an upzone
 - f. Redefining low-income housing zones—ground-related housing suitable for families, graduated between mid-rise and single-family zone
 - g. Sufficient shelters for those experiencing homelessness
3. Safe-harbor parking for those living in their vehicles, with trash and waste disposal services
4. Continuing to fund Seattle and King County housing and human services budgets, especially services to homeless individuals and families, including those impacted by domestic violence, foster care, foreclosure, mental health institutions and reentry services for those transitioning from prison or military service
5. Locating bus rapid transit service on NE 130th Street as connector service between Lake City, the planned 130th St. Light Rail, and Bitter Lake
6. Declaring that any urban village must include sidewalks to be deemed “walkable”
7. Increasing pedestrian safety, including streetlights, permeable sidewalks and visible crosswalks for pedestrians and wheelchair users, with a sidewalk on at least one side of each arterial in Seattle north of 85th within 10 years
8. Bicycle lanes and storage facilities for cyclists, and convenient bus stops and shelters
9. Building and adequately funding a new Lake City Community Center with programming for seniors and youth
10. Increasing and adequately funding neighborhood public health clinics

11. Increase police presence and response times in North Precinct—by subdividing it
12. Passing a robust urban tree ordinance; increasing tree protection by requiring permits and public notice before large trees are removed from public and private property
13. Increasing community accountability and oversight for the Department of Neighborhoods, ensuring that local communities and neighborhood groups are supported and have access to their government
14. Connecting every home and business in Seattle to a publicly owned high-speed broadband network, utilizing existing broadband infrastructure
15. Increased programs to end human trafficking along Highway 99:
 - a. Adequately funding outreach and shelter services for sex workers
 - b. Oversight and increased regulation of media outlets used by sex traffickers
 - c. Increased penalties for those convicted of commercial sex trafficking of minors
16. Continued efforts to reduce youth detention rates in favor of restorative justice
17. Increased focus from the city regarding youth-on-youth violence, with increased transparency and accountability
18. Increased funding for Youth Arts Programming that focuses on work readiness, education, and career tracks for underserved youth
19. Clean-up and preservation of Green Lake
 - a. Upgrades and maintenance to the Midvale Sewage Plant
 - b. Increased cleaning and alum treatments to decrease toxic algae levels in the lake
20. Redevelopment of the dismal “Lake City Mini Park” at the corner of 125th and Lake City Way, as well as increased open space and P-patches throughout North Seattle
21. Clean-up and protection of Thornton Creek watershed in the face of increased development.