



Highlights From Ten Years in Office

Sustainability and Transportation

- Championed the update to the **City's Climate Action Plan**, establishing a goal for [Seattle to be carbon-neutral by 2050](#).
- Joined activists and organizers [protesting Shell Oil's](#) plans to drill for oil in the Arctic.
- Worked to reduce waste by [banning plastic bags](#) and creating an opt-out system for the wasteful printing and distribution of yellow pages, ultimately eliminating the vast majority of phone books.
- Worked to address the number one cause of GhG emissions in this City, and the nation, by **championing transit, walking and biking** as alternative modes of transportation.
 - Served as the Council representative on the board of Sound Transit and later Chair of **Sound Transit's** Elected Leadership Group for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions, providing recommendations on alternative alignments and station locations.
 - Passed the [Commuter Benefit Ordinance](#), a policy that will save workers who pay out of pocket for their bus passes up to 40% on their transit costs, and also save businesses up to 8% of the commuting costs on payroll taxes.
 - Advocated for the **Center City Bike Network**, championing a resolution that establishes an 18-month implementation schedule for creating a [connected, protected bicycle lane network in downtown Seattle](#) by the end of 2019.
 - Advocated to complete the **Burke Gilman Missing Link**.
 - Originally championed [ORCA cards for low-income students](#) in Seattle Public Schools, securing \$1 million for a pilot program at the request of Rainier Beach High School students. Ultimately this policy was expanded to all Seattle Public Schools by Mayor Jenny Durkan.
- Championed Environmental Justice
 - Added more funding to the [Green Pathways Fellowship program](#), which moves underrepresented communities beyond entry-level positions in the environmental field into leadership positions in organizations committed to environmental restoration and justice.
 - Championed greater investments around the [Duwamish Superfund](#) site.
 - Led the charge for the expansion of the [Fresh Bucks](#) program which matches SNAP/EBT benefits (food stamps) dollar-for-dollar at farmers markets and neighborhood grocery stores.

Housing Affordability and Homelessness

- Worked to address the root causes of homelessness and displacement by **funding more affordable housing**. Original champion of higher developer fees for affordable housing, starting in 2013 with the South Lake Union upzone. Passed the [Linkage Fee Resolution](#), which asked developers to build 5 percent of their new units at affordable levels or pay into the city's housing fund. This resolution eventually led to the creation of

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the [Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda \(HALA\) recommendations](#), and the City's Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) policy today.

- Championed policy to lower the land-use code barriers to building [Accessory Dwelling Units](#). The City of Seattle has identified the need for providing a mix of housing types at prices accessible to people at all levels of income, both for homeowners and renters. Increasing the number of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family zones is part of addressing our housing affordability crisis. We issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on October 14, 2018. In addition, my office completed a [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) to explore how we can ensure that low-income communities and communities of color can benefit from increasing ADU production.
- Pioneered the "Road to Housing" program, a safe parking pilot between the City and faith-based organizations for helping people living in their vehicles get back into housing. Continue to call attention to and provide funding to address the **public health and safety needs of vehicular residents and their neighbors**.
- Led public policy conversations and recommended programs to address homelessness, increase the safety and rights of people experiencing homelessness and mitigate negative impacts across Seattle resulting from homelessness.

Social Justice

- Supported the **No New Youth Jail** movement, and championed a [vision for zero use of youth detention in the City](#), as proposed by those most impacted by the criminal legal system.
- Led the charge with community advocates to significantly expand the [Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion \(LEAD\)](#) program citywide and deepen resources for the program's expansion into the North Precinct. LEAD is a collaborative community safety effort that offers law enforcement a credible alternative to booking people into jail for criminal activity that stems from unmet behavioral health needs or poverty.
- Funded the revival of the [Community Service Officer Program](#), set to launch this year.
- Championed the [Priority Hire Ordinance](#), which ensures the City hires locally for public works projects using taxpayer dollars.
- Stood with workers to champion the \$15/hour Minimum Wage and Paid Sick and Safe Leave.
- Championed an [innovative, first-of-its-kind program for independently contracted drivers](#) from Uber, Lyft, taxis and other organizations to collectively bargain for their work conditions.
- Ensured continued funding for the [Equitable Development Initiative](#), which mitigates displacement and invests in community-led place-based projects to create new opportunities for Seattle communities at risk of displacement .
- Revised and improved [Seattle's street and alley vacation policies](#) to help increase transparency, process and better reflect the race and social equity values of our City.
- Passed an [Equitable Development Agreements \(EDAs\) resolution](#), which will encourage developers of large projects to provide more robust and equitable community benefits as part of their project plans.
- Supported Greenwood small businesses impacted by the [Puget Sound Energy's gas explosion](#) to ensure they were their losses were fairly addressed.
- Led the effort to address workforce inequities for human service workers by helping to establish inflation adjustments to the City's human service contracts to prioritize wage increases.

Election Reform

- [Eliminated the system which allowed incumbent mayors and city councilmembers to roll over campaign contributions](#) from one election cycle to the next, amassing large war chests.
- Eliminated the practice of beginning fundraising for your next term immediately upon starting a term by creating a two year blackout period for fundraising for elected officials.
- Led the council effort to place a public financing system for local elections on the ballot.
- When the public financing system was narrowly defeated, worked with community members on a community-led ballot initiative to create our current [democracy voucher system](#).