



Participating in the 2025 Budget Process

Three ways you can share your insights:

1. **Budget Committee Meetings** - 4 Opportunities
2. **Public Hearings** - 2 Opportunities
3. **Written Comment** - Anytime

Public comment can be given remotely or in person.

Budget Process Overview

Oct. 15 through Oct. 20

Budget Hearings: Central Staff Presentations

To better understand the mayor's proposed amendments, the council unpacks individual department budgets. The council's policy experts — Central Staff — do a deep dive into the departmental budgets. Councilmembers raise questions and identify issues they'll have to address in the council's budget.

Oct. 28 through Nov. 17

Budget Deliberations: Balancing Package, Discussion, and Amendment Voting

Councilmembers create, explain, and discuss their amendments. There are two types of budget amendments:

1. **Council Budget Actions (CBAs)**
 - o CBAs change revenue, expenditures, staff positions, create provisos, and other actions with financial implications.
2. **Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs)**
 - o SLIs state the council's intent, gives guidance about city policy, call for additional study or reporting, etc.

Nov. 20 through Nov. 21

Final Action: City Council Vote

The council takes two final votes on its budget – the first vote as the Budget Committee, and the second final vote as the full City Council. After the council passes the budget, it's sent to the mayor for signature.

Committee Meetings with Verbal Public Comment

- September 25 - 9:30AM
- October 8 - 2PM
- October 15 - 9:30AM
- October 28 - 9:30AM
- November 14 - 9:30AM
- November 21 - 9:30AM

Public Hearings

- October 7
 - Remote - 1PM | In-person - 5PM
- November 6
 - Remote - 1PM | In-person - 5PM

Written Comment

Visit www.seattle.gov/council/members to contact your councilmember

Or email City Council at council@seattle.gov

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