



## CITY OF SEATAC 2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### City-Specific Issues

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

#### 1) Aviation Impacts

With more than 50 million passengers per year, SeaTac International Airport is one of the top ten busiest airports 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 in any issues that have the potential to add to, mitigate, or affect these impacts including air pollution mitigation, port mitigation funding, and the siting of another major international airport in the state.

#### 2) 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/refugee 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 local control of parking needs and restrictions.

### 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:

#### 1) 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.

#### 2) 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 for students of all ages.

### 3) Affordable Housing and Homelessness

The City of SeaTac has some of the most affordable housing within King County and supports protecting the current supply and increasing the 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.