

Thank you for attending last week's discussion with Councilmembers Licata and Steinbrueck about your priorities for public safety funding in the 2007/2008 budget and their interest in working with you to develop a public safety package to improve upon the Mayor's proposed 2007/2008 budget.

Councilmember Steinbrueck asked you each to provide some direction about priorities. Councilmember Licata agreed that this could help them in their efforts to develop a package. Please indicate your top 3 funding priorities, by broad category or by individual recommendation (1 is the highest priority). For instance, you can rank 1 – 3 the categories of Prevention, Intervention, and Maintenance or you can rank the examples within the categories. You could even combine the two ranking approaches by, for instance, picking the general category of maintenance as your highest priority but select 2 examples under Intervention as your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> categories. Please try and return to me by close of business, October 18.

Included also are some elements that could be included in a long term Public Safety Strategic Plan. You do not need to include these in ranking your public safety priorities because the development of this actual plan will be a post-budget item.

It was suggested that we try and put items in categories using the Prevention, Intervention, and Maintenance model. This model is used in developing public health strategies. The definitions are modified here so they will apply to developing a public safety strategy. Please note that some actions may fulfill more than one goal. For instance, some may argue that uniformed police not only **respond** to crime (the Maintenance category) but when a visible presence, may also **prevent** crime.

- I. **Prevention:** *Reducing the incidence of a public safety threat*
- II. **Intervention:** *Minimizing the impact of a public safety threat on a community or individual engaged in the harmful activity*
- III. **Maintenance:** *Responding to the public safety threat*

**PLEASE RANK TOP THREE FROM LIST** *(listed here in no particular order)*

**I. Prevention Actions**

- Examples:
- 1) Drop in center for youth in Rainier Valley – e.g. Center House
  - 2) Youth violence prevention program – e.g. JustServe Americorps
  - 3) Drop out prevention - e.g. new Re-Investing in Youth effort

**II. Intervention Actions**

- Examples:
- 1) Community Service Officers
  - 2) Alternatives to incarceration – e.g. Community Court
  - 3) Alternatives to arrest – GOTS or Clean Dreams
  - 4) Other grassroots recommended and supported programs

**III. Maintenance Actions**

- Examples:
- 1) Net increase of 50 uniformed police officers with 50 new officers funded each year for 5 years with sustainable long term funding plan
  - 2) Some lesser number of uniformed police officers with sustainable long term funding plan
  - 3) Some number of officers dedicated to Gang Unit
  - 4) Some number of officers dedicated to enforcement of traffic /pedestrian safety laws
  - 5) Some number of officers dedicated as School Resource Officers – providing uniformed police presence at high school and interaction with the staff and students
  - 6) Some number of officers dedicated to increase police visibility e.g. through bike patrols or walking beats.
  - 7) More jail space, more defense services, and more prosecution proportional to need created by funding some number of new officer positions
  - 8) Staffing necessary to reduce length of OPA investigations

**Possible 5-7 year plan elements**

- Measurable outcomes for each goal
- Measure results with data AND public perspectives
- Precinct Advisory Committee role vis a vis priorities for programs, funding, and staffing.
- Funding staff to locate other \$\$ to meet public safety needs
- Long term Public Safety Legislative Plan to ensure SPD and Law Department has tools
- More crime statistics data easily available to the public
- Planned population increases considered in staffing plan
- Seek collaboration between programs within and out of city departments
- Greater use of civilians to do non-law enforcement police functions, e.g. staffing the precinct desk.
- More diversity on SPD force

Also, Central Staff will give a presentation on police staffing issues in the 2007-2008 budget on Tuesday morning at about 10:30 AM. Here is the link to the agenda:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/leg/pdf/budget101706am.pdf>

This meeting will allow you to hear some analysis about the need for more officers. It will also give you the opportunity to hear the initial responses and questions Councilmembers have about that analysis. If you have access to the web and would like to watch it live, you can use this link: <http://www.seattlechannel.org/> (see right hand column "Watch the Seattle Channel Live." If you want to watch it later instead (they are posted a day or two later usually), check here:  
<http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/browseVideos.asp?topic=council>

Finally, a request was made that we let you know about an upcoming meeting:

City Neighborhood Council talks with Councilmembers about the Budget.

The October City Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on October 23rd beginning at 6:30 pm at the Queen Ann Neighborhood Service Center, 157 Roy St. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Learn about the City Neighborhood Council:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/default.htm>

#### AGENDA

- 6:30 Introductions
- 6:35 Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- 6:40 Discussion of Budget Negotiations - two members of the City Council will be present
- 7:30 Budget Letter discussion
- 7:45 Parks Letter discussion
- 8:00 Presentation of Slate of Officers for next year
- 8:05 Transportation Committee
- 8:20 NMF Committee
- 8:35 Neighborhood Planning Committee
- 8:50 New business
- 9:00 Adjourn

