

The Mayor's Budget for 2007, released on Monday, contains NOTHING NEW for the East Precinct. I urge you to write to (and speak to) City Council

**Budget Changes proposed for the East Precinct
(from <http://seattle.gov/mayor/issues/budget/>)**

Transfer 4.0 FTE Police Officer Patrol positions and \$309,000 from the Deputy Chief of Operations program to the East Precinct to distribute to the precincts the new police positions that were created in 2005. **(i.e. last budget's new Officers, again!)**

Transfer 1.0 FTE Police Officer Detective position and \$97,000 from the East Precinct to the Narcotics Investigations program, thereby locating the Drug Court Liaison in the Narcotics program.

Create 1.0 FTE Police Officer Patrol position and add \$114,000 to fund the position.

Total 180 FTE Officers in 2005 and 2006; 184 in 2007 and 2008.

City Council Public Hearings on Mayor's proposed Budget

City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor 600 4th Avenue

The Budget Committee will take testimony on topics including the Mayor's proposed budget, proposed revenue sources, and several capital projects.

- Wednesday, October 11, 2006; 5:30 p.m. (call ins start at 4:30 p.m.)
- Monday, October 30, 2006; 5:30 p.m. (call ins start at 4:30 p.m.)

Phone calls (206-684-8821) and emails (email: budget@seattle.gov) are welcome between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Some email messages received during that hour will be read aloud in Council Chambers. All email messages are retained in a comment file included in the public record.

PARKING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS Pay parking is available in SeaPark garage between Cherry and James Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues. **Those attending the budget public hearings receive a special rate of \$3.** Tell the garage cashier as you exit the garage that you attended a City Council public hearing and you will receive the special rate.

Writing to City Council.

Some notes from Brad Trenary, Cal Anderson Park

The City is entering its budget time and now is when it is important for we citizens to express our concerns about public safety and demand that Greg Nickels add more police in a truly measurable way. It is not acceptable to be given the "smoke and mirrors math" that Nickels proudly proclaims annually about increasing the rolls of the police force. Last year, he said he had increased the numbers when in fact we came out about even given retirements, focus on Homeland Security which takes officers away from our neighborhoods and the typical attrition of any organization. Demand more police this coming year and let the Mayor and City Council that we will not tolerate an atmosphere of fear and danger on our streets any longer. As much as I love Nickel's idea for planting more trees, public safety for ourselves, loved ones and neighbors is infinitely more important.

I have received word from Councilwoman Jan Drago that she will support adding more police to

the City's roster in this upcoming budget cycle. Wallis Bolz has received support for a plan for adding 250 more police over the next five years from Councilman Peter Steinbrueck. This is great to hear from initial letters of concern and demand. So now is the time to write those letters and state clearly what has been going on and the need for more police on the streets of Seattle. And request a response from the person you are writing and what plan they suggest to address the problem. It is not okay to simply receive back an answer acknowledging our problems and a lame excuse of "these are difficult times." Now is the time to seize the power for our own safety's sake.

A note on effectively communicating with these leaders:

1. Write individual letters to each person, not a group letter. I've learned that group letters get shuffled to the bottom.
2. If you can write and snail mail a letter, all the better. [PS: Use pen and paper and really get their attention. Andrew]
3. Be direct, concise and clear.
4. Don't harangue, insult, threaten or demean.
5. The facts will speak for themselves. And loudly.

So, write today: The Mayor, City Council Members, Chief Kerlikowske. And be brave and write a letter to the editor of the PI and the Times, the Weekly, the Stranger, the Capitol Hill Times. No more violence on our sidewalks and streets, in our backyards, in the park. Enough is enough.

Brad Trenary

Addresses:

<http://seattle.gov/council/councilcontact.htm>

<http://seattle.gov/mayor/contact.htm>

<http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/contactus/>

<http://seattlepi.nwsources.com/facts/pistaff.shtml>

<http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/Page?oid=21506>

<http://www.seattleweekly.com/about/>

Capitol Hill Times: <http://tinyurl.com/fk7aj> (didn't work for me: check the paper)