



# Highlights from 2022

 Councilmember Alex Pedersen District 4, Northeast Seattle

After emerging from the COVID pandemic, Seattle residents, schools, and store owners have made it clear they expect their government to make progress on crime and homelessness. As the elected City Councilmember for Northeast Seattle, I strive to provide sensible solutions for challenges such as community safety and our aging infrastructure, while remaining accountable to neighborhoods with a wide range of viewpoints. With the new Mayor and new City Council President, there is hope to make more progress by focusing on the basic services and hard work of local government. Thank you.

## Addressing Homelessness



Supported Mayor's Plan / Regional Authority to reduce homelessness and encouraged Office of Housing to prioritize vacant units for homeless.



Welcomed additional low-income housing projects to D4, including Cedar Crossing and Sand Point Cottages.



Worked with Harrell Administration to make sure shelter alternatives were offered to people in RVs on Northlake Way, and restored that area in Wallingford.



Continued funds & services for Tiny Home Village while preparing for new low-income housing tower in U District.

## Supporting District 4 Neighbors



Funded pedestrian safety project to ensure safe travel from Wallingford to U District light rail.



Saved and funded a community-driven pedestrian safety and transit project in U District.



Passed ordinance to support D4 and other local restaurants by permanently capping third-party delivery fees at 15 percent.



Listened to constituents at community councils, D4 Town Hall, weekly office hours, community clean ups, Day of Service, and thousands of emails.



Spurred SDOT to finish 15th Avenue NE repaving project to improve traffic safety for all modes of travel.



Got Parks Department to open cooling center for low-income residents at Magnuson Park during heat wave.

## Prioritizing Equity



Added funds to advance "Internet for All" digital equity to increase access to jobs, education, and health care.



Doubled school zone speed enforcement cameras, which will fund more pedestrian safety projects for communities most impacted.



Opposed property tax increase that doubled parks levy due to concern about seniors and others on fixed incomes.



Extended grace period on late fee interest charges and ensured SPU kept rate increases to a minimum, as promised, because utility bills are regressive.



Crafted proposal to prioritize low-income housing and displacement prevention over developer profits.



Passed legislation to collect rental housing data for transparency on locations of unregulated affordable housing to help prevent displacement (but vetoed).

## Supporting Public Safety



Opposed deletion of police positions from City budget books and supported flexible use of salary savings for overtime to help with severe staffing shortage.



Brought increased public safety responses to D4 with additional patrols in U District and Crime Prevention Coordinators throughout our District.



Supported recruitment and retention plans for police officers and detectives to address disturbing increase in 911 response times and crime rates.



Attended all police roll calls in North Precinct to encourage officers to stay in Seattle and to hear their feedback.



Approved better contract with police lieutenants and captains that deepens accountability reforms.

## Getting Back to Basics



Led efforts that fully funded bridge maintenance as recommended by City Auditor.



For safety, transparency, and accountability, worked with SDOT to require Street Use Permits for autonomous vehicle companies testing on our public streets.



As Chair of Transportation Committee, oversaw process that re-opened West Seattle Bridge under budget.



Encouraged audits to assess cybersecurity for utilities and compliance with rental housing health & safety inspections.



Led confirmation hearings to approve new heads of Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities overseeing combined \$2 billion budget.



Helped to fill potholes in our district after winter storm events and supported boost of funds citywide.

## Protecting our Environment



Passed sensible law requiring registration of tree cutters for increased transparency and accountability to protect Seattle's urban forest.



Passed Resolution to guide Sound Transit decisions for new stations from West Seattle to Ballard and urged protection of CID.



Created a "City Urban Forester" position to lead conservation and planting of trees to strengthen resiliency to climate change.



Accelerated phase out of harmful gas-powered leaf blowers to support public health, workers, and our environment.