



# Highlights from 2023

Councilmember Alex Pedersen District 4, Northeast Seattle

By deciding not to run for re-election in 2023, my team and I were able to dedicate the entire year to constituents and communities, rather than being distracted by campaign donors and interest groups. Despite turbulent times and extraordinary challenges, I have worked hard to be an independent voice of reason for local government, and it has been an honor to serve our city in this position. Thank you.

## Addressing Homelessness



Doubled capacity of housing project for people experiencing homelessness by creatively reconfiguring alley in U District near light rail.



Required City's Office of Housing to report on availability of hundreds of vacant units, which KCRHA could use to house people experiencing homelessness.



Supported organizational improvements and revisions to strategic plan at KCRHA to reduce homelessness with our ample budget contributions.

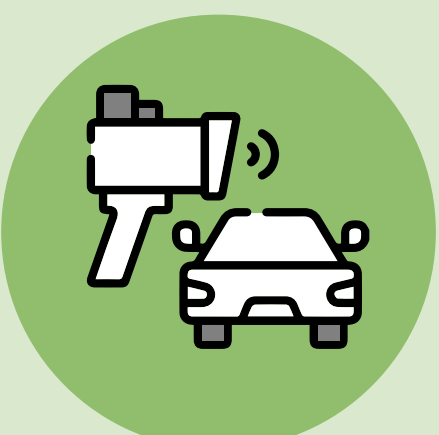


Prodded State government and regional authority to address dangerous encampments along Interstate 5.



Ensured people experiencing homelessness at temporary shelter (Rosie's Village) had relocation dollars to enable construction of project with more than triple the number of permanent low-income housing units.

## Supporting District 4 Neighbors



Designated Sand Point Way NE as an enforcement zone to reduce drag racing with future speed cameras.



Ensured completion of renovations to Magnuson Park Community Center and re-opened the Laurelhurst Community Center.



Renewed funds for pedestrian safety across I-5 overpass connecting Wallingford & U District.

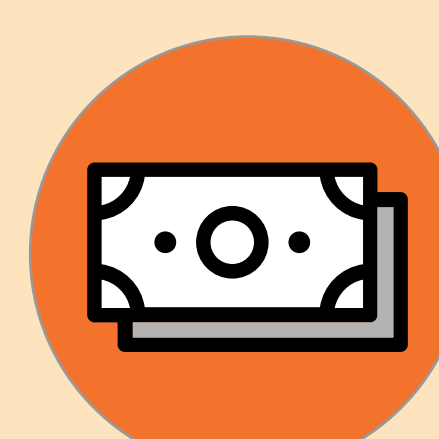


Advanced cooling center at NE Branch library for climate resiliency by installing energy-efficient heat pump.

## Prioritizing Equity



Encouraged amendment to new State law regarding newly upzoned neighborhoods, so that cities may collect fees that will benefit low-income housing.



Provided opportunity to lower property taxes used for transportation projects (voted down by colleagues).



Introduced legislation that would, for the first time, repeal a regressive tax: City Hall's tax on drinking water.



Ensured lowest possible utility bills from Seattle Public Utilities, by keeping rates low within promised "rate path," thanks to prudent cash management and efficient operations.



Redirected funding to reduce fatal traffic collisions where data show risk is highest: South Seattle ("Accessible Mount Baker Project").



Increased accountability through effective policing by incentivizing SPD to restart contract that reviews footage from body cameras.

## Supporting Public Safety



Redirected startup funds to SDOT to double enforcement cameras for traffic safety in school zones (again).



Encouraged SDOT's top-to-bottom review of traffic safety (Vision Zero) programs and implementation of initial improvements.



Supported organizational improvements and effective new Director of Community Policing Commission (CPC).



Attended all roll calls at police department's North Precinct and reiterated officer input to Mayor's team, including need to enforce contract with King County for downtown jail.



Sponsored enforcement legislation to discourage use of dangerous, illegal drugs in public.

## Getting Back to Basics



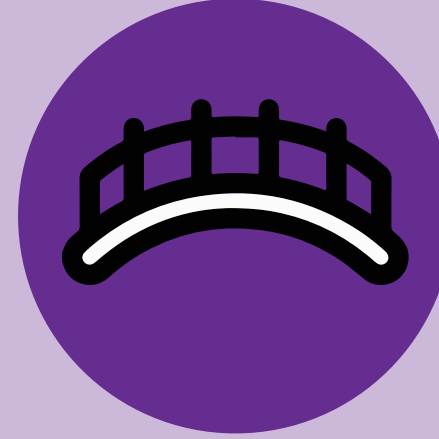
Led efforts to increase bridge maintenance funding, as recommended by City Auditor (again).



Highlighted need for more budgeting transparency to account for \$500 million in vague "central services costs."



Strengthened Rental Housing Registration & Inspection Ordinance with recommendations from an audit and requirement to obtain better rent data on naturally occurring low-income housing.



Redirected excess funds from future city government employee retirement system to the general public today for bridges and school zone safety, based on expert analysis.

## Protecting our Environment



Collaborated with school district to demand EPA and FAA phase out harmful "leaded" fuel still used by small aircraft flying over Seattle.



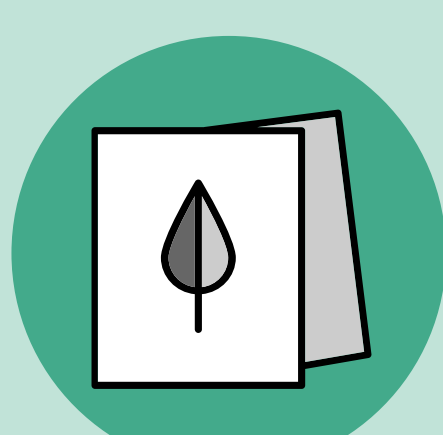
Oversaw progress on Ship Canal Water Quality Project, including completion of tunnelling by "Mudhoney" drill.



Ensured Seattle Public Utilities led climate resiliency efforts to reduce flooding risks along Duwamish River due to rising tides and rainstorms.



Required options for 2024 to expand tree protection enforcement hours for evenings and/or weekends.



Honored request of Urban Forestry Commission to require monitoring plan and community engagement to determine whether new tree ordinances actually benefit Seattle's urban forest.