



CITY OF BURIEN 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment.

Healthy and Thriving Communities

- Support additional resources to address housing instability.
- Advocate for the creation of new tools/incentives/revenues to increase housing supply, affordability, and homeownership.
- Support efforts to fund the Housing Trust Fund.
- Support immigration policies that ensure families stay together.

Quality of Life and Economic Development

- Support efforts to revise the property tax cap to tie it to inflation and population growth factors so Burien can better serve their community.
- Advocate for continued state investments in infrastructure funding to support operation and maintenance of traditional and non-traditional infrastructure.
- Support policies that expand access to affordable, quality childcare in Washington.
- Advocate for increasing the number of classes at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA).
- Support efforts to provide additional funding tools and resources for officer recruitment and retention to improve public safety.

Advancing Climate Progress

- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.
- Support updates to land use planning that take into consideration climate change and resiliency.

Behavioral Health

- Support creating greater access to behavioral health services including substance abuse treatment and dual diagnosis treatment facilities.
- Support continued state funding to help communities establish alternative response programs like co-responder programs, diversion programs, and others that provide options beyond law enforcement.