

# 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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**Budget Action Title:** Request SCL to report on SCL Strategic Planning in accordance with Seattle's Green New Deal Resolution (RES 31895)

Ongoing: Yes Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests Seattle City Light (SCL) report to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, or its successor, and the Central Staff Director by July 31, 2020 regarding how SCL's proposed 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and rate design will be consistent with the goals of Resolution 31895, namely:

- A. Make Seattle free of climate pollutants, meaning those that cause shifts in climate patterns, including carbon dioxide, black carbon, methane, nitrogen oxides, and fluorinated gases, by 2030;
- B. Prioritize investment in communities historically most harmed by economic, racial, and environmental injustice;
- C. Advance an equitable transition from an economy based on extraction and exploitation to one based on regeneration and cooperation, ensuring that those with the least amount of power and wealth are positioned to lead during this transition and are not left behind; and
- D. Create stable, well-paying jobs that prioritize local hire and are protected by Project Labor Agreements and Labor Harmony Agreements to ensure high-quality work and fair treatment of workers.

SCL is expected to transmit for Council's consideration the proposed 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and the rate design in the second quarter of 2020.

Seattle has committed to eliminating all climate pollution by 2030 as part of Seattle's Green New Deal Resolution (Resolution 31895). To fulfill this commitment, Seattle will need to convert rapidly from the use of fossil fuels as energy sources for the operation of vehicles and buildings to the use of all-electric modes of transportation and building energy systems.

In 2005, SCL became the first electric utility in the country to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions.

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It has maintained that carbon neutral status every year since. Consequently, transitioning to an all-electric transportation system and all-electric buildings powered by SCL would largely eliminate carbon emissions from these sectors.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

Sustainability & Transportation

**Date Due to Council:**

July 31, 2020