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## **Councilmember Sawant's Proposed Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

### **Progressive Taxation and Revenue**

- Increase the corporate tax rate and make it more progressive. This requires voter approval, so this is a statement of legislative intent to ask the city to put it on the ballot.
- Create a new business head tax which would raise \$4,800,000 in 2016.
- Increase the commercial parking tax which would raise \$15,000,000 in 2016.
- Cap city executive and management salaries at no more than \$150K/year, which would raise \$2.5 million per year
- Cut City Councilmember salaries to the area median income (the average wage in Seattle), saving \$513,000 per year.

### **LGBTQ Community Center**

- This statement of legislative intent will ask the Parks Department to draft a plan for the creation of a LGBTQ Community Center.

### **Small Business Rent Control**

- This statement of legislative intent creates a taskforce to design and implement commercial rent control for small businesses in Seattle.

### **Affordable Housing**

- Contract with a non-profit affordable housing provider to design a proposal for how to build the maximum possible amount of affordable housing using the city's bonding capacity and city land.
- Increasing funding for tenant organizing and education, and passing the ordinance to make rent increases in slums illegal (the Carl Haglund ordinance).

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## **Human Services**

- Increase funding for homeless encampments by \$409,000 to pay for necessities, sanitation, and staffing.
- Increase funding for family homeless shelters by \$255,953 to cover the rent increases that the YWCA operated shelter has to pay.
- Fund the Urban Rest Stop in the U District.
- Expand the HOST program to provide mental health outreach instead of relying on a police response to mentally ill people on the streets.
- Follow the recommendations of the Seattle Human Services Coalition to cover inflation for human service providers, which costs \$817,000 in 2016.
- Fund the "Scalable Option" of the recommendations of the Seattle Human Services Coalition to have an impact on improving human services in Seattle, which costs \$15 million.

## **Jobs Programs**

- Double the funding available for pre-apprenticeship programs such as YouthBuild and SVI from \$300,000 to \$600,000.
- Double the funding available for Career Bridge from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

## **Municipal Broadband**

- Build the recommended municipal broadband pilot project costing \$5,000,000.

## **Paid Parental Leave**

- Expand paid parental leave from four weeks to twelve.

## **Zero Youth Detentions Recommendations**

- (Amendment led by CM O'Brien) Provide \$600,000 in the Social Justice Fund to support organizations with programs that challenge youth detention.

## **Orca Cards for High-School Students**

- (Amendment led by CM O'Brien) Provide free Orca Cards to high school students to increase access to public transportation.