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|  | 2 At-Large City Councilmembers + 7 District Councilmembers 9 Council Committees\*: * Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods & Finance
* Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts
* Education, Equity & Governance
* Energy & Environment
* Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans
* Human Services & Public Health
* Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries & Waterfront
* Planning, Land Use & Zoning
* Sustainability & Transportation

Staff: 3-4 Council staff + Central StaffCouncil staff – chief, scheduler, clerk, district liaisonCentral staff – research and legislation coordination\*Subject to change every 2 years |

**How council bills get passed:**

1. Start with a solution
2. Draft legislation from either a department, the mayor or from a councilmember’s office
3. Evaluated by central staff and city attorney
4. Appointed to a committee – at council president’s discretion
5. Hearings in committee + public hearings
6. Passed by Full Council
7. Signed by the Mayor

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|  | * Finding your champion takes time
	+ Being a champion takes time
* Volume matters
* Optimism matters
* Know your history
* Ask for meetings with the councilmember and staff
	+ Solutions get meetings faster than problems
* Everyone wants to be the hero
	+ Being a “hero” might not mean what you think
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**How to get your issue on the social agenda:**

1. Media
2. Coalitions
3. Budget

**CHANGE BEGINS**