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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 Staff  Council staff – chief, scheduler, clerk, district liaison  Central 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 |

**How to get your issue on the social agenda:**

1. Media
2. Coalitions
3. Budget

**CHANGE BEGINS**