



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5754
September 15, 2020
Regular Business**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE: RECOMMENDED ACTION:	AB 5754: City Council direction on proposed PIC recommendations to the SCA Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
	Discuss PIC potential action and provide direction to Mayor Wong and Councilmember Rosenbaum.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Deborah Estrada, City Clerk, on behalf of Mayor Wong
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Benson Wong Dave Rosenbaum
EXHIBITS:	1. SCA 20-21 Legislative Agenda 2. Affordable Housing Committee (Discussion Paper) 3. Vision 2050 (Discussion Paper)
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

The Public Issues Committee (“PIC”) is a standing committee that reviews and evaluates policy positions and recommends to Sound Cities Association (“SCA”) Board of Directors what, if any, action should be taken on such policy decisions. Mayor Benson Wong serves as the City of Mercer Island representative and Councilmember Dave Rosenbaum serves as the alternate representative.

The PIC met on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 and addressed the following items that may require future action by PIC representatives on behalf of member cities:

1. The SCA 2021 Legislative Agenda is attached as Exhibit 1. This information may help the City Council formulate the Mercer Island 2021 Legislative Agenda. The committee discussion emphasized the importance of keeping the agenda “tight” and “focused” due to the budgetary constraints facing the State of Washington.
2. In the discussion paper about the Affordable Housing Committee (see Exhibit 2), PIC members were asked to solicit comments and feedback regarding HB 1590 (which is discussed on pages 30 and 31). Most cities at the PIC meeting have not discussed HB 1590 and, those that have, did not indicate a

desire to proceed with a city-imposed sales tax increase due to the economic recession. There are two questions at the bottom of page 31 that will be discussed at the City Council meeting.

3. In the discussion paper about Vision 2050 (see Exhibit 3), SCA is looking for direction from SCA-member cities about Snohomish County's proposed amendment. The discussion about the amendment is found on pages 34 through 41. Whether to approve or reject this amendment as part of Vision 2050 will be presented to the PSRC Executive Board on September 24, 2020. PIC has asked that PIC representatives ascertain the position of their respective city councils relative to this amendment and to convey those positions to PIC as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

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