



Memorandum

TO: Community, Vitality, and Safety Committee
FROM: Mac Acabado, Management & Budget Analyst, Office of Management & Budget;
Kenny Coble, Community Engagement Coordinator, Media & Communications Office;
Liesl Santkuyl, Management & Budget Analyst, Office of Management & Budget
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN DISTRICT 2**
DATE: December 12, 2024

SUMMARY

OMB staff will present an overview of the District 2 participatory budgeting (PB) timeline and results.

Mac Acabado, Kenny Coble, Liesl Santkuyl, and Reid Bennion will be working with internal and external partners to complete the implementation phase.

BACKGROUND

Last biennium, the City Council approved \$2.5M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Participatory Budget (PB) projects in Districts 4 and 2.

PB is a democratic process where: 1. A steering committee of community members develops a scoped process with the City to help their fellow community members develop ideas. 2. Community members turn ideas into proposals. 3. Community members vote to select one or more of those proposals. 4. The City will fund and implement the proposal(s) voted on.

PROCESS

Phase One: September 2023 – December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment of Community Leadership Team Members• Staff Meetings
Phase Two: November 2023 – April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modification of draft guidebook• Selection of neighborhood outreach using Equity Index; selection of outreach strategies to carry out idea collection and voting
Phase Three: January – April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idea Collection
Phase Four: April – May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility Analysis• Proposal Creation with Community Leadership Team
Phase Five: May 2024 – September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting
Phase Six: October 2024 through 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Selection

	• Project Implementation
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The community leadership team and City staff are currently in phase six (of six) for the District 2 Participatory Budgeting process. In phase one, thirty District 2 residents gathered to create a community leadership team. In phase two, they led the creation of the project's guidelines, timeline, and outreach plan for the project. In phase three, over 1900 ideas were collected from the community on how to spend \$1,000,000 to improve District 2. In phase four, the community leadership worked with City staff and partner staff to analyze the feasibility of the most submitted ideas and chose three proposals to put on the PB ballot. In phase five, over 6000 community members voted to build a covered skate park featuring public art as District 2's participatory budgeting winning project. We are currently in the last phase of the project, working with Metro Parks Tacoma, Public Works, and the Arts and Cultural Vitality Division to create a plan for implementation.

Councilmembers can schedule a meeting for questions, concerns, and clarifications with the following staff:

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