

CNC's Prioritized Audit Recommendations – As of 2012

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| <p>Audit Recommendations for Improving Seattle's District Council and City Neighborhood Council System</p> | <p>City Neighborhood Council/ District Council/ Department of Neighborhoods Work Plan Elements</p> |
| <p>Priority 1 Clarify the City's objectives for the district council/City Neighborhood Council system: is the emphasis on information or policy?</p> | <p>Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with City Objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input.</p> |
| <p>Priority 1 Clarify the City's role in district council governance.</p> | <p>Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with Seattle objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input</p> |
| <p>Priority 2 Require that standards are met if District Council and City Neighborhood Council responsibilities include rating and ranking City grants.</p> | <p>Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology.</p> |
| <p>Priority 2 Establish appropriate conditions for the City's continued support of the district councils and City Neighborhood Council.</p> | <p>Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology.</p> |
| <p>Priority 3 The City should clarify the level of staff support it will provide to district councils, the City Neighborhood Council, and other groups.</p> | <p>Goal 3: Establish baseline staffing function that supports District Councils (provides uniformity across system, guides expectations, staff operations, and provides a method for public records retention).</p> |
| <p>Priority 4 The City should explore ways to help district councils and the City Neighborhood Council reduce and/or manage conflict at meetings.</p> | <p>Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology.</p> |
| <p>Priority 5 The Department of Neighborhoods should improve its compliance with the State's document retention laws by retaining district council documents that come into its possession.</p> | <p>Goal 3: Establish baseline staffing function that supports District Councils (provides uniformity across system, guides expectations, staff operations, and provides a method for public records retention).</p> |
| <p>Priority 6 Provide additional guidelines for the district council/City Neighborhood Council system consistent with any clarified objectives.</p> | <p>Goal 2: Review existing guidelines and City Objectives and (if necessary) revisit/develop more consistent guidelines for District Councils and City Neighborhood Council.</p> |
| <p>Priority 7 Avoid characterizing the district councils and City Neighborhood Council as representative bodies.</p> | <p>Goal 4a: Establish the roles of District Councils and CNC in City's vision of community engagement; and Goal 4b: Enable a best practice methodology.</p> |
| <p>Priority 8 Consider a change in the names "district council" and "City Neighborhood Council."</p> | <p>Goal 1: Clarify and develop vision for District Councils and governance therein, consistent with Seattle objectives, District Councils Visioning, and larger community input</p> |