**CITY OF BURIEN 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment.

## Healthy and Thriving Communities

- Dedicate current funding to address needs across the housing continuum.
- Advocate for additional assistance for arriving migrants and asylum seekers including centralize state efforts to provide case management resources.
- Support efforts to reduce impacts on cities that are experiencing high numbers of unsupported asylee and migrant arrivals.
- Support legislation that requires the Port of Seattle to identify and mitigate Environmental Justice impacts resulting from expansion projects at Seattle-Tacoma Internation Airport, and efforts to establish a new program to replace the Port of Seattle's failed Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program.

## Quality of Life and Economic Development

- Revise the property tax cap to tie it to inflation, up to 3%, so that local elected officials can adjust the local property tax rate to better serve their communities.
- Advocate for direct investments in traditional local infrastructure (such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems) for operations and maintenance of aging systems, including expanded and reliable funding for the Public Works Assistance Account.
- Enhance officer training through continued state funding of 100% of Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) costs.
- Identify funding for a comprehensive study of environmental and economic impacts related to operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

## Behavioral Health

- Support efforts to increase behavioral health workforce, including additional training opportunities for co-responders.
- Expand funding for grants to establish and support ongoing funding for local behavioral health crisis co-responder programs.
- Support additional training and certification and workforce development for co-responders.