

Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to  
Organizational Meeting of Council  
2025 October 29

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## **2025-2026 Council Chamber Seating Plan**

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### **PURPOSE**

This Report proposes a Council Chamber seating plan, selected randomly by the City Clerk, to be effective the first Regular Meeting of Council following the 2025 Organizational Meeting of Council, until the conclusion of the 2026 Organizational Meeting of Council.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Council adopted the proposed 2024-2025 Council Chamber seating plan at the 2024 October 22 Organizational Meeting of Council, effective the first Regular Meeting of Council following the 2024 Organizational Meeting of Council, until the conclusion of the 2025 Organizational Meeting of Council. Additional previous Council direction is included in Attachment 1.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Council:

- 1) Adopt the proposed 2025-2026 Council Chamber seating plan, as set out in Attachment 2, effective the first Regular Meeting of Council following the 2025 Organizational Meeting of Council, until the conclusion of the 2026 Organizational Meeting of Council; and
- 2) Direct the City Clerk to engage with Councillors on accessibility and ergonomic needs and bring recommendations for changes to the Council Chamber seating plan to the 2025 December 4 Regular Meeting of Council, if necessary.

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

The City Solicitor and General Counsel concurs with this Report.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Council Chamber seating plan has changed annually since 2017, as directed in Notice of Motion C2017-1179, with consideration given to ergonomic and accessibility concerns identified by Councillors.
- Following the 2025 October 29 Organizational Meeting of Council, the City Clerk's Office will engage with Councillors on accessibility and ergonomic concerns, if necessary, as this practice was not possible prior to the 2025 October 29 Organizational Meeting of Council due to the General Election.
- The 2025-2026 Council Chamber seating plan configuration will form the basis for displaying electronic vote results for Council meetings.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City Clerk randomly drew ward numbers to designate seat assignments in the proposed 2025-2026 Council Chamber seating plan. Councillors will be canvassed for ergonomic and accessibility needs and, if changes to the Council Chamber seating plan are required, the City Clerk's Office will bring recommendations to the 2025 December 4 Regular Meeting of Council.

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### EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Social

Not applicable.

#### Environmental

Not applicable.

#### Economic

Not applicable.

#### Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

### RISK

Not applicable.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Background and Previous Council Direction
2. 2025-2026 Proposed Council Chamber Seating Plan
3. Presentation

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Jill Floen, City Solicitor and General Counsel	Law, Legislative Services and Security	Approve
Katarzyna Martin, Director/City Clerk	Law, Legislative Services and Security	Approve

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