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Seattle Repeals Head Tax

Protesters demonstrate at a Seattle City Council meeting Tuesday, where the council voted 7-2 to repeal the controversial "head tax" it had passed unanimously a month before.

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Kohl-Welles requests public input on Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

King County is preparing to implement the plan to distribute funds from last year's voter-approved Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy. Metropolitan King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, chair of the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee (HHHS), is bringing the committee directly to the community to hear from the public on the proposed plan to assist vulnerable populations across King County.

There will be a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. June 19 at Pike Place Senior Center, 85 Pike St. #200.

The proceeds from the 6-year levy, approved by voters in 2017, will be directed to:

- **Veterans.** To plan, provide, administer and evaluate a wide range of regional health and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families.
- **Seniors and caregivers.** To plan, provide, administer and evaluate a wide range of regional health and human services and capital facilities for seniors and their caregivers and to promote healthy aging in King County.
- **Vulnerable Populations.** To plan, provide, administer and evaluate a wide range of regional health and human services and capital facilities for vulnerable populations.

The meeting is an opportunity for service providers, those using the services supported by the levy, and the public to comment on the proposed plan.

Mayor Jenny Durkan Leads Bipartisan Coalition of U.S. Mayors in Condemning DOJ and DHS Treatment of Immigrant Families

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan led a bipartisan coalition of U.S. mayors in condemning the Department of Justice's and Department of Homeland Security's treatment of immigrant families and committing to criminal justice reform by calling on cities to vacate misdemeanor marijuana conviction in states where recreational marijuana is now legal. At the 86th Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors held in Boston, Mayor Durkan introduced resolutions on both issues, which were adopted unanimously today by a bipartisan coalition of more than 200 American mayors.

The first emergency resolution introduced by Mayor Durkan and adopted by the coalition of mayors condemns DOJ and DHS' extreme "zero tolerance"

policy of separating children from their families at the border and endorses policies to allow families apprehended to remain together to the extent possible, to help avoid the heartbreak and irreversible trauma of forced separation. The resolution also calls on Congress to take immediate action to end this policy through legislation.

The second resolution builds off the successes in Seattle and calls on local governments in states where marijuana has been legalized to vacate misdemeanor marijuana convictions for conduct that is now legal. Recognizing the failures of the decades-long war on drugs that has devastated communities of color across our nation and incarcerated a disproportionate and unprecedented amount of people from those communities, this resolution recognizes the obligation of governments to recognize and correct injustices.

Mayor Durkan's resolutions as well as the full list of adopted resolutions of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee for the 86th Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors can be found at http://legacy.usmayors.org/resolutions/86th_Conference/proposedcommittee-preview.asp?committee=Criminal%20and%20Social%20Justice.

Statement by Mayor Durkan and Members of the Seattle City Council on the Future of the Business Tax to Address the Homelessness Crisis

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan and members of the City Council including Council President Bruce A. Harrell, Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez, Councilmember Lisa Herbold, Councilmember Rob Johnson, Councilmember Debra Juarez, and Councilmember Mike O'Brien released the following statement Monday announcing the consideration of legislation to repeal a tax on large businesses to address the homelessness and housing crisis. Tuesday, the council voted to repeal the tax.

"We know that there are strong passions and genuine policy differences between neighbors, businesses, community leaders, and people across our City on how to best address our housing and homelessness crisis. This crisis has been years in the making and there are no easy solutions. The crisis is tied to a range of complex causes, including lack of affordable housing, unmet mental health and substance abuse issues, and systemic racial disparities in our foster care, criminal justice and educational systems.

"In recent months, we worked with a range of businesses, community groups, advocates, and working families to enact a bill that struck the right balance between meaningful progress on our affordability and homelessness crisis while protecting good, family-wage jobs. Over the last few weeks, these conversations and much public dialogue has continued. It is clear that the ordinance will lead to a prolonged, expensive political fight over the next five months

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ment for the whole family will continue all afternoon. Including bouncy house, face painting and crafts and a free hot dog or hamburger for the first 75 kids. Plus more activities throughout the day. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

HEROES 2018 NIGHT COMMUNITY EVENT: Join us for an evening of fun and support our local heroes. There will be a car show from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Family friendly activities, door prizes, one night only saving. No membership required to shop during the community event. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., The East Vancouver Costco, 19610 SE 1st St., Camas.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

2018 MILK CARTON BOAT RACES: The Milk Carton Boat Races features large, hand-made humane powered boats that float entirely by means of recycled milk cartons and jugs. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Westmoreland Casting Pond, 7580 SE 22nd Ave.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT YESLER COMMUNITY CENTER: Come celebrate Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event and celebration. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Yesler Community Center, 917 E. Yesler Way.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

FREMONT SOLSTICE PARADE CRAFTING: All ages are welcome to gather on the lawn in front of the Fremont Branch for some pre-parade crafting. Perfect for participating in (or watching) the Fremont Solstice Parade. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fremont Place Book Co. 3504 Fremont Ave.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 16-17

COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: 2018 marks the 35th annual event. This year organizers honor and continue Decharlene Williams' legacy of supporting and empowering Black Community and Business. This celebration weekend will be filled with information, activities, education, food and fellowship. Different locations each day. Noon - 7 p.m. Saturday, 104 17th Ave. S. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday, Pratt Park, 1800 S. Main St.

BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL: Explore and experience the cultural roots and contemporary influences of African American culture through live performances, hands-on activities, food, fashion and worldly gifts. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Seattle Center Festal, Fisher Pavilion, 305 Harrison St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

MEEKER MANSION FAMILY HISTORY DAY: Participants can create family trees, make crafts, play games or try on pioneer clothes. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for students and children. Noon - 3 p.m., Meeker Mansion, 312 Spring St., Puyallup.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKING THROUGH THE WALL OF SLAVERY: AN INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY: Dr. Janice Lovelace will present techniques to identify emancipated slaves and their prior slave owners through the use of land, probate, census and court records. Space is limited. please arrive early. No registration required. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Douglas-Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

AUBURN'S KIDS DAY: The perfect day for any child. Live entertainment, inflatable rides, face painting, more than 100 activity and info booths, craft vendor sales and much more. Free event, nominal fee for some attractions. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Les Grove Park, 910 9th St. SE, Auburn.

that will do nothing to tackle our urgent housing and homelessness crisis. These challenges can only be addressed together as a city, and as importantly, as a state and a region.

"We heard you. This week, the City Council is moving forward with the consideration of legislation to repeal the current tax on large businesses to address the homelessness crisis.

"The City remains committed to building solutions that bring businesses, labor, philanthropy, neighborhoods and communities to the table."