



## AGENDA

### SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2019  
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 · Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

**YAZMIN MEHDI, OUTREACH COORDINATOR  
REPRESENTATIVE JAYAPAL'S OFFICE**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** 5:45 p.m.
  
- 2. DISCUSSION WITH YAZMIN MEHDI**
  - Congresswoman Jayapal's Top Priorities
  - City of Shoreline's Federal Agenda
  
- 3. ADJOURNMENT** 6:45 p.m.

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## Memorandum

**DATE:** April 22, 2019

**TO:** Shoreline City Council

**FROM:** Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**RE:** Dinner Meeting with Yazmin Mehdi, Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal

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Tonight, Council will have the opportunity to hear from Yazmin Mehdi, Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal. She is very interested in hearing from the City of Shoreline about the City's concerns, priorities and interests, and how the Congresswoman can support those goals. She will also share some of Rep. Jayapal's priorities and will be interested in hearing Council's questions and any comments Councilmembers might have.

### **Background**

From Congresswoman Jayapal's website:

*Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal represents Washington's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which encompasses most of Seattle and surrounding areas including Shoreline, Vashon Island, Lake Forest Park, Edmonds and parts of Burien and Normandy Park.*

*Congresswoman Jayapal is committed to ensuring that every resident of the district has economic opportunity; fairness and equity; and safe and healthy communities. She is proud of the district's role in leading the country on issues like the minimum wage, racial equity and innovation, and will work to support that work and lift it up as a model for the rest of the country.*

*Her focus is on ensuring income equality; access to education, from early learning to higher education, including debt-free college; expanding Social Security and Medicare; protecting our environment for our next generation; and ensuring immigrant, civil and human rights for all.*

*Jayapal will relentlessly challenge systems that corrupt our democracy, pushing for campaign finance reform, tax reform, voting rights and an end to institutionalized racism. In all of these endeavors, she'll continue to build the movement to expand our democracy and create the political space for policy change that benefits working families and responsible businesses.*

*The first Indian-American woman in the House of Representatives, Jayapal has spent the last twenty years working internationally and domestically as a leading national advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights.*

*She came to the United States by herself at the age of 16 to attend college at Georgetown University and later received her MBA from Northwestern University. She has worked in a number of industries in both the public and private sector.*

Yazmin Mehdi works for Congresswoman Jayapal as her Outreach Coordinator and serves as an important point of contact between the Congresswoman and the City of Shoreline.

### **Key Issues**

#### ***The City of Shoreline's Federal Agenda***

For 2019, the City of Shoreline is maintaining a continued focus on funding and support for investments in the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and the associated I-5 Interchange. The City has prioritized the success of the 145<sup>th</sup> Sound Transit station as an omnibus goal that supports our goals for the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor, the interchange replacement, a pedestrian overpass serving the light rail station and redevelopment of the station area for housing and economic development. These identified priorities are complementary and support Shoreline's station and regional priorities to ensure that the City's key messages are clear and consistent across all audiences.

In addition, the priorities seek to pursue improvements to federal policies that enhance community and economic development, as well as managing challenges posed by both culverts and stormwater management.

The City of Shoreline's federal priorities are provided as Attachment A.

### **Discussion Questions**

- The City of Shoreline has been very appreciative of Rep. Jayapal's support of Shoreline's work to build regional partnerships. Do you have any other guidance for that effort?
- Is there anything the City can do to support the Congresswoman's agenda here in the region?

### **Congresswoman Jayapal's Top Priorities**

Congresswoman Jayapal's top priorities are: (1) Medicare for All; (2) Immigration Reform; and (3) Climate Justice and the Environment.

#### **Medicare for All**

In late February, Congresswoman Jayapal and more than 100 co-sponsors introduced the Medicare for All Act of 2019. In doing so, they noted that:

*Today's healthcare system fails to provide quality, affordable healthcare as a right to all people living in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans are uninsured and at least 40 million more cannot afford the costs of their co-pays and deductibles.*

*The quality of our healthcare is much worse than other industrialized countries—the life expectancy in the U.S. is lower than other nations, while our infant mortality rate is much higher. Yet the U.S. spends more money per capita on healthcare than any other industrialized nation. We waste hundreds of billions of dollars every year on unnecessary administrative costs, while healthcare industry executives measure success in profits, instead of patient care.*

*The current healthcare system in the United States is ineffective, inefficient and outrageously expensive. It is time to remove the profit motive in healthcare, to resolve the inefficiencies and to guarantee quality healthcare to every person living in the United States.*

*The Medicare for All Act of 2019 improves and expands the overwhelmingly successful and popular Medicare program, so that every person living in the United States has guaranteed access to healthcare with comprehensive benefits.*

#### **Discussion Questions**

- What can the City of Shoreline do to support the work of Congresswoman Jayapal?
- What do you see as the potential impacts of this measure on local businesses and governments?

#### **Immigration Reform**

Congresswoman Jayapal has consistently expressed concerns relating to the current administration's approach to immigration, both in terms of rhetoric and administrative processes. In February, Rep. Jayapal chose to vote "no" on the spending deal that averted a second government shutdown. Her reasoning was driven by immigration issues. She stated:

*I've worked on immigration issues for over two decades and this administration's unconscionable and inhumane treatment of immigrants is the worst I've ever seen. I am deeply concerned that House Democrats were blocked from imposing critical limits on Trump's mass deportation force, leaving the door open to allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ramp up detention beyond levels approved by Congress. DHS has already taken hundreds of millions of dollars from disaster relief to waste on detention. Congress must pass a strong DHS appropriations bill to bring accountability and humanity to our detention system. Unfortunately, this bill did not accomplish this and that is why I will vote no.*

### **Discussion Questions**

- How do these immigration-related challenges play out here in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District? In Shoreline?
- What does the City of Shoreline need to understand better about this issue? What can it do to help?

### ***Climate Justice and the Environment***

Climate change has been a significant concern for the Congresswoman. She brought a climate scientist as her guest to the State of the Union. Her press release makes clear her thoughts on the issue:

*"Climate change is creating refugees, claiming lives and costing taxpayers billions of dollars. The Trump administration continues to push our planet down a path of destruction. Instead of tackling the problem head-on, President Trump is burying his head in the sand and handing out favors to his friends in the coal industry," said Rep. Jayapal. "In fact, it's unlikely that President Trump will mention climate change or the dire need to protect our environment in his State of the Union at all. We have a moral responsibility to ensure we have clean air, clean water and healthy communities for all. Climate scientists like Dean Graumlich understand that this is the most pressing social issue of our time. I'm so honored to have her as my State of the Union guest this year."*

### **Discussion Questions**

- The City of Shoreline shares the concerns regarding climate change. How can we work together more?
- Are there other key environmental issues being tackled by Rep. Jayapal?



## 2019 Shoreline Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Continue to seek funding and support for implementation of NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor transportation projects, including:**
  - Continued pursuit of a BUILD Grant for the I-5/145<sup>th</sup> Interchange project
  - Elevating the need for 145<sup>th</sup> roadway improvements for transit and other traffic from I-5 to SR 99
  - Request funding for the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor in any federal transportation bill, including preserving bicycle and pedestrian funding.
  - Prepare to submit potential funding requests, as appropriate, in support of NE 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor projects
  
- **Advocate for changes to federal transportation funding programs to strengthen ability of the City to pursue its transportation and infrastructure goals, including:**
  - Allocation of federal infrastructure dollars to transit and non-motorized projects
  - Addition of a medium-sized city set aside, similar to the current rural set aside, to better enable smaller communities to compete for federal dollars, both in a new Transportation bill and in the next round of BUILD grants
  - Increase in share of federal transportation funding directed to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (such as the Puget Sound Regional Council) for local distribution
  
- **Protect federal funding for Lynnwood Link Light Rail and other regional transit projects.**
  
- **Support funding for Community and Economic Development Programs, including:**
  - Increased funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
  - Preserving access to internet-based sales taxes and supporting other municipal tax authority
  
- **Strengthen federal tools for dealing with culvert and stormwater issues, including:**
  - Support the creation of a new federal program to provide federal grant funding for culvert replacement
  - Add green stormwater treatment as a scoring criterion for federal transportation awards.
  - Support a refundable tax credit for stormwater management by private property owners
  - Collaborate with federal partners, such as the Corps of Engineers, to develop partnerships to address projects in the Boeing Creek/Hidden Lake area