
The P-I Agenda

The following is the Post-Intelligencer's editorial agenda for the Pacific Northwest, Washington state and the Greater Seattle area:

- Reform and balance the state's tax structure by reducing sales and gross business taxes and adopting personal and corporate income taxes.
- Adopt new strategies to combat sexual offenses and other crimes of violence.
- Give health and safety of the state's children high local and state priority.
- Expand efforts to halt drug abuse, through law enforcement, treatment of addiction and education.
- Support efforts at local, state and federal levels to alleviate homelessness.
- Develop a balanced system of transportation in the Puget Sound region to include high-occupancy vehicle highway lanes, mass transit and passenger ferries and coordinated planning for new airport facilities.
- Clean up Hanford's massive, 40-year accumulation of nuclear wastes, which have contaminated soil and water and pose health and environmental threats to future generations.
- Strengthen regional government by reorganizing Metro and the King County Council to make them more efficient and responsive to citizens.
- Adopt statewide growth management policies that channel new residential, commercial and industrial growth into developed areas and are consistent among local government jurisdictions.
- Continue to improve the quality of the state's public schools at all levels, with emphasis on meeting the special needs of schools in urban and rural districts.
- Clean up Puget Sound and prevent its further pollution.
- Strengthen the growing role of Seattle and the Puget Sound region as a hub of international trade, cultural and academic exchange and tourism.