

## Statement on First Day of Budget Review Hearings

Today marks the first day of budget review hearings, and this work will continue all week.

As Chair of the Budget Review Committee, I take this responsibility seriously. This will be a difficult budget cycle, and we know there will be tough decisions and real cuts ahead.

These hearings are where we dig into the details, ask tough questions, and work to ensure our priorities reflect the needs of our communities, especially in neighborhoods that have historically been underserved.

Transparency and public input matter. There are evening meetings with opportunities for public comment tonight, May 4, and again on Monday, May 18, both at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

I encourage you to participate and make your voice heard.

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