



City of Seattle

Mike McGinn, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Mayor Mike McGinn
P.O. Box 94749
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Dear Mayor McGinn,

The Seattle Women's Commission conducted an informal electronic survey last month of more than 120 individuals and representatives of community groups. We asked: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing women in Seattle? The information we received will be used to help our commission draft a 2012 work plan.

We thought you might be interested to see the results of the survey, which could serve as a barometer to help identify what issues women in Seattle are most concerned about.

By far the most pressing issue cited was jobs/the economy, with other economic-related concerns following closely. Participants were able to choose more than one area. The full results are:

1) Economy/jobs.....	74.7%
2) Lack of access to health-care/health insurance.....	66.7%
3) Lack of affordable housing/homelessness.....	63.6%
4) Lack of affordable childcare/elder-care.....	62.6%
5) Domestic violence/sexual assault.....	41.4%
6) Education.....	29.3%
7) Transportation/traffic.....	16.2%
8) Other.....	8.1%
9) Environmental degradation.....	5.1%
10) Gang violence.....	3.0%

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In the "other" category, most respondents cited access to healthy food/hunger as a key concern.

The Seattle Women's Commission will submit a 2012 work plan to you shortly using this information as a guide to help us address the most pressing issues for women in our city. We hope this information will be of use to you, as well, as you identify your priorities for the coming year.

Sincerely,

SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamila Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jamila Johnson
Co-Chair, Seattle Women's Commission