

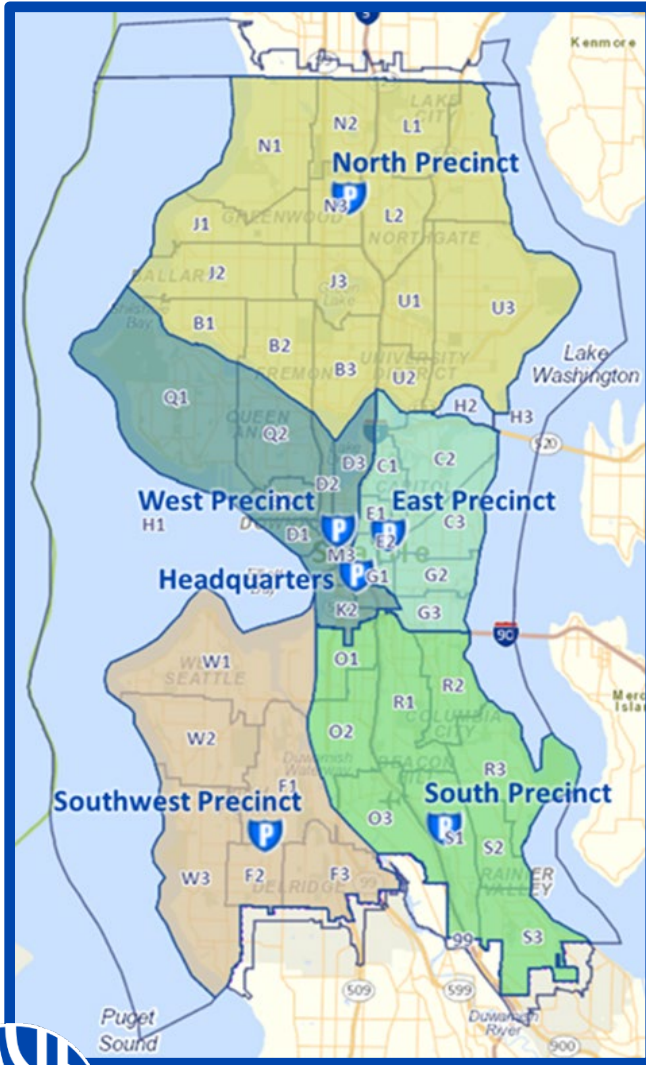


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Examining Prosecution: Data Use and Data Culture

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About Seattle

- Seattle is slightly larger than Washington DC with about 750,000 residents
- With 1/4th the police force (~900 officers)

Seattle City Attorney's Office

- Only elected municipal lawyer in Washington
- Civil Division: 110 attorneys and staff
- Criminal Division 80 attorneys and staff

Criminal Division

- receives 10,000 – 12,000 gross and simple misdemeanor referrals for prosecution a year from the Seattle Police Department



Previous Administration

- A backlog of undecided cases had been growing in the office for years
- There were snapshots of data, but no general understanding of how it was growing or when it started

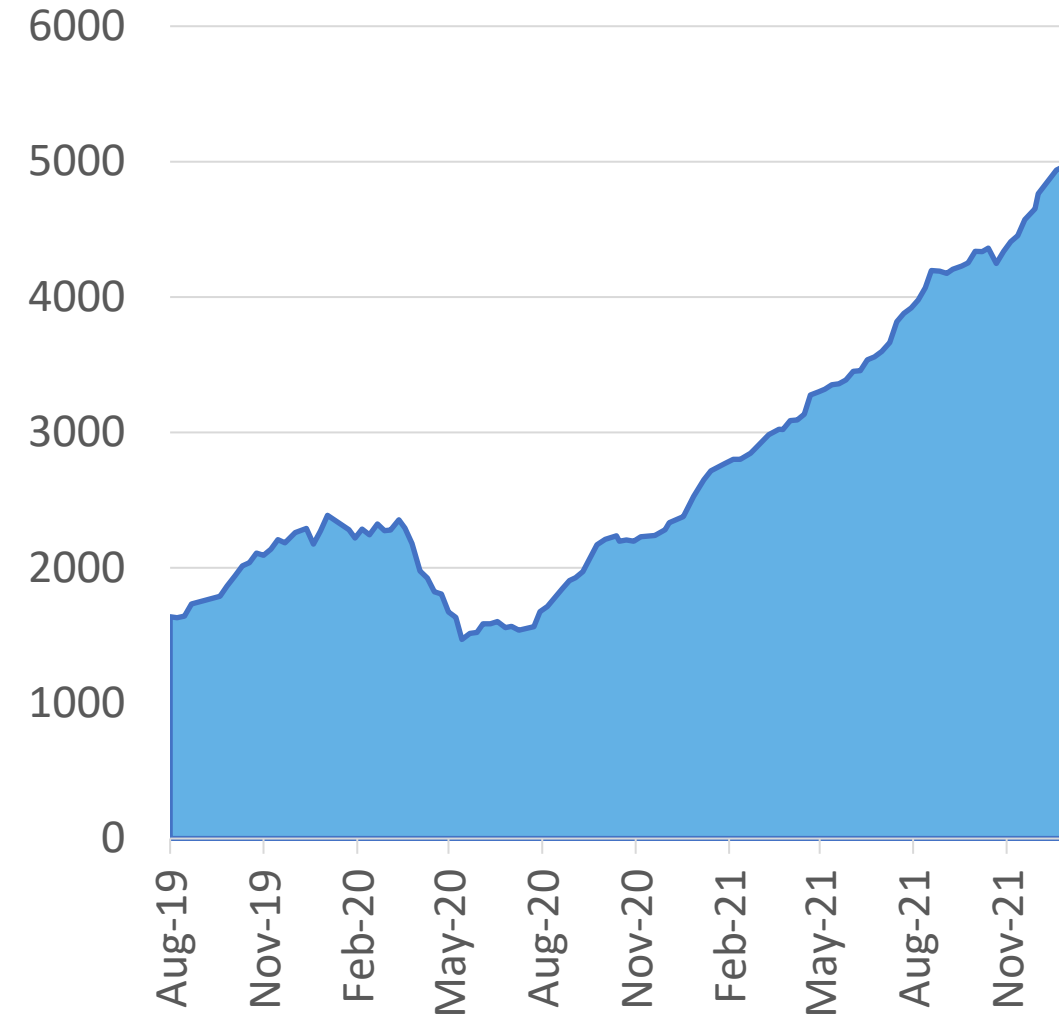
Current Administration

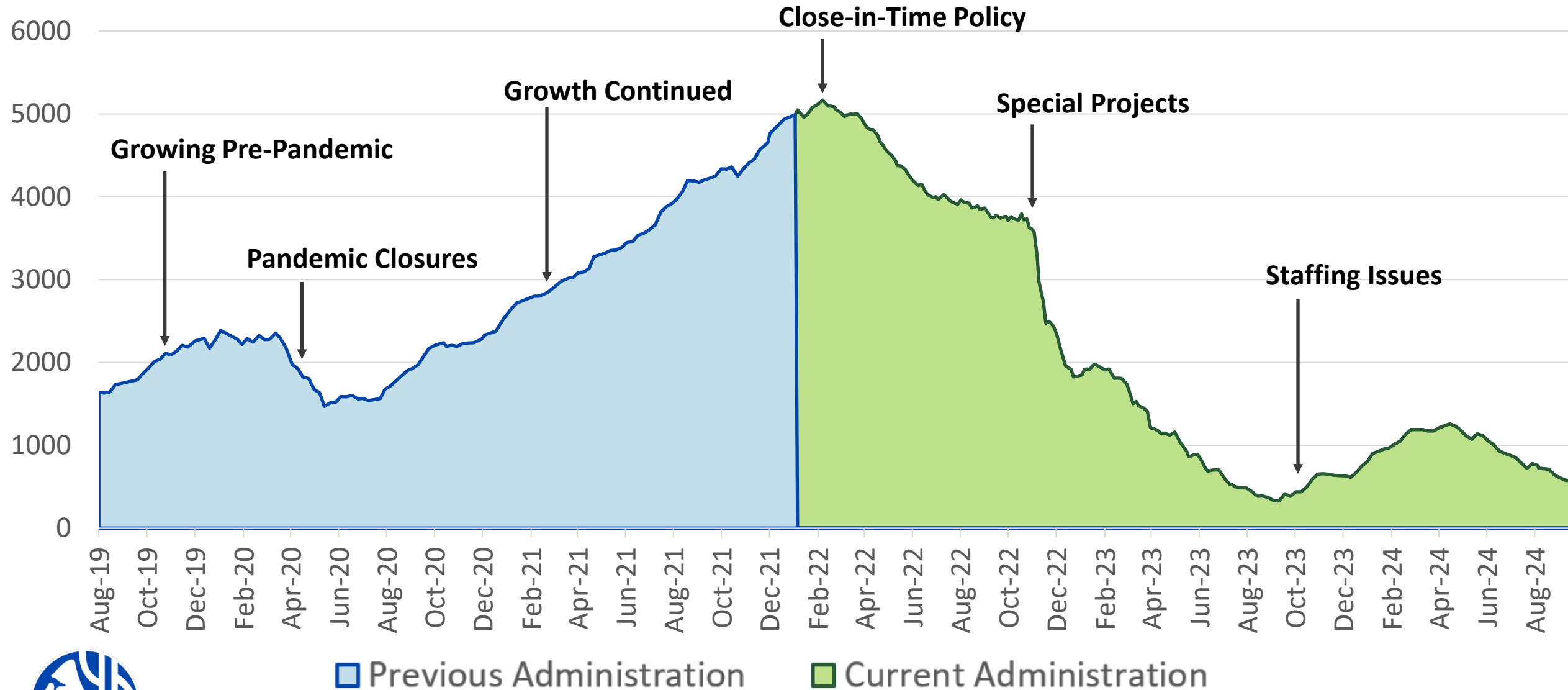
- Data had to be pieced together from simple snapshots at the start of the new administration

10/11/2019		10/18/2019		10/25/2019		11/1/2019		11/8/2019		11/15/2019	
PPW	139 down	PPW	146 up	PPW	141 down	PPW	163 up	PPW	161 down	PPW	165 up
CP	200 down	CP	216 up	CP	199 down	CP	198 down	CP	199 up	CP	187 down
REV	1001 up	REV	1045 up	REV	1130 up	REV	1100 down	REV	1122 up	REV	1190 up
RAP	1012 up	RAP	993 down	RAP	978 down	RAP	991 up	RAP	1014 up	RAP	1017 up
TAS	330 down	TAS	323 down	TAS	350 up	TAS	316 down	TAS	337 up	TAS	307 down
HOLD	834 up	HOLD	836 up	HOLD	811 down	HOLD	843 up	HOLD	869 up	HOLD	878 up
ADV	151 down	ADV	161 up	ADV	164 up	ADV	156 down	ADV	175 up	ADV	173 down
RMI	153 same	RMI	151 down	RMI	152 up	RMI	152 same	RMI	143 down	RMI	141 down
TOTAL	3820	TOTAL	3871	TOTAL	3925	TOTAL	3919	TOTAL	4020	TOTAL	4058

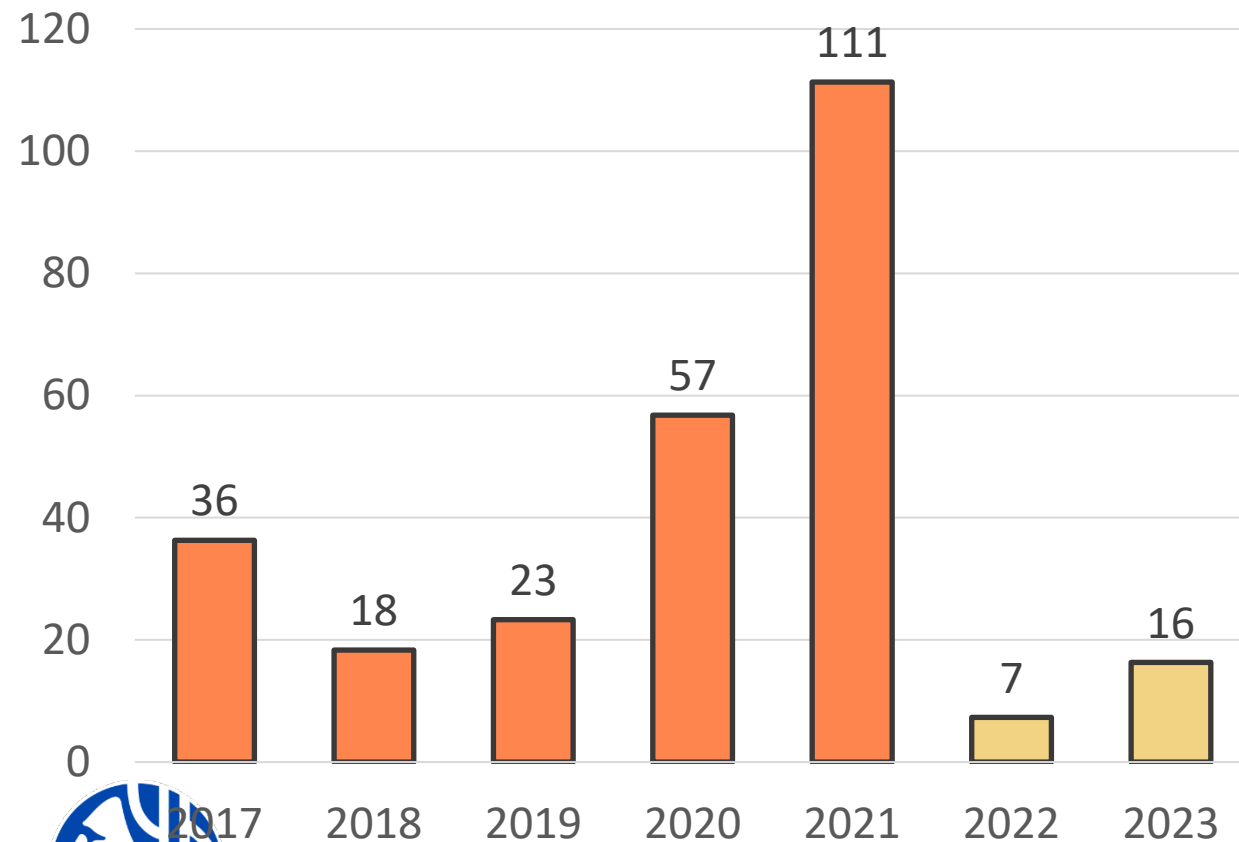
11/22/2019		12/2/2019		12/13/2019		12/20/2019		12/27/2019		1/3/2020	
PPW	148 down	PPW	143 down	PPW	146 up	PPW	172 up	PPW	157 down	PPW	127 down
CP	190 up	CP	191 up	CP	160 down	CP	149 down	CP	208 up	CP	199 down
REV	1213 up	REV	1281 up	REV	1293 up	REV	1213 down	REV	1312 up	REV	1397 up
RAP	972 down	RAP	980 up	RAP	998 up	RAP	961 down	RAP	960 down	RAP	990 up
TAS	281 down	TAS	276 down	TAS	304 up	TAS	373 up	TAS	316 down	TAS	293 down
HOLD	885 up	HOLD	905 up	HOLD	917 up	HOLD	900 down	HOLD	917 up	HOLD	923 up
ADV	203 down	ADV	190 down	ADV	181 down	ADV	189 up	ADV	178 down	ADV	167 down
RMI	142 up	RMI	144 up	RMI	144 same	RMI	147 up	RMI	149 up	RMI	146 down
TOTAL	4034	TOTAL	4110	TOTAL	4143	TOTAL	4104	TOTAL	4197	TOTAL	4242

Cases Under Review

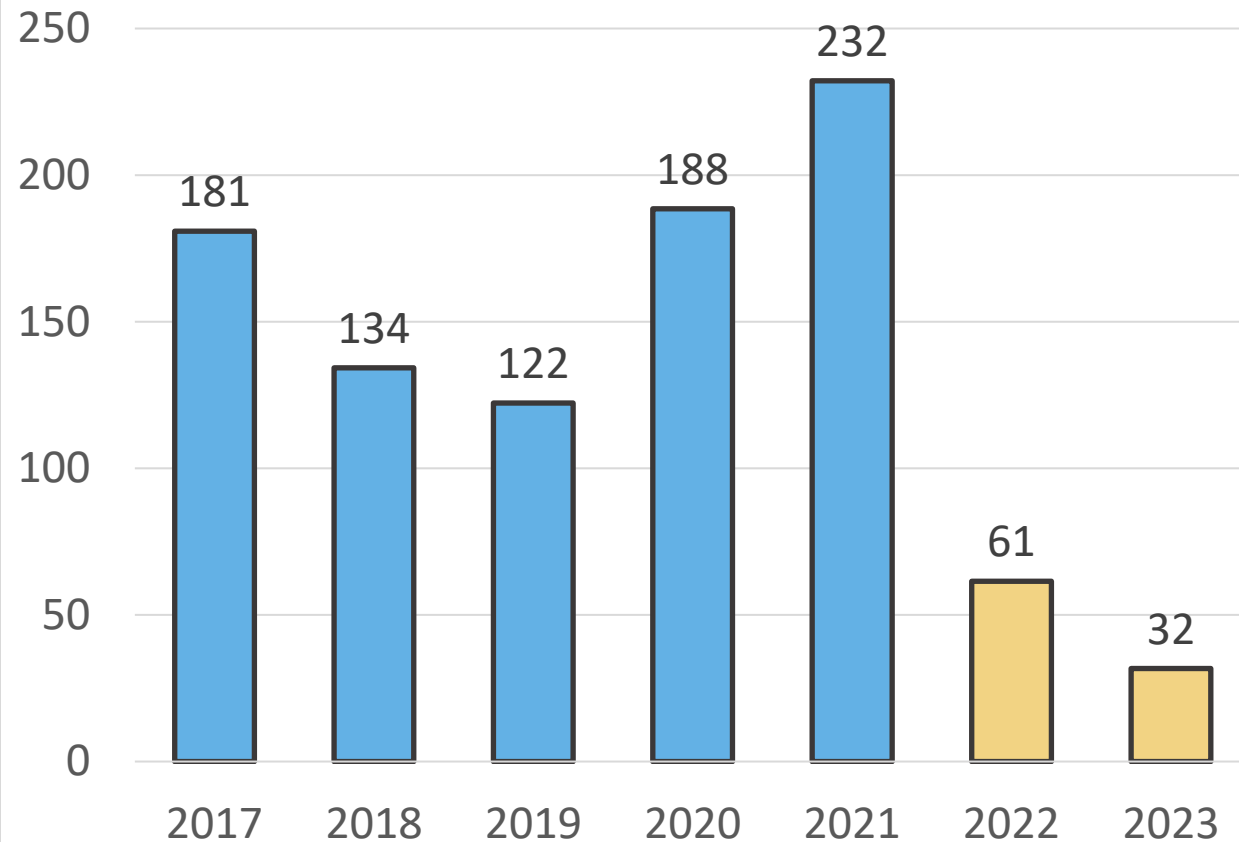




Median Time to Make a Filing Decision (calendar days)



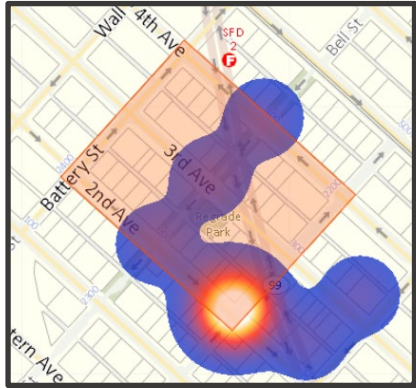
Mean Time to Make a Filing Decision (calendar days)



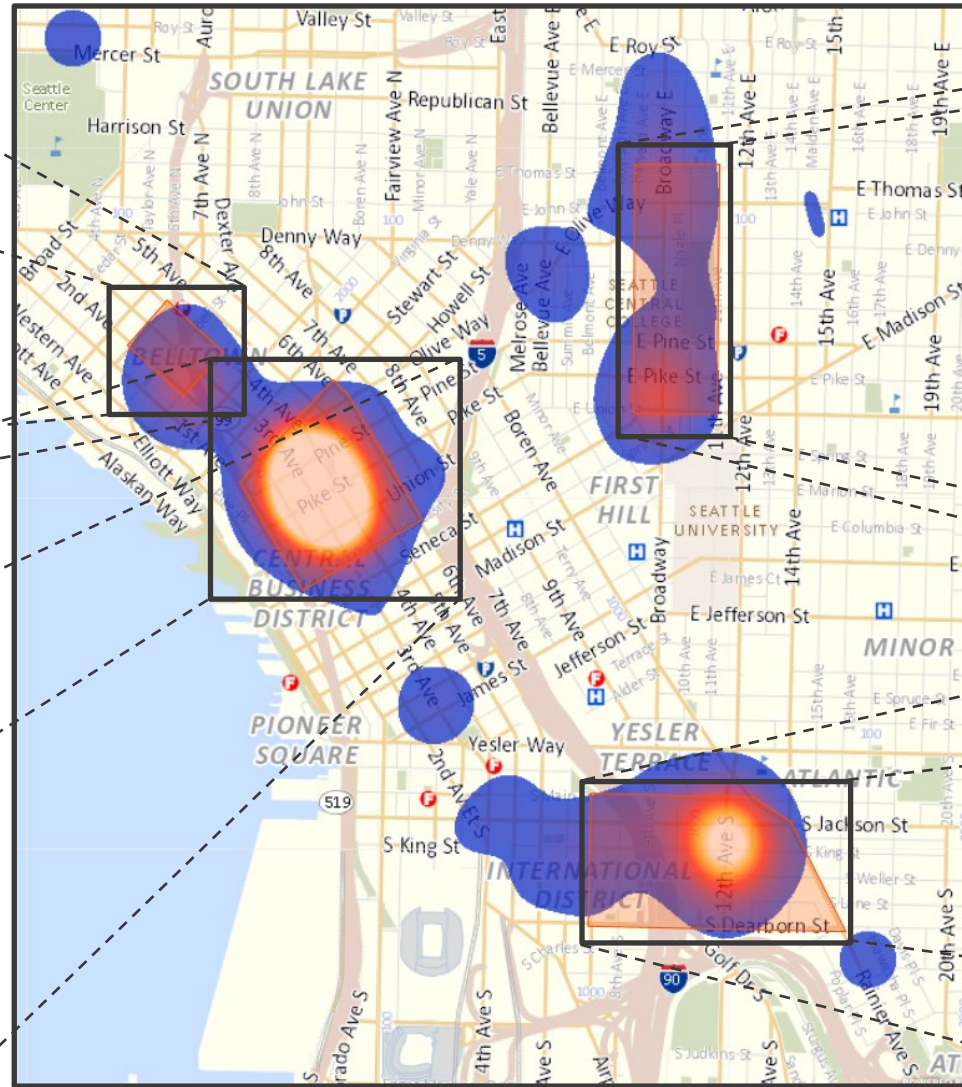
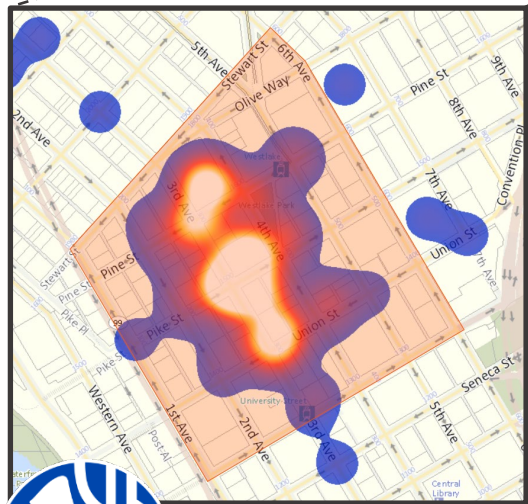
- Entrenched open air drug markets for years in parts of Seattle have caused serious harm to several neighborhoods
- A low number of police officers required a strategic approach



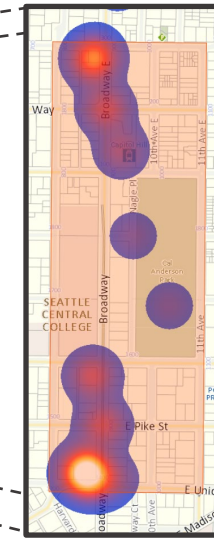
Belltown SODA



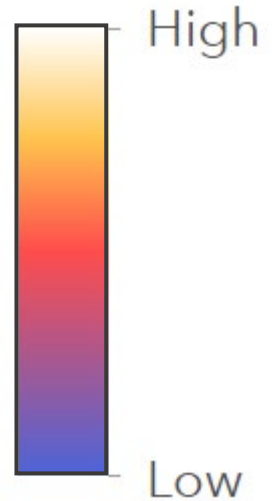
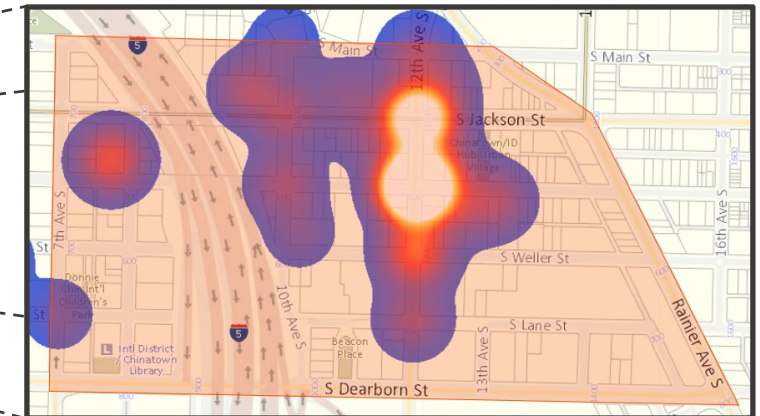
Downtown SODA



Capitol Hill SODA

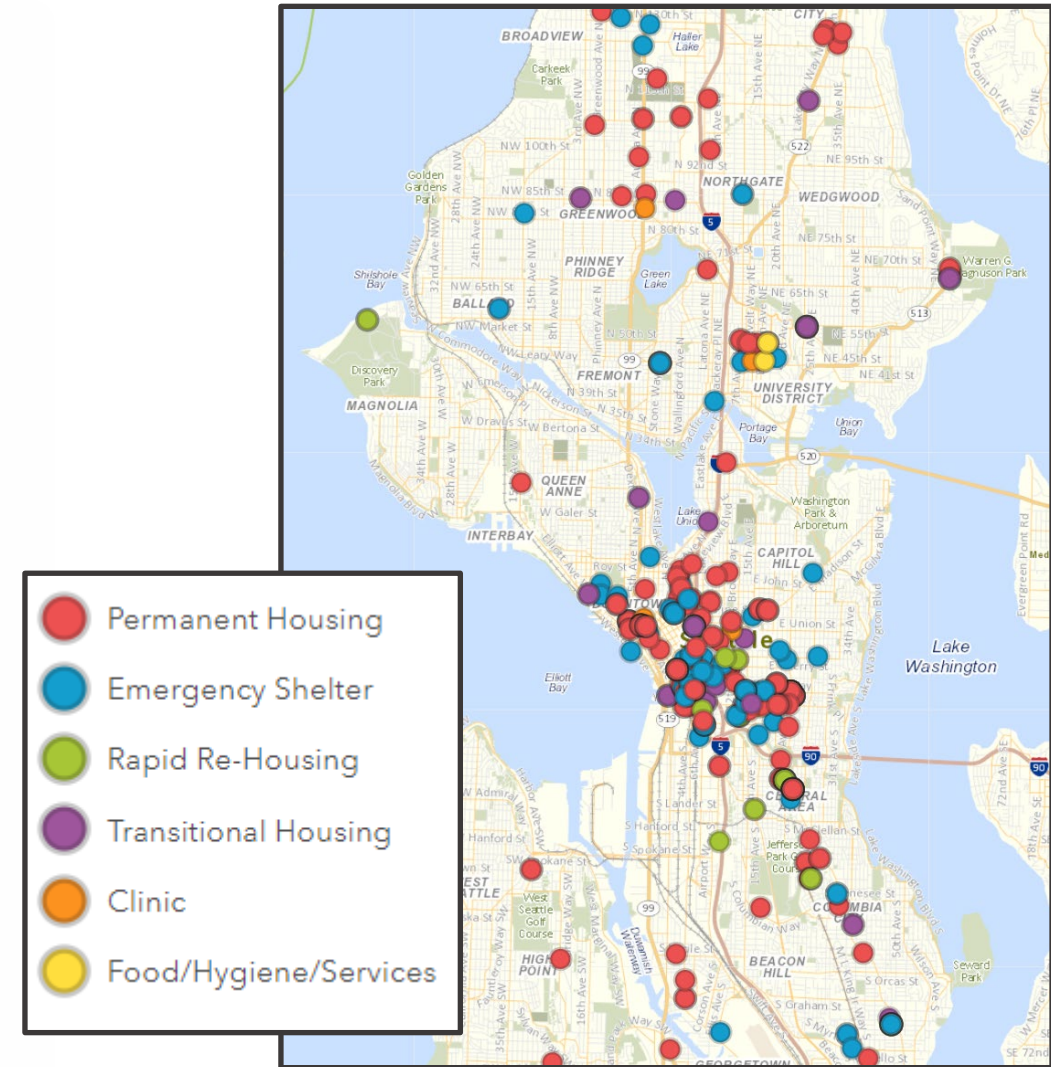


International District SODA



Case Study 2 – Open Air Drug Markets: Advocacy Slide 8

- Broad array of data integrated:
 - Criminal referrals
 - Overdose deaths
 - Service centers
 - Community input
- Holistic data approach with tailored zones increased buy-in
- Result was an 8-1 vote on a contentious ordinance



An aerial photograph of the Seattle skyline at sunset. The city's buildings are silhouetted against a sky filled with soft, orange-hued clouds. The word "Questions?" is centered in the image in a large, dark, sans-serif font.

Questions?



Seattle City Attorney's Office

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