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City Council Committees Set

New chairs are appointed with several committees restructured for 2007

City Council President Maureen Feeny announced several new changes in committee chairs and the restructuring of a few committees for 2007. Many of the City Council's major committees will have a new chairman as Jerry McDermott becomes Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, Chuck Turner returns as Chair of the Education Committee, Rob Consalvo moves to Chair of the Government Operations Committee, and Steve Murphy is Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee.

Altogether, there are 22 committees for the City Council's 2007 legislative session, four less than last year. The chairs of selected committees for 2007 are shown below.

Committee	Chair
Ways & Means	Jerry McDermott
Economic Development & Planning	Steve Murphy
Education	Chuck Turner
Government Operations	Rob Consalvo
Housing	Sam Yoon
Labor & Workforce Development	Michael Flaherty
Public Safety	Steve Murphy

New or modified committees this year include the Environment & Health Committee (Arroyo), the Human Services Committee (Yoon), and the Labor & Workforce Development Committee (Flaherty). The Environment & Health Committee will oversee all issues pertaining to the City's natural resources and the health concerns of its residents. The Human Services Committee will focus on quality of life programs for city residents, including veterans, the elderly, and new Bostonians. The Labor & Workforce Development Committee will oversee public and private organized labor issues and the development of employment opportunities and training programs for city residents.

Seven committees from the 2006 legislative session were either eliminated or consolidated to create these three committees, including Employment & Workforce Development, Environment & Historic Preservation, Health & Human Services, Hunger & Homelessness, Labor, New Bostonians, and the Special Committee on PILOT Agreements. Last year's Special Committee on Youth Violent Crime and Prevention, which expired at the end of 2006, was renewed as a regular committee this year (Ross). To see a full list of the City Council committees and chairs for 2007, [click here](#).