



# This Week from the Mayor



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**Mayor Law delivered the 2017 State of the City address at Renton Technical College on March 30. IKEA Renton store manager Diedre Goodchild (upper right) was a special guest. Renton High School graduate Quinton Morris (lower left) performed a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. All proceeds from ticket sales were earmarked for the Renton Technical College Foundation.**

## 2017 STATE OF THE CITY

# Our city is strong and our future is bright!

This morning I gave my State of the City address at Renton Technical College.

Part of my address included a “settling the score” with John Keister, former host of Almost Live! Many of you may remember how John used Renton as the subject of many of his jokes. Well, this year Renton got the last laugh as you can see in the [video](#).

Renton has certainly changed since John ruled the airways.

We’re home to the Seattle Seahawks, the top jet-plane maker in the world and even the Federal Reserve Bank. And we have the only IKEA store in the state!

Renton is attracting significant investment. We’re considered by developers to be one of the best cities to work with. Last year, we had over \$2 billion in private investment and there are a number of exciting projects underway.

Downtown revitalization showed more progress than we have seen in decades. And huge redevelopment efforts continue in the Sunset community.

Public safety continues to be our number one priority. Our police department remains committed to reducing crime and continues to improve relations with our community.

We’re actively working with local churches and other agencies to help provide services to those who are homeless and in need of food, shelter and other services.



**IKEA built a new, 400,000 square foot, state-of-the-art retail store.**



**Two-way street conversion on S. Main St. and a plaza-like entrance is under construction.**



**Our officers are making an effort to build strong, trusting relationships with our residents.**

The relationship between the city and the Renton African American Pastors continues to be very strong and we’ve launched efforts to create the same connection with our Latino community. We’ve also made great progress through the Mayor’s Inclusion Task Force. Our commitment to be an inclusive, informed city that provides access and opportunities for all stays strong.

Renton has become a desired community to live, work, learn and play.

The state of our city is strong and our future is bright!

(The full text of the Mayor’s State of the City address and accompanying slide show and video are [online](#).)

## Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [email](#) me. Thanks for reading.