SCA Public Issues Committee

AGENDA

October 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall

1. Welcome and Roll Call – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 2 minutes

2. Public Comment – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 10 minutes

3. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2018 Meeting 2 minutes
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4. Chair’s Report – Ed Prince, Renton, Chair 5 minutes

5. Executive Director’s Report – Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director 10 minutes

6. Appointment of 2019 PIC Nominating Committee Members 
   ACTION ITEM 5 minutes
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   Ed Prince, Renton, Chair

7. 2019 SCA Legislative Agenda 
   POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM 15 minutes
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   Deanna Dawson, Executive Director

8. Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Action Plan 
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9. Charter Review Commission 
   DISCUSSION 15 minutes
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10. Homelessness Update 
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11. **2019/2020 Metro Budget**

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   Cynthia Foley, Policy Analyst

12. **Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County**

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13. **Potential Upcoming SCA Issues**

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14. **Informational Item**

   a. **EMS/Medic One Levy**

15. **Upcoming Events**

   a. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 7:00 PM (6:00 Pre-PIC Workshop) – Renton City Hall

   b. SCA PIC Nominating Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 15, 2018 – 9:00 AM – SCA Office

   c. SCA Networking Dinner & Annual Meeting – Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – 5:30 PM – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge

16. **For the Good of the Order**

17. **Adjourn**

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**Did you know?**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Purple Light Nights campaign ([http://purplelightnights.org/](http://purplelightnights.org/)) was started in Covington in 2007. Now, neighborhoods and cities all around the world participate in this campaign. The outcome of Purple Light Nights® is to increase the awareness of domestic violence issues and it’s affect upon children and families and provide education on building healthy relationships. Please share what your city doing to address domestic violence this month.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer has affected many of us, including several members of our SCA family. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Please share what your community doing to spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.
Sound Cities Association

Mission
To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

Vision
To be the most influential advocate for cities, effectively collaborating to create regional solutions.

Values
SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership.

SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking.
1. Welcome and Roll Call
PIC Chair Council President Ed Prince, Renton, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. 27 cities had representation (Attachment A). Guests present included Council President Angela Birney, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Tamie Ready, Black Diamond (PIC Alternate); Carol Simpson, Newcastle (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Pam Fernald, SeaTac (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Susan Boundy-Sanders, Woodinville; Doug Levy, City of Renton consultant; Alex Herzog, City of Woodinville staff; Colleen Kelly, City of Redmond staff; Pat McLaughlin, King County staff; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Alison Mendiola, King County Council staff.

2. Public Comment
Chair Prince asked if any member of the public would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Prince closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the July 11, 2018 PIC Minutes
Chair Prince asked if there were any amendments to the July 11, 2018 PIC minutes.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn moved, seconded by Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, to approve the July 11, 2018 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report
Chair Prince reported that members of the SCA Board have been holding meetings with members of the King County Council and that issues discussed include the King County Parks Levy development process, the county’s budget outlook, and proposals under consideration at the county related to lodging tax. Prince also noted that numerous mayors had signed a letter to Executive Constantine regarding the County’s inquest process. The Executive has reached out to Prince and SCA President Walen to discuss.

5. Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the SCA Finance Committee recently met with King County Budget Director Dwight Dively and were provided a briefing on the outlook for the 2019 King County budget. She said Dively reported that while there are ongoing structural problems with long-term funding for county services, major budget cuts are not expected in 2019 due to the strength of the economy.
Executive Director Dawson reported on a recent call for nominations to fill a vacant seat on the King County Conservation District Advisory Committee. She said that in accordance with SCA Board Policies, nominations to fill vacancies on regional boards and committees occurring after August 1st are sent directly to the Board for their consideration.

Executive Director Dawson reported that the Board would be addressing a vacancy on the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board. The City of Auburn recently passed the 80,000-person population threshold entitling the city to a seat on the Executive Board. Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus currently represents SCA on the PSRC Executive Board and this position will be vacated when Auburn’s new seat is established.

6. **2019 SCA Legislative Agenda**
SCA Policy Consultant Scott MacColl reported that the SCA Legislative Committee met on September 7th to begin developing the 2019 SCA legislative agenda. He provided a handout (*Attachment B*) with an initial draft legislative agenda proposed by the Legislative Committee. PIC members were asked to provide comments prior to the October PIC meeting. In October, PIC members will be asked to finalize the agenda and take action to bring the agenda back to the following PIC meeting for a formal recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors.

Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, stated that distribution of marijuana tax revenues is a topic of interest to Issaquah.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, said that the city is considering a request for funding to study shared housing and how it could help address the affordable housing crisis. He suggested the Legislative Committee consider adding a request to fund more training capacity at the Washington State Corrections Officers Academy.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that she supported the inclusion of a request for additional training capacity at the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy shown on the draft legislative agenda. Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, agreed with Mayor Backus and said that he would like to see the request prioritized in the agenda. He said that he would like to see the transportation priority focus on investing in mobility.

Councilmember Sue-Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, said that she would like to see efforts to address affordable housing that create paths to homeownership and equity-building prioritized.

7. **Homelessness Update**
Executive Director Deanna Dawson gave an update on homelessness. She noted that the region has multiple levies and governing bodies that could be better coordinated to address the homelessness crisis in the region. She reported that Seattle and King County signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to address governance, and to make a recommendation by December 2018. She said that SCA was asked to participate in these discussions and that she is representing SCA with the assistance of Colleen Kelly, Redmond staff, and Merina Hanson, Kent staff. She noted that members of the philanthropic and the business communities are also participating in work, which will also cover an assessment of existing investments, and a business plan to guide future action.
Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, asked if the governance discussions were related to an effort underway to form a housing collaboration among cities in south King County. Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that the proposed South King Housing and Homelessness Partnership (SKHHP) is a separate but related effort that will give cities in South King County a stronger voice in housing and homelessness policy in the region.

Dawson noted that several consultants had been retained to assist with this work – SCA and its member cities will not be asked to contribute toward those costs. One of the consulting teams is interested in conducting a focus group with SCA cities. Dawson asked if members would be interested in postponing an upcoming pre-PIC workshop to allow for this. Members were enthusiastic, and asked that the October pre-PIC be postponed to allow this focus group to happen at that time. Dawson agreed to see if the date would work for the consultants, and to confirm for PIC.

8. Regional Affordable Housing Task Force
SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided a report on the work of the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force (Task Force). In September, the Task Force released a draft Five-Year Action Plan (Action Plan) for public comment. The draft Action Plan includes seven high-level goals for addressing the region’s housing affordability crisis as well as recommended implementation strategies for adoption at the city, county, and state level. The Task Force has worked with the assistance of a technical advisory group to prioritize strategies that can be leveraged at the regional level for the greatest impact associated with these goals.

Parry noted that many of the actions identified in the draft Action Plan are already being implemented to some degree by cities in King County, and that the intent of the Task Force is to learn from these programs and policies, identify priority actions, and collaborate to build capacity to expand successful programs to a regional scale.

Parry said that the Task Force is working to finalize its recommendations and that it is very important for cities to provide feedback as soon as possible if they have any concerns about what is being proposed or if they feel priorities are missing from the draft plan. A revised draft of the plan is expected to be completed in time to be considered by the PIC in October, at which time the PIC will discuss whether to bring back to the following PIC meeting a policy position related to the Action Plan.

Parry said that the Task Force is considering options for how the recommended strategies will be coordinated and overseen moving forward. The draft plan includes several potential options for oversight, and the proposal that currently seems to have the most support is to create a working committee under the authority of the King County Growth Management Planning Council. The proposal is that this committee would include representatives from cities, King County, and stakeholders, and that it would be tasked with monitoring and assisting with implementation of the priority actions identified in the draft Action Plan. He said the Task Force is still working through how this work will be coordinated with ongoing efforts to revise how homelessness services are governed in King County.
Parry provided a handout (Attachment C) summarizing the goals and strategies in the draft Action Plan. He asked PIC members to review the plan with their cities and to provide any feedback as soon as possible in September.

Mayor Sean Kelly, Maple Valley, described recent efforts in the city to count the homeless population, and asked PIC members about similar efforts. Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, and Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, said that they participate Count Us In, the annual countywide effort to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Kelly expressed concerns about how the count was conducted in his area of the County, and whether the homeless numbers were accurately counted.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, noted that PIC members have regularly discussed the importance of addressing the affordable housing crisis in the region. He said that the Task Force is close to wrapping up its work and stressed that now is the time for cities to provide their feedback and help address the problem. He said the problem is far-reaching and growing every day, and that retiring seniors are being heavily impacted.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that the city hosted a community meeting of the Task Force on Tuesday night that she participated in, and that there was good discussion there about what can be done to address the problem.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that the city is currently working on several affordable housing developments. She said that cities need to make a commitment now to addressing affordable housing, and that she would like more information about what the Task Force will be recommending for cities.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, said that legislation is being circulated for 2019 that would mandate affordable housing and increased densities near transit. He said that cities should be proactive to ensure housing is accommodated in ways that fit each city’s vision rather than becoming a mandate from the state.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that the PIC previously discussed the need for assistance for cities to implement affordable housing strategies and that more unfunded mandates would not be well received. He said the region needs to do a better job tracking and communicating what money is being spent on affordable housing and the results of those efforts.

9. Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and Proposed Fees

Foley reported that the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) began review of the Executive proposed King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) in August. She noted that several changes have been made since a draft version of the plan was presented to the PIC in February. The draft version suggested several options for long-term disposal and
adding transfer capacity in Northeast King County. She said that the current version narrows these options, recommending capital investments to extend the life of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill through 2040 and the construction of new transfer station in Northeast King County. Foley stated that the plan does not specify the next disposal method after ultimate closure of Cedar Hills. She encouraged PIC members to provide comments on a preferred disposal method after 2040 and the process for evaluating those options.

Foley reported that the modeled cost per ton and greenhouse gas emissions for the long-term disposal options considered in the planning process are shown on page 48 of the PIC packet.

Foley said the proposed Plan recommends closing Houghton Transfer Station after constructing a new station in Northeast King County. She stated that planning for a new Northeast station would begin in 2019, after approval of the Plan.

Foley noted that the RPC and King County Council will review the Plan through October. Cities will then act to approve or disapprove the Plan. She said that the King County Council may approve the proposed solid waste fees in September 2018.

Foley reported on proposed solid waste fees under consideration by the King County Council in Ordinance 2018-0311. She said the per-ton solid waste fee known as the “tipping fee” or “basic rate” is proposed to increase from the current $134.59 to $140.82 per ton, an increase of 4.6 percent. Foley said that on average the change would add $0.34 cents to the single-family monthly curbside bill.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines said that she was concerned about the lack of a plan for disposal when capacity at the Cedar Hills landfill is reached.

Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien, noted that the plan identifies options post-Cedar Hills closure, and identified the need to start that planning.

Councilmember Tola Marts expressed concern about the differences in greenhouse gas emissions described in the Plan and whether these were reflected accurately.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, said that the region should continue to look at waste-to-energy options for future disposal.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, said that Councilmember Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park, serves on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and wrote a letter regarding the plan that she would share with PIC members (Attachment D).

10. Future Levies and Ballot Measures
SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an update on future levies and ballot measures in King County and results from the August 7th primary election the PIC was tracking. The Automated
Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) levy was approved with a vote of 56% in favor. A levy proposed by South King Fire and Rescue was approved with a vote of 59% in favor. Parry said that measures have been officially filed for the November general election by the cities of Bothell, Covington, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Shoreline.

11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues
Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on upcoming SCA meetings and pre-PIC workshops.

12. Informational Item
   a. Recycling Communications Toolkit
Chair Prince noted that there is an informational item on a recycling communications toolkit included in the PIC packet.

13. Upcoming Events
Chair Prince noted that the SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 at 7:00 PM (6:00 Pre-PIC Workshop) at Renton City Hall.

Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the SCA Annual meeting would take place on December 5th. She said the speaker would be Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and that the location was to be determined.

14. For the Good of the Order
Chair Prince asked if PIC members had anything to report for Good of the Order.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, said the city would be hosting their annual Community Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 29th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Rock Creek Elementary School.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, said that the King County Charter Review Commission recently held its first meeting. Nixon said that he was participating on the outreach committee for the Commission, and encouraged members to provide him with any suggestions of community organizations and others who should be engaged.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that the Greater Seattle Partnership is getting off the ground and recently hired Brian McGowan as its first Chief Executive Officer. She also reported that James Henderson, formerly with the City of Bellevue, has been hired by the Greater Seattle Partnership to be their Chief Operating Officer.

Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Covington, reported that the City of Covington recently partnered with ClearGov to improve transparency by providing residents with online access to city budget information.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said the city would be hosting a grand opening celebration for its Downtown Park on Saturday, September 15th, beginning at 1:00 PM with a scavenger hunt followed by a ribbon cutting at 5:00 and activities throughout the day.
Councilmember Kruller said that the Rave Foundation, a charity supported by the Seattle Sounders, would be holding a charity Rave Green Run in the City of Tukwila on Saturday, September 15th, at 9:00 AM.

Acting Mayor Erin Sitterley, SeaTac, reported that the SeaTac mayor resigned for health reasons and a mayor would be appointed at their next meeting. She said that she is currently serving as the Acting Mayor.

Vice Chair Christie Malchow, Sammamish, said the city would be hosting its 13th annual Sammamish Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 22nd, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Sammamish Commons Plaza at City Hall. She said this year’s fair will feature “the Big Shaker,” the world’s biggest earthquake simulator, which can simulate the intense shaking of a magnitude 8.0 earthquake.

15. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.
### Public Issues Committee Meeting
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SCA Draft 2019 Legislative Agenda

Address the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crisis
The state must partner with cities to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing, and address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

➢ Increase the supply of affordable housing, including:
  o Continued investment and expansion of the Housing Trust Fund
  o Reform condominium liability law to promote new construction while protecting consumers
  o Allow cities to create and preserve affordable housing through optional local tools

➢ Address other underlying causes of homelessness by making increased investments in our state’s behavioral health system

Invest in Transportation
The regional network of major and minor arterials and other connecting roads in the state are at a critical juncture with aging infrastructure, declining revenues, and rapidly expanding economic growth. While the 2015 Connecting Washington Transportation Package provided funding for important large state-owned projects, it did not address the capacity or maintenance needs of this critical network. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

➢ Create stable, long-term funding available to cities to address maintenance and preservation of existing infrastructure

➢ Reinvest in the Public Works Trust Fund, a highly effective tool that provides a source of revenue for low-interest infrastructure financing

Provide Flexible Funding Tools for Cities to Address Local Priorities
City revenue streams are limited and are not keeping up with rising costs. Many funding sources are dedicated and don’t fully address cities’ needs, while the state is increasing city responsibilities without providing adequate funding. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

➢ Give cities flexible funding tools to address local priorities, such as:
  o Replacing the arbitrary annual 1% cap on property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth
  o Increasing flexibility for REET and other revenues to address critical needs
  o Continue streamlined sales tax mitigation to affected cities

➢ Maintain the state’s responsibility to cities by:
  o Continuing to meet the state’s obligation to share revenues with cities
  o Not burdening cities with unfunded mandates
  o Fully funding the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, MRSC, and other city priorities
OVERARCHING GOAL:
The region should strive to eliminate cost burden for households earning 80% Area Median Income and below, with a priority for serving households at or below 50% Area Median Income.

1. Create and support an ongoing structure for regional collaboration.
   - A: Create a governance structure that includes at least King County and cities
   - B: Support the creation and operation of sub-regional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing

2. Secure housing stability for the lowest-income households by increasing construction and preservation of affordable homes for the lowest-income households.
   - A: Regional governance organization to detail needed funding and identify increased resources to meet funding needs.
   - B: Prioritize and make available (for free or at deep discount) under-utilized property from state, county, cities, and non-profit or faith communities
   - C: Develop a short-term acquisition loan fund to enable rapid response to preserve affordable housing developments when they are put on the market for sale

3. Prioritize affordable housing accessible within a half mile of existing and planned frequent transit service, with a particular priority for high-capacity transit stations
   - A: Implement comprehensive inclusionary/incentive housing policies to achieve affordability for the lowest income households possible through land use incentives to be identified by local jurisdictions
   - B: Maximize resources available for transit oriented development in the near term
   - C: Create and implement regional land acquisition and development strategy
Preserve access to affordable homes for renters by supporting tenant protections to increase housing stability and reduce risk of homelessness.

- Propose and support statewide policies related to tenant protections
- Strive to more widely adopt model, expanded tenant protection ordinances countywide
- Expand supports for low-income renters
- Adopt programs and policies to improve the quality of housing

Protect existing communities of color and low-income communities from displacement.

- Authentically engage communities of color and low-income communities in affordable housing development and policy decisions
- Increase investments in communities of color and low-income communities by developing programs and policies that serve individuals and families at risk of displacement

Promote greater housing growth and diversity & improve jobs/housing connections throughout King County.

- Update zoning and land use regulations (including in single-family, low-rise zones) to increase and diversify housing choices
- Decrease costs to provide affordable housing
- Incentivize growth and affordability goals by expanding tools for investments in local infrastructure

Better engage local communities and other partners in addressing the urgent need for and benefits of affordable housing.

- Support local engagement of neighborhoods and residents in planning for affordable housing
- Expand engagement of non-governmental partners (philanthropy, business, and faith communities) to support efforts to build and site more affordable housing
Dear Director McLaughlin,

Following discussion with my city council, I have been charged with sending to you our thanks and some concerns as the final draft of the proposed King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan is prepared for delivery to the King County Executive and County Council.

We appreciate King County Solid Waste Division staff’s conscientious and thoughtful work in assembling the draft Comprehensive Plan and conducting a wide effort to solicit public comment.

The City is pleased that the Division is recommending siting of a new Northeast Transfer Station that will minimize traffic impacts on overcrowded highways and on neighborhoods. We also support the Division in the ongoing commitment to responsible recycling and composting. Lake Forest Park citizens have been stellar in their commitment to recycling and composting and wish to continue as good stewards of our precious Northwest environment. You can count on our city and our citizens to support the Division efforts to divert recyclable and compostable materials from the waste stream and to continue leading King County in these efforts.

We also support the department’s commitment, as detailed in the Comprehensive Plan, to monitoring improvements and new technologies as well as market trends in the recycling and waste industries. We believe that our residents are forward-looking and eager to adopt emerging solutions that protect our region and our planet.

We do have an area of key concern, referenced in Chapter Six of the Comprehensive Plan, especially the section proposing a preferred “Long Term Disposal Method” for waste. It is not made as clear as we believe is needed, that the proposed expansion of the Cedar Hills Landfill is only a temporary solution that may be able to accommodate King County waste until 2040, but less if recycling markets do not improve or stabilize. The comprehensive plan states that “as Cedar Hills reaches capacity, previously described evaluation criteria would be used to select the next disposal method. A new disposal method would need to be ready for service when the new capacity at Cedar Hills is exhausted, estimated at 2040.”

Recognizing that careful planning for the future is essential and that it is also time consuming, probably in excess of the customary 7-10 year planning timeline, we recommend that the analysis, public process, policy decisions and regulatory approvals required to implement a true long-term disposal method should begin now.

We request that the Comprehensive Plan not identify the preferred option of Cedar Hills expansion as “long-term”, as it falls well short of the customary 50-year outlook. We also request that an acknowledgement of the magnitude of the next decision-making process be
included in the comprehensive plan. We request that the plan include language to advise and encourage the County to immediately begin a substantial analysis, based on current science and best practices of the other two options: Waste Export and Waste-to-Energy Facility. It is clear to us that comprehensive public education campaigns will be required for the general public, key groups, and stakeholders to understand the full implications of the choice before us, and that complex and far-reaching regulatory conversations with state and federal agencies will be required for either/both options.

We believe a few examples of this long-term and difficult work include:

- Deeper analysis of projected rail capacity to out-of-county landfills, including the environmental impacts of transporting increasing amounts of waste through the river valleys and/or mountain passes of Washington State. Do new rail lines need to be built? Who pays? Will regulatory agencies grant land-use, environmental and other permissions?

- Deeper analysis and understanding of the option of using a pricing model to secure rail capacity for King County waste on the existing rail system. What impact would this have on the state’s overall economy, especially agricultural exports? Can the cost to the county and the rate-payers be accurately estimated?

- Public education campaigns that facilitate an accurate understanding of air quality and emissions standards currently being met by waste to energy plants nationally and internationally.

- Working with legislators to review Washington State laws that do not currently consider electricity from a mass burn facility as renewable. Other states and countries view this differently.

- Working with legislators to review Washington State laws that require the bottom ash from Waste-to-Energy plants be disposed of in landfills. Other countries and states have no problems using this ash for concrete, construction and road-beds.

For the sake of future King County residents, we encourage you to take the long view now by recommending actions that ensure a healthy future for following generations and not to “kick the can down the road” by limiting the Comprehensive Plan recommendations for action on waste disposal to a mere 20-year timeframe.

There are hard decisions ahead, and as local elected officials, we wish to support and collaborate with the department and the county council as we collectively demonstrate the political courage necessary to secure the future health and welfare of our region and its people.

Sincerely,

Phillippa M. Kassover
Councilmember
City of Lake Forest Park
Member, Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee,
Member, Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
Item 6:  
Appointment of 2019 PIC Nominating Committee Members  

ACTION ITEM

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2018 PIC Nominating Committee  
Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific (Chair); Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend;  
Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline

Action  
The Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair will appoint members to the 2019 PIC Nominating Committee.

Background  
SCA Bylaw 4.16.7(g) provides that, “A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus shall be appointed by the Chair of the Public Issues Committee in October to recommend appointments to the committee. Members shall serve for a period of one year.”

PIC Chair Ed Prince has indicated his intent to appoint the four current members of the SCA PIC Nominating Committee for an additional year as follows: Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific (South Valley Caucus); Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend (Snoqualmie Valley Caucus); Council President Ed Prince, Renton (South Caucus); and Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline (North Caucus). One new member was appointed to the committee in mid-2018 (Loudenback), the remaining members are continuing from 2017.

The PIC Nominating Committee will meet on November 15, 2018 to make recommendations for 2019 regional board and committee appointments and will continue to meet as needed in 2019 to fill vacancies that arise during the year.
Item 7:
2019 SCA Legislative Agenda

**POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM**

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2018-2019 SCA Legislative Committee Members
Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, Chair; Mayor David Baker, Kenmore; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

Potential Action
To bring the proposed 2019 SCA Legislative Agenda (Attachment A) back to the next PIC meeting for possible action.

Background
The SCA Board appointed the 2018/2019 Legislative Committee, consisting of members from each geographic caucus, which is tasked with developing the SCA Legislative Agenda. The PIC reviews and recommends the proposed Legislative Agenda to the SCA Board, by whom it is formally adopted.

SCA 2019 Legislative Agenda Timeline
The SCA Legislative Committee met September 7, 2018 and again on October 1, 2018 to develop SCA’s 2019 legislative priorities.

An initial draft of the 2019 SCA Legislative Agenda was included in the September PIC packet. At the September PIC meeting, members provided feedback on the initial draft. PIC feedback along with other member city comments were considered by the Legislative Committee at its meeting on October 1.

The draft 2019 SCA Legislative Agenda, as proposed by the Legislative Committee, is included here as Attachment A.

Next Steps
At the October 10, 2018 PIC meeting, the PIC will review the draft SCA Legislative Agenda, and consider taking action to adopt the Agenda at a future meeting.

Attachments
A. 2019 Draft SCA Legislative Agenda
To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

**SCA Draft 2019 Legislative Agenda**

**Address the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crisis**
The state and cities must partner to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing as, well as address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- **Take steps to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing, including:**
  - Continued investment and expansion of the Housing Trust Fund
  - Expand pathways to homeownership, including reforming condominium liability law
  - Allow cities to create and preserve affordable housing through optional local tools
- **Address other underlying causes of homelessness by providing support to cities to implement innovative local solutions and increasing investments in our state’s behavioral health system**

**Invest in Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility**
The economic vitality of our state demands that we invest in our existing transportation infrastructure and prioritize new investments that improve the movement of people and goods across the transportation system in an integrated, efficient, and reliable manner. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- **Create stable, long-term funding available to cities to address maintenance and preservation of existing infrastructure**
- **Support expanding capacity of significant regional corridors by managing them as an integrated system that supports motor vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel**

**Provide the Tools for Cities to Address Other Critical Local Priorities**
City revenue streams are limited and are not structured to sustainably keep-up with rising costs. Cities need flexible local funding tools, fewer unfunded mandates, and continued support from the state for shared services. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- **Give cities funding tools to sustainably address local priorities, such as:**
  - Replacing the arbitrary annual 1% cap on property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth
  - Increasing flexibility for REET and other existing revenues
  - Continue streamlined sales tax mitigation to affected cities
- **Maintain the state’s responsibility to cities by:**
  - Fully funding critical public safety investments including the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and Corrections Officers Academy
  - Continuing smart investments in cost-effective programs including MRSC and the Public Works Assistance Account
  - Meet the state’s commitment to share revenues with cities in order to provide vital services to our shared constituents
Item 08:
Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Action Plan

**POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM**

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**SCA Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Members**
Mayor David Baker (Task Force Co-Chair), Kenmore; Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue; Councilmember Ryan McIrvin, Renton; Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend

**Potential Action**
To bring back to the next PIC meeting a policy position related to the proposed Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Action Plan (Attachment A).

**Background**
The [King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force](#), co-chaired by Kenmore Mayor David Baker and King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, began meeting in July 2017 with the intent of recommending a countywide affordable housing strategy to the County Executive and County Council by December 2018. Prior briefings to PIC on the work of the Task Force can be found in the [June 13, July 11](#), and [September 12, 2018](#) PIC packets.

In September, the Task Force released a draft Five-Year Action Plan (Action Plan) for public comment, which was reviewed by the PIC. Since that time, additional detail has been added to the plan to reflect prior Task Force discussions and incorporate other feedback received in response to the draft. The latest draft of the plan (Attachment A) was released on October 2.

At its meeting on October 24, the Task Force is expected to make recommendations to finalize the Action Plan. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft Action Plan to guide input from SCA members of the Task Force at the Task Force meeting on October 24.

PIC may consider taking initial action on the plan in November, and taking final action at the December meeting.

**Regional Affordable Housing Action Plan**
The proposed Action Plan includes seven high-level goals for addressing the region’s housing affordability crisis as well as recommended implementation strategies for adoption at the city, county, and state level.
Significant recommendations proposed in the Action Plan include:

**Establishing a standing committee of the King County Growth Management Planning Council dedicated to regional collaboration to promote affordable housing.**

The proposed standing committee would serve as a regional advisory body with the role of monitoring and assessing implementation of the Action Plan. As proposed, the committee would identify and recommend funding strategies to address the affordable housing need in King County, recommend land use policies, and support the development of shared state and federal priorities. The work of this committee is intended to support and build from the work of existing or new sub-regional collaborations and provide technical assistance to cities on affordable housing policies to support implementation of best practices across jurisdictions.

Membership of the standing committee is proposed to be comprised of approximately 20 members representing both governmental and non-governmental organizations as appointed by the GMPC.

**Setting a goal for building or preserving units of affordable housing to serve people earning less than 50% of AMI.**

Data presented to the Task Force identifies that there are currently more than 122,000 households in King County earning less than 50% of AMI that are cost-burdened, or spending more than 30% of their income on housing. People whose housing costs exceed the 30% threshold are more likely to lose housing because of increases to housing costs, unexpected expenses, sudden loss of income, and other factors.

At its meeting on October 24, the Task Force will consider setting a five-year goal for housing preservation and production at, or dramatically above, current rates. In the past five years, the region has invested roughly $384 million per year in affordable housing from federal, state, and local sources. These investments have produced or permanently preserved an average of 2,500 homes per year. The goal set by the Task Force will serve as the basis for measuring results of the Action Plan in terms of overall unit production and assessing the level of funding that would be anticipated to be needed to meet that goal.

The newly formed standing committee of the GMPC is proposed to be tasked with working with cities and the county to identify and prioritize new resources that could be enacted at all levels of government, as well as raised through private business and philanthropy, to expand production and preservation to meet the identified goal.
Prioritizing Affordable Housing Near High-Capacity Transit.

Recommendations include establishing regional targets for affordable housing that should be preserved and developed within a half-mile walkshed of high-capacity transit stations; implementing incentives for private development of affordable housing near existing and planned frequent transit routes; and for the county to consider bonding against a portion of future Lodging Tax revenues to promote affordable housing near transit, including setting aside a portion of this funding for city incentives.

Improving Tenant Protections.

Recommended strategies include collaborating to implement more consistent tenant protections at the statewide and regional level to address just cause eviction, notice of rent increases, and tenant relocation assistance; seeking ways to expand support for low-income renters; and adopting local programs to improve the quality of existing affordable housing. The Action Plan envisions ongoing collaboration to more closely align regulations across jurisdictions. Cities and the county would work together to identify and implement best practices and share model programs.

Protecting Communities of Color and Low-Income Communities from Displacement

Recommended strategies include improving engagement with communities of color and low-income communities in the development of affordable housing plans and policies, and implementing programs and policies that serve those at risk of displacement. Actions to implement this goal include working collaboratively to develop a toolkit for community engagement to help engage communities in local policy-making decisions.

Promoting Overall Housing Growth and Diversity of Housing Types.

Recommended strategies include updating zoning and land use regulations to encourage the development of a more diverse housing supply; exempting certain development fees for affordable housing; and incentivizing affordable housing development by expanding tools for investments in local infrastructure tied to affordability. The Action Plan envisions these efforts being supported through sharing of model policies, consistent monitoring of countywide affordable housing supply, and jointly advocating for support from the state legislature for condominium liability reform and infrastructure financing tools connected to affordable housing outcomes.

Improving Community Engagement

Recommended strategies include improving engagement with neighborhoods and residents in planning for affordable housing and improved coordination with the philanthropic, business, and faith communities. The Action Plan envisions a collaborative effort to develop tools and strategies to engage local communities to assist with implementation of affordable housing
plans and land use changes. In addition, the Action Plan recommends creating a stakeholder partnership with the private sector and faith community to encourage their investment in affordable housing and communicating the need for affordable housing to the broader public.

**Next Steps**  
The next meeting of the Regional Affordable Housing Task force will take place on October 24, 2018 from 12:30 PM to 3:00 at the Puget Sound Regional Council (1011 Western Avenue, 5th Floor, Seattle).

At its meeting on October 24, the Task Force is expected to make recommendations to finalize the Action Plan. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft Action Plan to guide input from SCA members of the Task Force at the Task Force meeting on October 24. PIC may consider taking initial action on the plan in November, and taking final action at the December meeting.

For more information, or to provide comments on the draft plan, contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

**Attachments**

A. [Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Draft Five-Year Action Plan](#)
REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE
FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

PROBLEM STATEMENT:
Current estimates show a need for 244,000 additional, affordable homes in King County by 2040 so that no household earning 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and below is cost burdened.¹ This includes 156,000 homes for households currently cost-burdened and an additional 88,000 homes for growth in cost-burdened households between now and 2040. When low-income families spend more than 30% of their income for housing they are cost burdened and struggle to afford other basic necessities like food, transportation, health care, and child care.

The need for new affordable homes is greatest for households earning 30% or less of AMI.

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Over the last decade, King County’s stock of housing affordable to households at or below 80% AMI decreased by a net average of 5,500 rental homes per year, due to demolition and rising rents. If current trends continue, by 2040, the county is set to lose all unsubsidized homes at less than 50% AMI and nearly half of units affordable to households earning 50 to 80% AMI.

¹ An individual or family that pays more than 30% of its income for housing costs is considered cost burdened.
OVERALL GOAL: STRIVE TO ELIMINATE COST BURDEN FOR HOUSEHOLDS EARNING 80% AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND BELOW, WITH A PRIORITY FOR SERVING HOUSEHOLDS AT OR BELOW 50% AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

The region should adopt strategies to ensure an adequate housing supply countywide to meet the needs of low-income individuals and families who are cost burdened. This includes constructing new housing, preserving the quality and affordability of existing housing, and providing subsidies when needed. Public resources should be prioritized for serving households earning 50% AMI and below, while also leveraging private investments to support affordability from 50% to 80% AMI. However, private market participation alone will be insufficient to address the full need at 80% AMI and below. 

GOAL 1: CREATE AND SUPPORT AN ONGOING STRUCTURE FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION.

In recognition of the need for significantly more affordable housing, individual cities and the County have been working to address affordability within their jurisdictions. There are strong examples of interjurisdictional coordination, however, these efforts to date have not collectively made sufficient progress to meet the full need of the community. The drivers and effects of the affordable housing challenge are regional.

Strategy A: Create a standing committee of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) dedicated to affordable housing

The Committee will serve as a regional advisory body with the goal of advocating and assessing progress toward implementation of the Action Plan. It will function as a point of coordination and accountability for affordable housing efforts across King County.

Action Plan:

The GMPC will appoint members of the committee which shall be comprised of approximately twenty members representing an equal balance of both governmental and non-governmental organizations, including representation of communities impacted by displacement. The committee will:

- Hold regular meetings
- Maintain a website of information and/or release an annual report to accomplish the following:

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2 With significant public support (reduced land costs and fees and significant density), some markets may be able to incorporate lower affordability into private market developments.
➢ Review qualitative and quantitative metrics regarding countywide and jurisdictional progress to implement the Action Plan and address the countywide need and/or cost-burden gap, including a measurement plan that will, at a minimum, track the percentage of housing supply at various levels of AMI and track the region’s progress to meeting the overall goal identified by the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

➢ Review and make recommendations to other governing bodies regarding actions to implement the Action Plan, including:
  o Funding/pursuing new and innovative financing strategies to significantly address the affordable housing need in King County for adoption by jurisdictions and/or voters in 2020
  o Land use policies
  o State legislative agenda items, such as increasing state funding for affordable housing, expanding options for local funding, supporting the creation and preservation of affordable housing, and creating uniform statewide laws for tenant protections

• Recommend policy positions for PSRC’s Growth Management Policy Board’s consideration and approval

• Review and provide guidance regarding alignment between the Action Plan and comprehensive plans

• Recommend amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies including regional goals/metrics and land use policies

• Coordinate support for increased federal funding for affordable housing

• Work with existing and new sub-regional collaboration, such as ARCH.

• Provide incentives for regional solutions which promote strategies that are broader than one jurisdiction at a time

• Provide technical assistance to the cities and County on affordable housing policy, including identification and sharing of best practices and model legislation

• Be supported by an Inter-Jurisdictional Team (IJT) that builds on but will meet separately from the GMPC IJT. The Committee IJT would include staff representing:
  o King County Council, Department of Community and Human Services, Office of Performance Strategy and Budget, Department of Local Services (Division of Permitting), ARCH, SKHHP/SKC representatives, City of Seattle, additional city staff in proportion to County staff, and additional staff from external/non-governmental partners
NOTE: The Regional Affordable Housing Task Force recognizes that the “One Table” effort to address the root causes of homelessness, which includes but is broader than affordability, is also engaged in discussions about governance. As One Table and the Task Force finalize their governance recommendations, they should work together to harmonize their recommendations.

Strategy B: Support the creation and operation of sub-regional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing

Action Plan:
- Support the creation of a South King County sub-regional collaboration
- Cities and County fund operations of sub-regional collaborations
- Encourage the growth and success of existing sub-regional collaborations

GOAL 2: INCREASE CONSTRUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR HOUSEHOLDS EARNING LESS THAN 50% AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

Currently, 236,000 King County households earn less than 50% AMI, and yet only 128,000 homes are affordable at this income level. Traditionally, the private housing market has not been positioned to address the housing needs at this income level and government bears this responsibility. The region must increase housing supply and other supports for the lowest-income households. This will both secure housing stability for these households and also reduce pressure on existing and future housing, improving housing access for all incomes across the region.

While implementing the land use and policy changes identified in the Five-Year Action Plan will help meet the need, the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force’s work has clearly pointed to a need for significant new resources if the region is to meet the goal of reducing the number of cost-burdened households at 80% of AMI and below, with a particular focus on the distinct needs of households who earn at or below 50% AMI.

On average in the last five years, roughly $384 million a year is invested in affordable housing in King County from Federal, State and Local sources:

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3 “Low-income” is defined as a person or family earning at or below 80% of AMI ($82,700 for a family of four or $57,900 for an individual).
In recent years, the cost to preserve or build affordable housing has increased, just like the cost of all housing types. That means that public dollars have been able to purchase fewer units over time and that going forward it is reasonable to assume that affordable units will cost, on average, $350,000 to preserve or build.

In this context, the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force has set the goal of building or preserving XX,XXX units of affordable housing to serve people earning less than 50% AMI over the next five years.
Table 1 – Task Force Options

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* On average, the region has produced 2,500 units per year over the last five years.

Achieving this production goal will require the region to employ all the tools it has available, including land use and zoning changes. It is also important to note that not all of the funding for those units must or will be raised locally. The Federal government will and should play a significant role in funding affordable housing, primarily through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC). Assuming that the Federal government continues to make contributions on a par with the last five years, 58% of the need will be met with Federal resources.

**Strategy A: The ongoing structure for regional collaboration will work with cities and the County to identify and prioritize new resources to build or preserve XX,XXX units in the next five years and track progress toward the production goal.**

Throughout the Task Force process, Task Force members, Standing Advisory Committee members and members of the public cited the need to expand the types of funding available to fund affordable housing, particularly given the regressive nature of Washington State’s tax code. Examples of more progressive funding sources include a capital gains tax and an income tax.

**Action Plan:**

- Cities and the County should identify and adopt revenue sources available to them sufficient to support the local share of funding XX,XXX units over five years
- Cities and the County should collectively advocate to maintain and increase Federal resources directed toward affordable housing in King County, which might include increasing expanding the 9% LIHTC or maximizing the bonding capacity of the 4% LIHTC
- Cities and the County should collectively advocate for increased State resources to support affordable housing in King County, which might include increasing contributions to the Housing Trust Fund, a sales tax credit, or allowing cities to collect up to a 0.25% Real Estate Excise Tax
- Cities and the County should explore unused authority to raise revenue to support the goal of building or preserving XX,XXX units over five years. Unused authority might include a countywide property tax, a countywide sales tax, free or discounted publicly owned land

Updated: October 2, 2018
• Cities and the County should work with business and philanthropy to increase and effectively leverage private investments in affordable housing
• Cities and the County should pursue strategies to reduce the cost of developing affordable units, which might include the reduction or elimination of impact or connection fees, or a sales tax fee exemption on affordable developments
• The regional governance structure will monitor County and city progress toward raising funds necessary to produce XX,XXX units in the next five years

Strategy B: Make available at no cost, at deep discount, or for long term lease, under-utilized property from State, County, cities, and non-profit/faith communities

Action Plan:
• State, County, and cities to expand coordination to identify, acquire and develop property for affordable housing.
• Track and report progress on REDI fund and Home & Hope.
• Jurisdictions identify one or more parcels in their boundaries to prioritize for affordable housing (for-profit or non-profit, new or preserved)
• County to develop policies for the sale of County-owned property at reduced or no cost when used for affordable housing, which may be used as a model ordinance by cities

Strategy C: Develop a short-term acquisition loan fund to enable rapid response to preserve affordable housing developments when they are put on the market for sale

Action Plan:
• Cities and county identify entity to inventory all large (50+ unit) privately owned affordable multifamily properties at risk of redevelopment or rapid rent escalation
• Measure and monitor progress in preserving privately owned affordable housing through nonprofit acquisition or other means
• Partner with existing efforts and organizations and support additional funding to fill gaps in current preservation efforts
• Dedicate a portion of new funding streams to this strategy

GOAL 3: Prioritize affordability accessible within a half mile walkshed of existing and planned frequent transit service, with a particular priority for high-capacity transit stations

Progress in meeting this goal will be measured, using the following regionwide metrics:\(^4^,^5^)

\(^4^\) PSRC anticipates that more than 50% of housing growth will occur in TOD.
\(^5^\) Background: Between 2010-2015:
  • 20% of population growth occurred in station areas
  • 45% of population in station areas are people of color v. 34% in the region
  • 1/3 of housing permits issued were in station areas
• 25% of existing housing remains affordable at 80% AMI and below
• 50% of new housing is affordable at 80% AMI and below
• 80% of available public land suitable for housing is prioritized for housing affordable at or below 50% AMI.

The region’s continuing expansion of high capacity transit, including light rail and bus rapid transit, provide one of the best opportunities to expand housing options available to a wide range of incomes. Such housing will be particularly valuable to low-income households, who are the most dependent on transit and yet often the least able to benefit from these neighborhood amenities due to increasing costs nearby. This recommendation recognizes that the region must promote or require affordable housing near high-capacity transit stations and along transit corridors, as well as in regional growth centers. Additionally, an emphasis should be placed on developing and preserving units that meets the needs of the lowest income households, including families and a balanced mix of unit sizes (studio through three-bedroom units).

**Strategy A:** Implement comprehensive inclusionary/incentive housing policies all existing and planned frequent transit service to achieve the deepest affordability possible through land use incentives to be identified by local jurisdictions, which may include:

a. Increased density
b. Reduced parking requirements
c. Reduced permit fees
d. Exempted impact fees
e. Multi-family property tax exemptions
f. Programmatic EIS

**Action Plan:**

• County or governance organization to provide technical assistance in designing inclusionary/incentive housing programs
• County or governance organization to provide website of example ordinances
• All parties propose and apply for State planning dollars
• Evaluate and update zoning in transit areas in advance of transit infrastructure investments
• Evaluate the impact of development fee reductions in transit areas and implement reductions if positive impact
• Regularly measure implementation against goal

**Strategy B: Maximize resources available for Transit Oriented Development in the near term**

• 34,000 homes were added in station areas
• Currently, approximately 25% of housing in station areas is affordable at less than 80% AMI (19% in SEA, 4% in EKC, 80% in SKC)
Action Plan:
- King County to consider bonding against future Lodging Tax revenues for Transit Oriented Development and use a portion of the funds to incentivize cities to support more affordable housing in their jurisdictions
- King County to evaluate potential for the current Transfer of Development Rights program, which preserves rural and resource lands, to incentivize affordability outcomes if a receiving site is within a transit walkshed, among other places

Strategy C: Create and implement regional land acquisition and development strategy

Action Plan:
- Identify priority “pipeline” of property for acquisition and development
- Adopt and implement property value discount legislation/guidance as needed, including updated valuation guidance
- Fund land acquisition, aligned with Goal 2, Strategy B
- Adopt increased zoning to maximize affordable housing on acquired parcels
- Identity entity to purchase and hold land prior to construction
- Fund capital construction and preservation, including private sector investments

GOAL 4: PRESERVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR RENTERS BY SUPPORTING TENANT PROTECTIONS TO INCREASE HOUSING STABILITY AND REDUCE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

In 2017, approximately 4,000 renters were evicted from their housing. Evictions create barriers to future housing for those households, increase risk of homelessness, and are costly and time-consuming for property owners and tenants. In addition, particularly at a time of low vacancies, tenants have few opportunities to quickly secure housing stability when their incomes can’t keep up with rising rents. The region should support a comprehensive approach for increasing education, support and eviction prevention to increase stability for renters and predictability for property owners.

Strategy A: Propose and support legislation and statewide policies related to tenant protection to ease implementation and provide consistency for landlords
   a. Just Cause Eviction
   b. Notice of rent increase
   c. Increase protections for renters facing relocation or displacement
   d. Expand eviction prevention, relocation and other services and assistance
   e. Prohibit discrimination in housing against tenants and potential tenants with arrest records, conviction records, or criminal history

Action Plan:
- Support the development and adoption of statewide legislation and policy related to tenant protections
• County or governance organization to review proposed statewide policies and legislation

Strategy B: Strive to more widely adopt model, expanded tenant protection ordinances countywide and provide implementation support for:

a. Source of Income discrimination protection
b. Just Cause Eviction
c. Notice of rent increase
d. Tenant relocation assistance
e. Rental inspection programs
f. Prohibiting discrimination in housing against tenants and potential tenants with arrest records, conviction records, or criminal history

Action Plan:
• County or governance organization to provide model ordinances
• County or governance organization to pursue a signed ILA for enforcement support
• County or governance organization to identify resources to conduct work
• County or governance organization to increase education for tenants and property owners regarding their respective rights and responsibilities
• Cities and County to adopt

Strategy BC: Expand supports for low-income renters and people with disabilities

Action Plan:
• Utilize funds from the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy for shallow rent subsidies to help keep people in their homes
• Increase funding for emergency rental assistance
• Increase deep subsidies (in addition to shallow)
• Fund services to address barriers to housing, including tenant screening reports
• Expand civil legal aid support
• Expand education of tenant and property owner rights and responsibilities
• Increase funding for services that help people with disabilities stay in their homes and/or age in place

Strategy D: Adopt programs and policies to improve the quality of housing in conjunction with necessary tenant protections

Action Plan:
• Adopt and implement proactive rental inspection policies
• Implement robust, proactive code enforcement programs, in partnership with marginalized communities to avoid inequitable impacts
• Invest in community health workers to promote healthy housing education and housing maintenance for highest risk of adverse health outcomes
• Partner with Aging & Disability organizations to integrate accessibility services

GOAL 5: PROTECT EXISTING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES FROM DISPLACEMENT IN GENTRIFYING COMMUNITIES.

Communities throughout the region are experiencing dramatically increasing housing costs and a growing demand for housing especially, but not exclusively, within urban areas. This places communities with a high population of low-income renters and people of color at an increasing risk of displacement, further compounding the historic injustice of exclusion these communities have experienced as a result of laws and policies on the local and federal level. The same communities that were once limited by law to living in specific geographic areas are now being pushed out of those areas when the neighborhood is gentrified and becomes more desirable to higher-income households. The region should support community-led preservation strategies that enable existing residents to remain in their communities and allow them to benefit from the opportunities of growth of redevelopment.

Strategy A: Authentically engage communities of color and low-income communities in affordable housing development and policy decisions

Action Plan:
• County or governance organization to provide capacity grants to small organizations representing communities of color or low-income communities to support their engagement in affordable housing development
• County or governance organization to contract for a toolkit/checklist on community engagement in planning discussions
• All jurisdictions to utilize the toolkit and intentionally include and solicit engagement from members of communities of color or low-income households in policy decision-making and committees

Strategy B: Increase investments in communities of color and low-income communities by developing programs and policies that serve individuals and families at risk of displacement

Action Plan:
• Use Seattle's Equitable Development Initiative as a model for how government can invest in under-represented communities to promote community-driven development
• Build upon the work of the Communities of Opportunity6

6 Communities of Opportunity, a King County and Seattle Foundation partnership, is an inclusive table where community members and leaders, organizations, and institutions share power, voice, and resources. COO has four
• Include cities, investors, and community-based organizations in development of certification process and matching dollars for socially responsible, equitable Opportunity Zone investments that prevent displacement
• Cities and County to expand requirements to affirmatively market housing programs and enhance work to align affordable housing strategies with federal requirements to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
• Encourage homeownership opportunities as a way to prevent displacement within communities of color while also promoting the growth of intergenerational wealth
• Where appropriate, acquire and preserve manufactured housing communities to prevent displacement

**GOAL 6: PROMOTE GREATER HOUSING GROWTH AND DIVERSITY TO ACHIEVE A VARIETY OF HOUSING TYPES AT A RANGE OF AFFORDABILITY AND IMPROVE JOBS/HOUSING CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT KING COUNTY.**

From 2011 through 2017, more than 96,200 new households came into King County, but only 64,600 new units were built. Despite a building boom, the private market is not keeping pace with population growth in recent years, which contributes to rapid increases in home purchase costs and rents, as well as low vacancy rates. In addition, much of the new production is at the high end of the market and does not meet the needs of all household types. The region should adopt policies that streamline regulations and provide greater zoning flexibility in order to increase and diversify market-rate housing production to better keep pace with population growth. In addition, greater land use and regulatory support is needed to address the needs of older adults, larger households, and people with disabilities. Cities should intentionally plan for and promote affordable housing in the same locations where they are accommodating future growth and density.

**Strategy A: Update zoning and land use regulations (including in single-family low-rise zones) to increase and diversify housing choices, including but not limited to:**

a. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs)
b. Duplex, Triplex, Four-plex
c. Zero lot line town homes, row houses, and stacked flats
d. Micro/efficiency units

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priority areas: quality affordable housing; providing healthy, affordable food and safe places outside to be physically active, especially for youth; increased economic opportunity; and strong community connections. The County portion of COO is funded with 10% of the Best Starts for Kids Levy proceeds.

7 Opportunity Zones are a community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. A low-income community is one with a poverty rate of at least 20% and low-income is a household earning up to 80% AMI. King County Opportunity Zones can be found on the state Department of Commerce website (commerce.wa.gov).
Action Plan:
- County or governance organization to provide model ordinances
- County or governance organization to incentivize cities adopting and implementing strategies that will result in the highest impact towards addressing the affordable housing gap, specifically at the lowest income levels
- Cities to review and update zoning and land use code to increase density
- Explore opportunities to pilot innovative housing in industrial zones, with a focus on TOD and industrial buffer zones
- Update building codes to promote more housing growth and innovative, low-cost development
- As part of any updated zoning, evaluate feasibility of incorporating affordable housing provisions
- Promote units that accommodate large households and/or multiple bedrooms

Strategy B: Decrease costs to build and operate housing affordable to low-income households

Action Plan:
- Maximize and expand use of Multi-Family Tax Exemption
- County to reduce sewer connection fees
- Cities to reduce fees for ADUs, other
- Jurisdictions to streamline permitting process for affordable housing development
- Support condominium liability reform
- State legislature to exempt affordable housing from sales tax

Strategy C: Incentivize growth and affordability goals by expanding tools for investments in local infrastructure.

Action Plan:
- Advocate for a strong, equitable financing tool that captures value from development to fund infrastructure and affordable housing investments (aka: value-capture or tax-increment financing tools)
- Advocate for state public works trust fund investments—connect to local affordable housing outcomes

Strategy D: Expand and preserve homeownership opportunities for low-income households

Action Plan:
- Increase educational efforts to ensure maximum use of property tax relief programs to help sustain homeownership for low-income individuals
- Support alternative homeownership models that lower barriers to ownership and provide long-term affordability, such as community land trusts, co-ops, and rent to own models
- Expand targeted foreclosure prevention
- Where appropriate, preserve existing manufactured housing communities through use-specific zoning or transfer of development rights

**GOAL 7: BETTER ENGAGE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND OTHER PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING THE URGENT NEED FOR AND BENEFITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Most decisions regarding land use and planning for affordable housing happen at the city and neighborhood level. Therefore, the region should better support engagement of local communities and city governments to create informed communities and implement strategies to meet the full range of housing needs. This includes using new, creative strategies to better engage residents around the benefits of having affordable housing in all parts of the county and in their neighborhoods. It also includes providing greater transparency and accountability on actions taken and results delivered. Given the significant countywide need for affordable housing, the region needs more urgent and scalable action to be taken at the neighborhood, city, and regional level.

**Strategy A: Support engagement of local communities and residents in planning efforts to achieve more affordable housing**

**Action Plan:**
- County or governance organization to develop toolkits and strategies to better engage neighborhoods and residents in affordable housing development
- Use existing data and tools to greatest extent possible, i.e. PSRC Vision 2050 work
- Jurisdictions use community engagement techniques, which may include providing evening meetings, translation services, food, and child care, or travel stipends for low-income individuals and historically marginalized communities to participate, that promote more equitable engagement in zoning and siting decisions

**Strategy B: Expand engagement of non-governmental partners (philanthropy, employers, investors, private developers and faith communities) to support efforts to build and site more affordable housing**

**Action Plan:**
- Create stakeholder partnerships with business, philanthropy, non-profits, faith-based organizations, the health care sector, and others to encourage investments in affordable housing
- Encourage business, organized labor, and philanthropy to support public dialogue on affordable housing
Item 09:
Charter Review Commission

DISCUSSION ITEM

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Discussion
In July, King County formed the 2018 Charter Review Commission to consider potential recommendations to amend the King County Charter. Formal solicitation of input from the general public, community organizations, and governmental organizations including SCA cities is anticipated to begin in November. At PIC in October, PIC members will have a preliminary opportunity to begin identifying potential changes to the Charter that could improve how King County government is structured and how regional policy decisions are made.

Background
The King County Charter provides that at least every ten years the County Executive appoint a citizen commission to review the Charter and present to the county a council a report recommending amendments, if any. The County Council may then elect to place recommended Charter amendments on the next general election ballot.

In July of 2018, King County Executive Dow Constantine appointed 23 members to the 2018-2019 King County Charter Review Commission. The Commission held its first meetings in July and September of 2018 and are in the process of developing an outreach process and plan for considering potential amendments to the Charter in time for the November 2019 general election ballot.

The Charter defines the powers of the executive and legislative branches of King County government, establishes financial procedures, sets qualifications and procedures for elections, defines the role of regional committees, and other important policies that provide for the governance of King County and regional policymaking.

The Charter Review Commission will be soliciting feedback and recommendations for potential amendments to the Charter. In September, the Commission considered an outreach process and structure in several phases. The first phase of initial outreach to the general public, community organizations, and governmental entities including SCA cities is expected to begin in November and conclude at the end of January 2019. The Commission would then review initial findings and develop possible amendments in February and March 2019 with the goal of presenting a final report to the King County Council in May 2019.
Charter Review Commission Membership
The 2018-2019 Charter Review Commission membership was recommended by the County Executive and approved by the County Council in July 2018. Members of the 2018-2019 Commission are:

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Next Steps
Formal solicitation of input from the general public, community organizations, and governmental organizations including SCA cities from the Charter Review Commission is anticipated to begin in November. Questions or feedback can be provided to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.
Item 10:
Homelessness Update

**UPDATE**

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Update
In an effort to reach our regional goal of making homelessness rare, brief and one-time, government, philanthropy, business, and people with lived experience are combining efforts to coordinate the currently dispersed efforts to address homelessness. Work is underway to look at the governance structure to address homelessness, as well as to undertake a critical assessment of existing investments, and to develop a plan moving forward. Staff from Seattle, King County, and SCA are meeting weekly on this project. SCA staff will provide monthly updates to the PIC and SCA Board on this process.

Background
Work to address the homelessness crisis was the subject of the March and April SCA Pre-PIC Workshops, and briefings during the May 9, July 11, and September 12, 2018 PIC meetings.

Update
Several consultants have been retained by Seattle, King County, and philanthropic and business partners to assist in assessing and improving our regional homelessness system.

One of the consultants retained to assist on developing a new governance structure, Future Laboratories, will conduct a focus group with PIC members in a pre-PIC meeting on October 10, 2018. Some questions to consider and to discuss with your city council and staff in advance of that focus group:

- What are some policies and/or investments that are working well in your community, or the region?
- What are some innovative policies or practices that are currently under-resourced, that you think have promise to address the homelessness crisis?
- What are some programs that are working well in other systems that could be integrated into the homeless response system?

Another consultant, Focus Strategies, has been retained to conduct an assessment of existing investments. (Note that Focus Strategies previously conducted a Homeless System Performance Assessment of Seattle/King County in 2016.) Focus Strategies will be convening an External Expert Panel tasked with working with city and county leadership and local funders to conduct
an independent assessment of countywide efforts to reduce homelessness and recommend improvements. Focus Strategies will also be collecting data from Seattle, King County, and SCA member cities about current investments to address homelessness. A data request will be forthcoming shortly, and SCA will be helping to facilitate that request. Your staff’s assistance in providing requested data will help with this assessment.

Next Steps
A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Seattle and King County states that governance recommendations shall be made to the King County Executive and Mayor of Seattle by December 1, 2018 regarding potential system revisions to increase the effectiveness, reach, and efficiency of our countywide homelessness system. SCA staff will be briefing and seeking feedback from the PIC and SCA Board monthly throughout the process.
Item 11: 2019/2020 Metro Transit Budget Update

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SCA Regional Transit Committee (RTC) Members
Councilmember Claude DaCorsi, Auburn (Caucus Chair); Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall (Caucus Vice Chair); Councilmember Dave Asher, Kirkland; Councilmember Bruce Bassett, Mercer Island; Councilmember Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila; Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park; Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond; Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue (alternate); Councilmember Bill Ramos, Issaquah (alternate); Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent (alternate); Councilmember Randy Corman, Federal Way (alternate)

Update
The King County 2019/2020 Proposed Budget was transmitted by County Executive Dow Constantine to the King County Council on September 24, 2019. In September, the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) was briefed on the portions of the budget affecting King County Metro Transit (Metro), and the status of several major projects needed to implement its long-range transit plan, Metro Connects.

While revenues are strong, Metro is unable to substantially expand bus service without adding to bus base capacity. The 2019/2020 budget calls for investment in this capacity. Additionally, limitations on capital funding and capital delivery capacity have led Metro to delay planned RapidRide expansion.

Background
The King County 2019/2020 biennial budget contains proposed changes to the implementation timeline to the King County Metro (Metro) long-range transit plan, Metro Connects. The Regional Transit Committee (RTC) was briefed on the budget for Metro in a September 2018 presentation. While revenues are coming in strong, Metro will see only modest growth in service. Most of that growth will be either due to partner investments, or to address crowding and reliability of existing routes. Metro will also be making investments in organizational capacity to more reliably deliver services. Operational constraints hinder Metro’s ability to further expand service.

Bus Base Capacity – Impact on Bus Service
King County operates seven bus bases throughout the County. According to Metro, bases are currently operating at about 12% above optimal capacity systemwide, and additional base...
capacity is needed to deliver planned service growth. Metro indicates that it cannot further expand its fleet with the existing base capacity without hindering its ability to maintain and dispatch the fleet. Additionally, the planned transition to electric buses will affect base capacity, as electric bus charging infrastructure takes more space.

Current adopted plans call for Metro to expand bus service - Metro’s adopted service guidelines identify a need for more than 500,000 hours of additional bus service. The Metro Connects plan notes the need for expanded base capacity to achieve planned growth in service.

Current and planned future bus base capacity projects include:

- Completed in 2018: Central Base optimization project made room for 60 more buses.
- Planned for 2020: An interim base expansion at South Base will provide capacity for 125 buses.
- Planned for 2022: An expansion of Central base would create room for 90 buses.
- Planned for 2024: A South Annex Base would provide space for 250 buses (replaces the interim base, resulting in a net add of 125 buses). May support only electric battery-powered buses.
- Planned for 2029: A new South King County Base would provide space for 250 buses. May support only electric battery-powered buses.

**Capital Project Delivery – Impact on RapidRide**

Metro’s proposed budget shows that the agency is still working to implement many capital projects that were planned for the 2017/2018 biennium. An audit of Metro’s transit capital program showed that as of April 1, 2018, only 15 percent of the capital budget for the 2017/2018 biennium was spent. The audit recommended completing a facilities master plan, improvement to capital project reporting systems, and more detailed planning for staffing projects. Funding for the facilities master plan and additional capital program staff is included in the 2019/2020 budget.

Metro reports that it is taking measures to improve its organizational capacity to deliver capital projects and that it has established a goal to double their rate of capital project delivery. According to the audit, continued delays in capital project delivery have the potential to jeopardize the ability for Metro to meet forecasted demand and provide financially efficient service.

RapidRide service (defined as fast and frequent, arriving at bus stops every five to 15 minutes) requires substantial capital investments, such as dedicated lanes, to offer high-performing trips with short travel times. While Metro Connects included plans for the delivery of 13 new RapidRide lines by 2025, Metro has announced that it is delaying implementation of several planned RapidRide routes, and will deliver just six of these routes by 2025. A map showing an updated schedule for RapidRide delivery is included here as Attachment A. Three of the seven delayed lines are in Seattle. Other delayed lines include service to South county, including service to Kent, Federal Way, and Auburn, and routes from Overlake to Renton on the Eastside.
Metro reports that it can deliver the Overlake to Renton route, and an additional East or South county route by 2027.

**Next Steps**
RTC has requested regular updates on major planned projects and funding available to implement Metro Connects. The next report is planned for January 2019. Questions and comments from PIC can help guide upcoming discussions at RTC.
RapidRide Routes
Existing and Planned

Existing RapidRide route

RapidRide Route to be implemented by 2025

RapidRide Route to be implemented after 2025

Sound Transit BRT to be implemented by 2025

Link light rail & existing station:

- Sounder commuter rail & station
- Transit center (TC)
- Permanent Park&Ride

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October 10, 2018
Item 12: Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

**UPDATE**

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Discussion
This is a monthly item on the PIC agenda to share information on recent and upcoming local levies and ballot measures in King County. Items identified as “potential future ballot measures” are under consideration or reflect potential renewal of an existing levy but have not been approved to be placed on the ballot and may not ultimately move forward.

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$1,000 of assessed value and set the limit factor for 2020-2024 at 103% of the prior year’s regular levy.

### Future Ballot Measures – Other Cities, Schools and Special Purpose Districts

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<td>Sales and Use Tax for Sidewalk and Pedestrian Improvements. Authorize a sales and use tax at a rate of 0.2% for up to 20 years to construct, maintain, and rehabilitate sidewalks and pedestrian improvements.</td>
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<td>Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy. Replace two expiring levies and initially fund expanded early learning and preschool, college and K-12 education support, K-12 student health, and job readiness opportunities through an increase to the regular property tax levy by up to $0.365 per $1,000 of assessed value.</td>
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### Next Steps

Please share this information with your city and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.
Item 13:
Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

UPDATE

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Update
This is an ongoing, monthly PIC item noting issues that SCA members have asked to be brought to the PIC.

Potential Issues
Throughout the year, issues brought forward by SCA members are tracked in this ongoing, monthly agenda item and may be taken up by the PIC through workshops, briefings and discussion items, and as action items.

Per direction of the PIC, staff are putting together workshops and trainings on the following topics for the remainder of 2018:
- Homelessness Focus Group (October)
- Social Media (November)

If you or your city has additional items to be added to the list of potential upcoming SCA issues, or items to suggest for future trainings or workshops, please contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry, brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.
Item 14a: Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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SCA Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Advisory Task Force Members (representing cities with populations below 50,000)
Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac; Councilmember Vic Kave, Pacific; Councilmember Tom Agnew, Bothell

EMS Advisory Task Force Members from SCA Cities with Own Seats
Deputy Mayor Bob Baggett, Auburn; Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue; Councilmember Krystal Marx, Burien; Councilmember Penny Sweet, Kirkland; Mayor John Marchione, Redmond; Mayor Denis Law, Renton; Deputy Mayor Karen Moran Sammamish; Councilmember Keith Scully, Shoreline

Informational Item


The Task Force unanimously approved programmatic and financial recommendations to support the region’s EMS services for the six-year levy period. Recommendations include a $0.27 per $1,000 of assessed value levy rate; continuing the current method of funding Advanced Life Support units (paramedics) and reimbursing local agencies for Basic Life Support services (Emergency Medical Technicians, or EMTs) with minor revisions; anticipating the need for one additional ALS unit to be added during the levy period; expanding Mobile Integrated Healthcare programs countywide; and updating reserve policies to ensure stable funding over the levy period. The Task Force further recommended that the levy be placed on the August 2019 ballot.

Background
The King County Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system of King County is a regional, cross-jurisdictional system that provides essential life-saving services to King County residents and visitors. Medic One/EMS services rely on coordination between fire departments, paramedic agencies, EMS dispatch centers, and hospitals. The system is managed by the EMS division of Public Health – Seattle and King County, and funded through a property tax known as the Medic One/EMS levy.
The current Medic One/Emergency Medical Services levy will expire on December 31, 2019. The EMS Advisory Task Force was formed in January 2018 to undertake an extensive planning process to develop a strategic plan and financing plan to reauthorize the levy for 2020-2025. Detailed background on the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy and the levy renewal development process can be found in the March 14, 2018, May 9, 2018, and June 13, 2018 PIC Packets, and on the Task Force website.

EMS Task Force Recommendations
The Task Force recommendations are consistent with information provided to the PIC at its June 13 meeting. Highlights of those recommendations include:

*Establishing the total levy rate.* The proposed starting levy rate for the upcoming levy period beginning in 2020 is $0.27 per $1,000 of assessed value. This is down from the $0.335 rate approved in 2014, but slightly higher than the projected rate for the final year of the current levy period of $0.229 for 2019. The levy rate supports a total six-year budget of $1.115 billion. Primary drivers for the total levy amount are increased calls for service, which are closely correlated to the region’s growing population; increases to personnel, equipment, and medicine costs; and any additional or expanded services funded under the levy.

*Continuing the current methodology for funding Advanced Life Support (paramedic) units with minor revisions.* Under the recommended formula, each agency operating paramedic units is provided the same amount of funding per unit operated. The preliminary baseline unit allocation for 2020 is proposed at $2.89 million and would be inflated over the span of the levy as necessary. There are currently 26 medic units operating throughout the regional system (19 in King County, and 7 in Seattle), and the Task Force identified a need for at least one additional medic unit over the upcoming levy period.

*Continuing the current methodology of distributing funding to agencies for Basic Life Support (EMTs) with “reset” in 2020.* The Task Force recommended continuing to allocate Basic Life Support funding based on a formula that reflects a combination of 50 percent assessed valuation and 50 percent agency call volumes. In addition, it is recommended that the allocation be “reset” in 2020 based on this formula rather than using 2019 as the base year and allocating only new funding according to the formula. This is proposed in order to correct an historical difference between agency base level funding and what would be strictly allocated by formula. The Task Force further recommended one-time funding be included in the levy to ensure that no agency sees a reduction in their total allocation from 2019 to 2020 as a result of this reset.

*Expanding Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) programs countywide.* The Task Force recommends expanding the availability of MIH programs countywide. Expanding MIH would require an additional estimated $4 million per year over the upcoming levy period. MIH personnel work with local healthcare and social service providers to direct 911 callers to the
appropriate care. MIH provides EMS agencies and first responders with intervention strategies to provide improved patient care and potentially reduce overall system call volumes.

**Next Steps**
The Task Force recommendations will inform the levy ordinance and strategic plan, which is expected to be transmitted from King County Executive Dow Constantine to the County Council by the end of 2018. Following action by the County Council, the levy must be approved for placement on the ballot by the legislative authority of at least 75% of cities in King County with populations exceeding 50,000¹ (or 9 of the 11 such cities in King County). Final approval of the levy requires an affirmative vote from a simple majority of voters. SCA members are encouraged to contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159 for any additional information.

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¹ There are currently 11 cities in King County with populations greater than 50,000: Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Federal Way, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, and Shoreline.