



SCA Public Issues Committee

AGENDA

February 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 2 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 10 minutes
3. [Approval of minutes – January 11, 2017 meeting](#) 2 minutes
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 5 minutes
5. **Executive Director’s Report** – Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director 10 minutes
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10. 2017 State Legislative Session

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Ellie Wilson-Jones, Senior Policy Analyst
(10 minute staff report, 10 minute discussion)

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

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Brian Parry, Senior Policy Analyst
(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

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Deanna Dawson, Executive Director
(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

13. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Caucus Chair Training – Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 6:00 PM – Renton City Hall
- b. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall

14. For the Good of the Order

15. Adjourn

Did You Know?

On February 22, 2017, IKEA will officially open its new 400,000 square foot store in Renton. The new two-story facility is adjacent to the original store and remains the only IKEA in the state of Washington. Features of the new IKEA Renton include 1,600 parking spaces and the state's largest rooftop solar array. IKEA is the world's largest furniture retailer.

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.



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

January 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 24 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Chair Marts invited the audience members to introduce themselves. Guests present included: Councilmember John Holman, Auburn; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Councilmember Tamie Deady, Black Diamond; Mayor Jim Berger, Carnation; Councilmember Bob Jeans, Snoqualmie; Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac; AJ McClure, City of Bellevue staff; Maria Wood, Public Health – Seattle & King County staff; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Michael Murphy, King County staff.

2. Public Comment

Chair Marts asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Marts closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the November 16, 2016 Minutes

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to approve the November 16, 2016 PIC minutes as amended.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Marts reflected that six years ago, as a new Councilmember, he expressed interest in getting involved regionally, and PIC provided an excellent vehicle for getting involved. He noted that Issaquah had a tradition of regional involvement through former Mayor Ava Frisinger. He noted that he especially appreciated the discussions at PIC, and valued learning from other cities.

He noted that there is a two-way flow of information at PIC. The staff reports help members to understand issues, and to bring back information to their own cities and get feedback. Those city discussions then inform PIC discussions at future meetings.

Chair Marts noted the Best Starts for Kids levy as an example of where feedback from PIC members helped to shape the regional debate, and make significant improvements which then in turn allowed cities to be able to support the levy.

5. Executive Director's Report

Dawson introduced SCA staff, highlighting areas of policy work and encouraging members to contact staff as questions or concerns arise on policy issues. Staff contact information is included in each PIC memo.

Dawson reported that the SCA Board of Directors will participate in its annual retreat this Friday, January 13.

Dawson invited members to attend the first networking dinner of 2017, which is scheduled for next Wednesday, January 18. King County Executive Dow Constantine will be the keynote speaker.

Dawson reported that the 2017 Appointee Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 at SeaTac City Hall. In addition to committee updates from regional leaders, SCA Board members will also speak about the roles and responsibilities of SCA appointees. Dawson invited PIC members to attend.

Dawson announced that there will be a pre-PIC workshop prior to the February 8 PIC meeting on best practices for PIC members.

6. Welcome of New Members and Introduction to PIC

Chair Marts welcomed members and asked new members to introduce themselves and share how long they have been in public service, and why they became involved with PIC.

Chair Marts reviewed some of the PIC Operating Policies, including the importance of members reading the PIC packet and coming to the meeting ready to discuss issues. He explained that when there is an issue upon which action may be taken, there is generally a "two-touch policy": the issue is introduced at the first PIC meeting, PIC members take information back to their councils for discussion and direction, and a vote takes place at the next meeting of the PIC. Chair Marts called attention to the list of acronyms included in the [January 11, 2017 PIC Packet](#) (page 26) as a resource. He inquired if members had any questions.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, noted the importance of cities helping each other. Kent is a large city that has different issues than smaller cities. If an issue doesn't negatively impact Kent, but provides benefit to other cities, the city of Kent tries to be supportive.

Councilmember Mike Sando, Enumclaw, reported that his council had a discussion on the value of continuing as an SCA member city. He and Mayor Liz Reynolds explained the benefits of SCA and as a result, the city not only decided to continue as an SCA member, but also a newer councilmember has chosen to become active in SCA and will be the new PIC representative.

Chair Marts noted that small cities may not have much staff support. They can learn from members at PIC who have had the benefit of getting input from their staff, who may have expertise on an issue.

Dawson encouraged members to share with her ideas for pre-PIC workshops. She noted that many members had given feedback on wanting to learn best practices from other cities, and had less interest in receiving presentations from the county and other organizations.

Chair Marts mentioned that property crime is a big issue and that he is interested in exploring regional solutions.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, stated that her city council agenda has a standing item for a PIC report and that she asks for a vote of her council on potential public policy issues.

Chair Marts added that it is powerful to be able to come back to PIC and say, “my council supports or opposes” a particular issue. He has asked SCA staff to provide draft PIC minutes as soon as possible to afford PIC members the opportunity to share the minutes with their councils for discussion purposes.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, inquired how other members provide PIC updates at council meetings. Many members responded that there is a standing agenda item for the PIC report, and others responded that it is included in a council/committees report section. Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated that some issues may be a separate agenda item should the topic warrant longer discussion.

7. 2017 PIC Meeting Schedule

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve Resolution 2017-1, Public Issues Committee 2017 meeting schedule.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reviewed the staff report, explaining for new members that background material on the item from past PIC meetings is referenced in the report via links to materials from past meetings.

Booth reported the King County Land Conservation Advisory Group has held eight meetings since September to review the Work Plan. At its January 19th meeting, the Advisory Group members are expected to take action on a Phase 1 Report. Draft recommendations from that report can be found on page 36 of the [PIC Packet](#). Advisory Group members received the report last week, and Booth is working with Council President Margeson and other city members to assemble comments. The Work Plan that the Advisory Group reviewed was initiated by King County Executive Dow Constantine and addressed lands in rural King County. The next phase of the project will include cities’ priorities for land conservation and preservation.

Many of the comments SCA’s Advisory Group member will provide will be to ensure there are ample opportunities for cities’ needs to be addressed in the next phase of the Work Plan review. For example, a request will be made that the plan clearly outline what is being requested from cities, the timeline for that information and what King County will do with that

information once it is received. SCA's representative is also suggesting that the wholesale support for the vision of preserving the remaining high value conservation lands be more tempered at this time. Another recommendation is to acknowledge in the executive summary the need in some cities to restore or redevelop land to provide green space, as opposed to acquiring new lands.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted the importance of providing ample time for cities and PIC to review the Phase 2 Plan.

Chair Tola Marts agreed regarding the importance of having adequate time for SCA to review. Having adequate time for review built into a schedule allows cities to gain clarity on issues as they go through the PIC process.

Councilmember Kruller, Tukwila, asked if Advisory Group membership will stay the same for Phase 2 and also asked if there was sufficient city representation on the Advisory Group. Booth and Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, responded that the Advisory Group membership will stay the same except for normal attrition, and that while there were not many city representatives, Margeson was working hard to build allies among other members. City representatives on the Advisory Group caucus together to build consensus.

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, asked if the gap in funding was in flux. Booth responded that the gap is about \$383 million. The gap will grow as city priorities are added. Loudenback asked about the expectation of private funding filling the gap, noting the County had received no such funding to date. Margeson agreed that no such funding had materialized to date and said private funding would be addressed in more detail in Phase 2.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, questioned adopting a Phase 1 Plan relating to King County unincorporated lands and then taking up a separate Phase 2 Plan later in the year. She suggested a holistic review of the plans should occur. Margeson said the Advisory Group isn't adopting a Phase 1 Plan but approving the process and work to date. He confirmed Phase 1 and 2 plans will be looked at holistically.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, asked about a PIC or city presentation. Dawson noted the Advisory Group will be voting on the first phase of the work on January 19. If cities would like to have a presentation to their councils on the work to date and potential city priorities for Phase 2, SCA staff can assist in setting that up. Margeson reminded members about the letter from King County that went out to all cities requesting a meeting to talk about open space needs. He noted that cities were setting up individual presentations to their councils, noting that Bothell was one of the first to make such a request.

9. 2017 State Legislative Session

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the Washington State Legislature convened Monday, January 9, 2017 for its 105-day budget-writing session. SCA adopted a 2017 Legislative Agenda in preparation for this session, which is contained on page 46 of the [January 11, 2017 PIC Packet](#). Wilson-Jones provided updates on the status of SCA's three adopted priorities.

First, with regard to adjusting the property tax cap, the [Washington State Association of Counties \(WSAC\)](#) is taking the lead on advocating for the replacement of the current one percent cap with a cap tied to inflation plus population growth. Local officials would retain the ability to choose whether or not to utilize the new cap. Rep. John Koster, a Republican who formerly served on the Snohomish County Council, is anticipated to serve as the prime sponsor for House legislation, joined by bi-partisan co-sponsors. The Senate prime sponsor is still being determined. WSAC has hired a communications team to assist local governments with sharing stories about how they have been impacted by the current cap, and information has been distributed to the PIC about opportunities to share local impacts and for city staff to participate in a Communications Committee. Cities interested in getting involved are asked to contact Wilson-Jones. Opportunities to participate in upcoming media events are also anticipated.

With regard to SCA's public health funding legislative priority, Wilson-Jones reminded members that the Washington State Department of Health and local public health jurisdictions are asking for \$54 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions. The Governor's proposed budget, released in late December, included \$20 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions. A [work session](#) was held on the topic of public health services in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee on January 10, 2017, and Director of Public Health — Seattle & King County Patty Hayes, who has served as a champion on the issue, testified ([video](#)).

SCA's third legislative priority is to address the housing and homelessness crisis. Work sessions on the topic of homelessness were held this week in the House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee on the topics of [state and local homelessness programs](#) ([video](#)) and [resources for homelessness program](#) ([video](#)). Champions for housing and homelessness priorities are working to identify local elected officials who are willing to testify in Olympia, often on short notice, so cities interested in advocating on these issues are invited to contact Wilson-Jones, who can connect members with advocacy opportunities. Wilson-Jones deferred reporting on the specific items contained under SCA's homelessness and housing priority, inviting any member questions during the PIC member discussion portion of this agenda item.

Additionally, many SCA member cities have adopted their own legislative agendas. Twenty-five SCA cities submitted copies of their agendas to Wilson-Jones for inclusion in the [PIC Packet](#) (pages 49-97). Additionally, Wilson-Jones distributed the City of Mercer Island's legislative agenda ([Attachment B](#)). [*Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the City of Sammamish provided long and condensed versions of their legislative agenda, which are included here as [Attachment C](#).*] Similarities between member city legislative agendas are described in the [PIC Packet](#) (page 42).

Two bills filed so far that may be of interest to member cities are [HB 1017](#), which would provide school districts expanded opportunities to site schools outside urban growth areas and was receiving a public hearing January 12, 2017 ([video](#)), and [HB 1047](#), which would establish a statewide drug takeback program and which is to be discussed under Item 12 on tonight's PIC agenda.

The most common priority included in SCA member city legislative agendas was reform of the Public Records Act (PRA). During the SCA caucus meetings in December, some members

expressed interest in engaging in a conversation about adding a priority related to the PRA to the adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. The SCA Legislative Committee did give consideration to including a PRA priority during the initial development of the agenda, but decided not to after weighing the three guiding principles they had set out for their work, contained on page 43 of the [PIC Packet](#). However, given the caucus discussions, PIC feedback is being sought by the SCA Legislative Committee tonight on the questions outlined in the [PIC Packet](#) beginning on page 43.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, encouraged members to take note of legislation that will be introduced by Rep. Tina Orwall allowing police to cross city borders to pursue sex trafficking arrests in other jurisdictions when necessary. *[Note: Following the PIC meeting, Rep. Orwall introduced HB 1184, which would modify the crime of Patronizing a Prostitute by specifying that the crime can be committed in any location in which the defendant commits any act that constitutes part of the crime. The legislation is intended to facilitate law enforcement sting operations. Kent Police Chief Ken Thomas testified in favor of [HB 1184](#) during a public hearing in the House Public Safety Committee January 16 and was scheduled for executive session January 19 ([video](#)). [Several other pieces of legislation](#) related to trafficking were also heard in committee January 17.]*

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, expressed comfort with including an SCA legislative priority related to the PRA that is more detailed than AWC's priority. He stated that Kirkland's PRA priorities are very specific, limited, and therefore could be more achievable.

Chair Marts highlighted the questions beginning on page 43 of the [PIC Packet](#) and requested member feedback.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, noted that the [PIC Packet](#) (page 44) provides information about a stakeholder group convened by legislators and made up of government agencies, coalitions, the news media, and others from the requestor community. The stakeholder group met for much of 2016 and ultimately vetted and provided broad support to six bills that will be introduced next week. He noted that the level of stakeholder support for these legislative proposals is unprecedented. Three of the bills will center around AWC's PRA priorities: charging for electronic records, creating an alternative dispute resolution process, and restoring grants to local governments. Nixon, who also serves as the President of the Washington Coalition for Open Government (WCOG), stated that so many cities support these concepts and that they align with AWC priorities bodes well and added that WCOG is also supportive. The three other bills coming out of the stakeholder process will address extraordinary requests (such as automatic computer-generated requests, or "bot" requests, and requests for any and all records); address agency responsiveness, with the Attorney General's Office developing model rules for local governments; and require a study regarding the development of a statewide online public records portal. Nixon stated that it was his perspective, and the City of Kirkland's, that getting these six bills passed should be the primary objective and that even the first bill—allowing fees for electronic records—would go a long way to discouraging overly broad requests. Kirkland would be happy to have SCA mirror AWC's priorities or, barring action, to have cities individually do so. Kirkland does have three additional PRA priorities, but these are of lower priority than the six stakeholder bills.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that another option the PIC could consider would be adding language in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda specifically referencing the stakeholder group bills. She also highlighted for PIC members principles adopted by the Legislative Committee for guidance: SCA should not duplicate the work of AWC. Rather, SCA's legislative agenda should focus on areas of special concern to cities in King County and the Puget Sound region. The Committee should adopt an agenda that is high level, which will allow SCA to be nimble in responding to issues as they arise during the legislative session.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, is a member of the SCA Legislative Committee and stated that the Committee tried to keep the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda focused, noting that SCA does not have a lobbying staff. She stated that the most powerful advocacy on this issue will be individual cities speaking with their legislative delegations about the need for PRA reforms and impacts on their cities.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the intent has been to keep the priorities contained in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda general, so that the organization is able to be nimble and weigh in on legislation and not be slowed by the need to go back through the Legislative Committee, PIC, and Board as legislation is introduced and amended. Margeson urged the PIC to consider whether SCA should add a very broad, high level priority related to public records, not whether a priority specific to the six pieces of draft legislation discussed.

Chair Marts framed the question as whether the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda needs amendment, with action at a future meeting, or whether members wish to leave the agenda as is and continue pursuing this issue individually and through AWC.

Dawson stated that it would be possible to make a high level addition that also voices support for the stakeholder group's body of legislation, but added that the SCA Legislative Committee did initially consider whether PRA reforms should be contained in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and determined that AWC is providing a sufficient voice on this issue.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, asked PIC members that will be lobbying whether they will be distributing copies of the SCA and AWC legislative priorities in addition to their own cities and suggested that given the large number of cities doing so, there is a reduced need to add a PRA priority to the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. She advised that power lies in sharing both collective and individual city legislative agendas during legislator meetings.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, serves as the Chair of the SCA Legislative Committee and stated that his sense is that there is not a need to duplicate the work of AWC and individual cities.

Dawson noted that cities can highlight for legislators that PRA reforms have been identified as a high priority for the vast majority of SCA member cities.

Nixon requested that SCA staff track public records legislation during the course of the session and provide the PIC with updates, and Dawson stated that SCA staff would do so and asked members to identify other legislative priorities they may wish SCA to track and report on, such as school siting legislation and the drug take back bill already discussed.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, requested that SCA staff follow up with additional information about the six draft PRA reform bills. *[Note: As of the drafting of these minutes, the six legislative proposals had not yet been introduced, but SCA staff will provide the PIC with summaries and status updates once filed. PIC members may also have interest in viewing video from a public records act work session held January 10, 2017 in the House Local Government Committee. The Work Session featured testimony from AWC, Toby Nixon on behalf of WCOG, and others and summarized the stakeholder process and resultant legislative proposals ([video](#))].*

Chair Marts noted that there seemed to be consensus around not adding to the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and asked if the body agreed. No objections were heard.

10. Regional E-911 Strategic Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that the King County E-911 system provides emergency call taking and dispatch services to all residents of King County through a combination of the services of the E-911 program office and 12 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The E-911 system requires enhancements to meet the needs of current technology, however there are funding limitations that will have impacts on the both the E-911 program office and PSAPs, and impact the ability to modernize the system. There is also a need to clarify the relative roles of the E-911 program office and PSAPs in decision making about funding, system investments, and priorities for maintaining dependable and sustainable call taking and dispatch services. All of this will be addressed in a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan.

Development of a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan began in 2015 with the creation of a strategic plan scoping committee. In May of 2016, that scoping committee recommended a strategic planning structure, timeline, milestones and key issues and questions to be considered in the development of the Plan. The Regional E-911 Strategic Plan process kicked off in September 2016 with a Leadership Group meeting. In addition to the Leadership Group, there is a Planning Group and task forces around Governance, Technology and Operations, and Finance. Each of the three task forces has strategic questions to consider. These questions can be found beginning on page 102 of the [January 11, 2017 PIC Packet](#). The Leadership Group includes Issaquah Councilmember Tola Marts, Renton Mayor Denis Law, and Enumclaw Mayor Liz Reynolds as SCA representatives, and Councilmember Jennifer Robertson represents Bellevue.

The Governance Task Force will be researching and deliberating on a governance structure for the Regional E-911 system, including developing recommendations for a management and decision making structure for the E-911 system, a conflict resolution process, and a stakeholder engagement process.

The Technology and Operations Task Force will recommend a 10-year technology investment strategy that includes considering the technology vision, technology requirements for integrating with the state and local systems, the ongoing decision process for technology investments, and performance metrics.

The Finance Task Force will recommend a 10-Year Sustainable Plan for the Regional E-911 System, including determining the funding needs and revenue strategies for the system, including next generation 911 upgrades.

At the next Leadership Group meeting on January 19, members will be reviewing briefing papers and have a detailed discussion about system technology.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, said this had been an issue previously at the PIC, noting members on the E-911 Strategic Plan committees are pleased with the process to date.

Chair Tola Marts was appreciative that King County Executive Dow Constantine took the issue of PSAP consolidation off the table at the first Leadership Group meeting. The Leadership Group has been very productive. Chair Marts called PIC members' attention to the Page 105 of the [PIC Packet](#), Regional E-911 Strategic Plan - Timeline and Milestones.

Dawson noted that Kirkland Deputy City Manager Marilynne Beard has been an invaluable addition to the E-911 Planning Group.

11. All Home Strategic Plan Implementation

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that All Home, the regional body charged with leading work to address homelessness in King County, has adopted a new governing structure with a smaller Coordinating Board serving as the now sole decision-making body. SCA will be represented by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Bellevue Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, both of whom served on the prior iteration of the Coordinating Board. The Board met for the first time January 4, 2017. Wilson-Jones distributed a summary of the work engaged in 2016 by All Home and the region to address homelessness ([Attachment D](#)).

Wilson-Jones next distributed a handout providing information about the January 27, 2017 count of people surviving unsheltered in King County, now known as Count Us In and previously called the One Night Count ([Attachment E](#)). Members are encouraged to share this information with their councils. This year, volunteers are being sought to count in every census tract of the county. In prior years, only select areas of the county were covered. This means more volunteers are needed this year, and volunteers are particularly needed in the cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Sammamish, Renton, and Kent. Wilson-Jones noted that Mayor Backus and perhaps other PIC members have participated in the count previously.

Chair Marts noted an increasing number of people resorting to spending nights in recreational vehicles and asked whether those individuals would be included in the count. Wilson-Jones stated that the count will indeed include occupied vehicles, though a different methodology will be used this year to estimate the number of people in each vehicle. The methodology used to estimate the number of people in each tent sighted will also change.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that the changed count methodology may result in numbers that are dramatically different from previous years.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that he has participated in the count as a team captain responsible for scouting locations in advance where people were surviving

unsheltered and then returning to those locations on the night of the count. He stated that his understanding is the process being used this year will be a larger canvass. Wilson-Jones stated that count organizers are again looking for people with strong local knowledge to participate and guide count teams' efforts toward occupied areas.

Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, stated that a year-over-year increase in the unsheltered count is anticipated for a number of reasons, one being that the encampment area known as "The Jungle" near I-5 in Seattle was not included in last year's count because of safety concerns following a then recent shooting.

Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac, speaking as a member of the audience requested additional information about how areas of the county are selected for the count. Wilson-Jones clarified that in 2017 the plan is to for the first time count every census tract in the county replacing the prior years' approach of focusing on specific areas. Specific count totals will, however, only be reported for those cities previously receiving such a total. Other data will be compiled by sub-region. Dawson clarified that the list of cities provided during Wilson-Jones' staff report refers to those locations where additional volunteers are most needed and is not an exhaustive list of count locations.

Backus underscored that unlike prior years in which the count total was available hours after the count, the new methodology and more extensive reporting and analysis will mean that count results are not expected until the spring. Wilson-Jones noted that the count will no longer utilize just information collected over the course of the several hour count, but will instead also involve follow up surveys and phone calls to families known to be homeless to determine where they stayed on the night of the count. All of this information will be used to arrive at the overall count of the number of people surviving unsheltered on January 27.

Margeson noted that the past practice was to finish the count about 5 a.m. and to have results to release to the public and media shortly thereafter, but a similar tally will not be available this year.

Chair Marts stated that he would have liked to see the prior methodology used as well in areas of the county that were previously counted, so that there would be a way to compare this year to last.

12. Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that after a tremendous amount of work and a very long process, the King County Secure Medicine Return Program will launch on January 17. As of January 17, there will be 92-100 drop boxes across King County. All cities with a pharmacy and/or police facility will have at least one drop box. Cities that don't have either of those facilities will be served by a mail order program or by adjacent communities.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, a partner in the secure medicine return program, is funding the cost of the drop boxes. The remainder of the program is funded by the pharmaceutical industry and carried out by an industry funded organization, Med-Project. Med-Project will be responsible for outreach, entering into agreements with locations, collection, transport, and disposal of medicines.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, acknowledged the hard work Kenmore Mayor Baker has done to make secure medicine return in King County a reality. King County is only the second jurisdiction in the country to adopt such a program (Alameda County, CA is the first). Dawson thanked SCA members for their support of the program. Booth noted that Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties have now adopted similar programs.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, shared that Algona has had a kiosk in place for about five months. The kiosk is heavily used, with pickup once or twice a week. He noted the kiosk works well and is not costing Algona anything.

Dawson talked about two reasons for supporting secure medicine disposal: crime reduction, given the incidence of people breaking into houses to get pain medications; and environmental concerns related to flushing or landfilling unused medications. Booth added a third reason, that prescription opiates are a leading cause of death among teenagers. Secure medicine return was a recommendation of the Heroin and Opioid Task Force.

Chair Marts noted that many people who use heroin started with prescription opiates and switched to heroin as it is cheaper.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, said Black Diamond has had a kiosk for several months. It is easy to use and beneficial for residents, including seniors, who can be targets of break-ins.

Chair Marts shared a relevant personal experience. His wife's wallet was stolen and an attempt was made to utilize her information to fill a prescription.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that he was excited to see the program roll out across the county. He suggested a future Board of Health effort could be working on the over-prescription issue; working to ensure doctors prescribe smaller amounts of medications. Edelman said that area is in the purview of the federal government and steps are being taken to reduce prescription amounts. Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, agreed with Margeson's suggestion.

Dawson noted one of the recommendations of the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Task Force is to encourage doctors who are prescribing opiates to use the voluntary opiate registry. The Board of Health will be considering support for the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Task Force recommendations on January 19.

13. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the list of potential levies and ballot measures in the PIC Packet and highlighted that two updates have been made since the last time the list was reviewed by PIC, both of which will be on the ballot in February 2017:

- Maple Valley: Park bond measure totaling \$14.7 million to construct and improve park and recreation facilities in Maple Valley
- Shoreline School District: School construction bonds in the amount of \$250 million

Parry stated that it was yet to be determined whether two countywide ballot measures anticipated in 2017 would be placed before voters in August or November. Those measures are the Cultural Access sales tax measure authorized by the state legislature in 2015, and renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy approved by King County voters in 2011 and set to expire in 2017.

PIC members were encouraged to provide staff with information on any upcoming levies or ballot measures in their cities or local special purpose districts so that information could be included in future updates.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, stated that King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci and representatives of Cultural Access Washington wish to present information about the ballot measure being developed to SCA members. She noted that under the state legislation authorizing the cultural access sales tax levy, 2017 was the final year for a countywide measure. After 2017, the authorization will be transferred to cities to propose to voters on an individual basis. Dawson asked members whether they were interested in a future presentation at PIC from proponents of the countywide measure.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, stated that a short presentation may be helpful. He noted that any levy can potentially affect voter willingness or capacity to support tax increases for other priorities and should be reviewed in the broad context of local priorities. Roberts asked for additional explanation of the measure under consideration.

Dawson stated that the levy authorized by the legislature is a one-tenth of one-percent increase to the sales tax and that most of the funding generated would support large, regional organizations to support cultural, science, and heritage access and education.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, requested that additional information be provided in a future PIC packet so that members could review the proposal further and determine whether a presentation at a future meeting should be requested. Members agreed that this would be a good first step, and requested that staff work with Cultural Access Washington and the County to obtain written materials to provide to PIC.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, asked whether the measure would be reviewed by the Regional Policy Committee. Dawson stated that the measure was being considered for a countywide vote in either August or November. The implementation plan for such a levy would be subject to review by the Regional Policy Committee.

Chair Marts closed discussion by stating that additional information would be provided to members at a future PIC meeting and discussion would be continued at that time.

14. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that this is a recurring monthly agenda item providing a list of potential issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Recent issues brought up at regional caucus meetings have been added to the list. Dawson asked that members provide her with any updates to the list via email at deanna@soundcities.org.

15. Informational Items

Chair Marts called attention to the informational items: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force and Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction.

16. Upcoming Events

The first SCA Networking Dinner in 2017 will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. The keynote speaker will be King County Executive Dow Constantine.

The SCA Appointee Orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at SeaTac City Hall.

The next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall. The PIC meeting will be prefaced by a pre-PIC workshop at 6:00 PM.

17. For the Good of the Order

Chair Marts highlighted the "Did You Know" section of the agenda. Renton will provide the topic for February. Chair Marts asked for volunteers to provide the language for this section on future PIC agendas.

Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, reported that she will no longer be the PIC member for Covington. Members expressed their appreciation for Mhoon and her service to the PIC.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the GMPB recommended a path forward that would be considered later in the month by the PSRC Executive Board. He stated that the GMPB recommended a path to full certification of the affected cities' comprehensive plans that would not require the cities to make amendments to their comprehensive plans. He noted that this had been a major sticking point due to the resources that are required to amend comprehensive plans and the very limited resources available to smaller cities in the region to complete the work.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, announced a new partnership with University of Washington-Tacoma to bring higher education to Federal Way. More information can be found [here](#). SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted the hard work that the Mayor and Council have put into this effort, and congratulated them on their success.

Chair Marts reported that he has been looking to issues around drones as part of his work and as a hobby, and noted that there are five requirements drone operators should be aware of:

- You must register the drone with the FAA and display the FAA registration number on the drone.
- No flying over people or private property.
- You must stay within 400' of the ground.
- You must maintain line-of-sight.

- No flying within five miles of an airport without tower clearance.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, added that Auburn has certified pilots in its IT department, and is working toward providing the police department with an option to use drones to assist police efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
January 11, 2017**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Bellevue	John Stokes	Kevin Wallace
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
Burien	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Jim Berger
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto
Des Moines	Robert Back	Melissa Musser
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
Enumclaw	Jan Molinaro	Mike Sando
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Dini Duclos
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Mariah Bettise
Kenmore	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
Kent	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	Bill Allison
Medina	Sheree Wen	
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Wendy Weiker
Milton	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
Newcastle	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	Jonathan Chicquette
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Bob Keller
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Brad Toft	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Thomas McLeod
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Brian Parry Ellie Wilson-Jones Doreen Booth Alena Marshak Kristy Cole		

Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.



City of Mercer Island 2017 State Legislative Priorities

As the Mercer Island City Council affirmed in a November 21, 2016 Proclamation, Mercer Island values civil discourse, non-discriminatory provision of community services, environmental sustainability, and respectful and careful listening to any person or group of people in all conduct of government business, thus the City Council encourages the State Legislators to also adhere to the values referenced there-in (attached).

The City of Mercer Island supports the following legislative priorities for 2017:

1. **MAINTAIN FULL ACCESS TO I-90 R8A LANES:** Request State Legislature to honor historic agreements as well as long-standing Environmental Impact Statement assumptions (conducted by Sound Transit) and require that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) maintain Mercer Island traffic mobility in reconfigured R8A lanes of the I-90 roadway as light rail construction across Lake Washington commences.
2. **FULLY FUND EDUCATION:** Request State Legislature to: 1) comply with the McCleary ruling and fully fund basic education, 2) ensure that all school districts either maintain the same or increased per-student public funding from all local and state sources, 3) address school funding gap without reducing revenue to other, critical social services, and 4) support mental health counselling and social emotional learning in all schools.
3. **ALLOCATE RECREATION/TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR AUBREY DAVIS PARK MASTER PLAN:** Include state funding of at least \$200,000 for Aubrey Davis Park Master Planning project to ensure the completion of master planning work for this important regional pedestrian and bicycle corridor.
4. **ADJUST THE PROPERTY TAX CAP:** Give local governments the option to replace the annual 1% cap on property tax revenues with a growth limit whose maximum is inflation plus the rate of population growth.
5. **ENHANCE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Support legislation to increase the purchase age for tobacco and vapor products from 18 to 21, and to expand access to treatment for opiate use disorder and overdose education and prevention.
6. **PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Support legislation, and partner with other organizations to support the following: 1) work with Puget Sound Energy and the K4C to phase out coal-fired electricity sources by a date certain, 2) maintain growth in rooftop solar adoption by fixing state incentive program, 3) set a statewide price on carbon pollution, 4) reduce transportation-related carbon emissions, 5) support green building and energy efficiency, and 6) endorse sign-on letters to State regulatory bodies that advocate for progressive clean energy measures.
7. **ADDRESS THE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS:** Support legislation in favor of providing dedicated sources for the construction of affordable housing.
8. **PROVIDE COST RECOVERY FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Support legislation allowing the collection of reasonable fees or alternative methods of financing for long-range planning and code enforcement costs.
9. **SUPPORT AWC/SCA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:** Support legislative priorities of the following organizations: Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association.



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

In the wake of a contentious and discordant national election, we take this moment to pause and reaffirm our principles and values.

As your City government, our role is to bring people together and not divide them. Our job is to be welcoming of all people and all ideas in recognition that we truly are stronger and smarter together. We need to recognize certain essential principles and conduct our government and hopefully our lives consistent with those principles.

Consequently, as your City Council, we pledge:

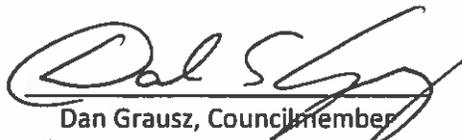
1. To do all we can to foster civil discourse.
2. To ensure that City services are always provided in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. To foster a community that always encourages people to achieve their potential and help others to do similarly.
4. To protect our air, water and other parts of our natural environment to protect the health and futures of our families and future generations.
5. To welcome without reservation new people from all parts of our world, with an abiding faith in their potential to be part of and strengthen our community.
6. To never marginalize or demonize any person or group of people.
7. To respect and listen to people and their ideas.
8. To understand that we have a responsibility not just to ourselves but to others in our region including many who are not as fortunate.
9. To do all we can to ensure that our children will inherit a world that includes all of the good that the world our parents brought us into had.
10. To demand that our national, state and regional leaders uphold these same values.

We commit to regularly remind ourselves of these principles and to judge ourselves and our City by our adherence to them.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of November, 2016.

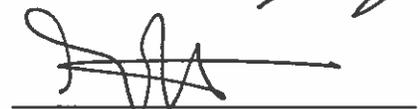

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

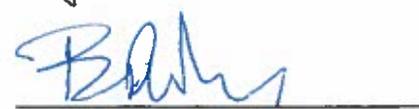

Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor


Dan Grausz, Councilmember


Jeff Sanderson, Councilmember


Wendy Weiker, Councilmember


Dave Wisenteiner, Councilmember


Benson Wong, Councilmember

City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities For 2017

City Priorities

Support Liquor Tax Restoration: Continue to support AWC efforts to ensure that suspension of liquor excise taxes going to local governments remains temporary (not permanent) and is not further reduced.

Support Legislation to ensure reliable cost recovery for upfront SEPA Work: *Legislation is needed to allow local governments to fully recover SEPA review costs for infill development and planned actions via a latecomer's agreement or other mechanisms.*

Support for the Public Works Assistance Account (Trust Fund): The PWTF has served as a recurring and integral source of funding infrastructure for cities. *Funding for the Public Works Trust Fund has been systematically diverted by the state to fill their budget shortfalls. The diminished pool's funding process and project ranking criteria set by the PWTF Committee should be used to set the project list for funding rather than an executive or legislative list.*

Support for the Marketplace Fairness Act (eFairness): *Extend Sales Tax Sourcing Methodology nationally ensuring tax collection on goods coming into the state and protection for Washington based businesses from competitors using tax free pricing.*

Support Funding of State's Housing Trust Fund: Allow projects to be selected based on operative and effective criteria rather than on a Legislative List of Projects to be funded: *The State Housing Trust Fund has been a consistent funding source for East King County projects. The combination of reduced funding for the HTF and a project list set by the legislature resulted in a significant reduction of the ability to fund affordable housing projects in this geographic area.*

Annexation of Areas having Park Districts: *There is no mechanism in state law allowing unincorporated properties annexed into a city to be removed from park district taxation, even though the municipality is then responsible to provide parks services. This results in double taxation to the homeowner. Ideally this should be treated as annexations from a Fire District to a City. Operating Property tax levy should shift to the city and any bonded debt should remain with the property until extinguished.*

Reduce Unfunded Mandates: *As an example, the costs to ratepayers and taxpayers to comply with NPDES requirements are substantial. Additionally, the city supports efforts to restore funding cuts previously made to Growth Management Act (GMA) planning grants.*

Support increased access to local educational opportunities: *The City supports the State legislature's intention to increase opportunities for academically prepared high school students to earn up to two years of college credit through dual credit programs such as running start, and to reduce disparities in access to and completion of these programs.*

Transportation Funding Addressing City Transportation Needs: *This includes focused improvements to city transportation corridors including SR-202 and continued support for regional improvements to I-90, SR-520 and I-405 . Transportation is critical for our economic vitality and quality of life. Cities must have the resources to maintain and strengthen both local and state transportation systems.*

AWC Adopted and City Supported

Update the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents. *Overreaching and retaliatory public records requests cost municipalities dearly by preventing efficient use of staff time for valid requests.*

Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system: *Affordable housing is critical to our workforce and transportation efforts. Workers need to be able to live in reasonable proximity to their place of employment. Businesses need affordable housing to attract and retain their workforce. Workforce demand for housing is 25% greater than housing available.*

Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs to support job creation, our health and safety, economic vitality, and quality of life: *Municipalities have aging and inadequate infrastructure and cities can't keep up with the increasing demands. If Washington is going to keep moving forward, we need the Public Works Trust Fund and other infrastructure programs intact, to allow for planned and sustained investments in communities.*

Respect city local authority with regards to revenue, taxes, licensing, and home rule; city officials are elected and must have the authority to solve local challenges: *The legislature should refrain from pre-empting the authority of local cities and communities which are closest to the citizens they serve.*

Maintain the city-state partnership for shared revenues to fund key services: *It will be a priority of the city to protect "state-shared revenues" that are vital for local government operations, such as liquor and marijuana taxes and municipal criminal justice assistance.*

Provide adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel: *The need for well-trained law enforcement personnel meeting the professional standards expected from our citizenry should be supported through funding the training academy.*

Maintain funding for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to provide vital support for local government performance: *MRSC provides a valuable, professional and integral support system for local governments relying on information and research in all aspects of municipal governance.*

City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities For 2017

City Priorities

- Support Liquor Tax Restoration
- Support Legislation to ensure reliable cost recovery for upfront SEPA Work
- Support for the Public Works Assistance Account (Trust Fund)
- Support for the Marketplace Fairness Act (eFairness)
- Support Funding of State's Housing Trust Fund
- Treat Annexation of Areas having Park Districts Like Fire District Annexations
- Reduce Unfunded Mandates
- Support increased access to local educational opportunities
- Support for Transportation Funding Addressing City Transportation Needs

AWC Adopted and City Supported

- Update the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents.
- Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system
- Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs to support job creation, our health and safety, economic vitality, and quality of life
- Respect city local authority with regards to revenue, taxes, licensing, and home rule; city officials are elected and must have the authority to solve local challenges
- Maintain the city-state partnership for shared revenues to fund key services
- Provide adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel
- Maintain funding for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to provide vital support for local government performance



'16 Successes

All Home's vision is that homelessness is **RARE** in King County, racial **DISPARITIES** are eliminated, and if one becomes homeless, it is **BRIEF** and only a **ONE-TIME** occurrence. All Home's role is to lead the Seattle/King County Continuum of Care in realizing this vision by:

- Developing a common agenda and plan of action,
- Building the capacity of funders and providers to implement,
- Measuring results, monitoring performance, and holding funders/providers accountable, and
- Communicating transparently and continuously

Too many people experienced homelessness in 2016, and unfortunately, 76 died while living unsheltered. This must galvanize us to not just do more but do it better. Meanwhile, we must also consider and build on our many successes in 2016. Here's our top 16, organized around our 4 goals:

Goal 1: Make Homelessness Rare

1. [More people housed](#) and stabilized in housing, via [more federal funding](#) due in part to [board advocacy in DC](#).
2. Tenants' rights honored, via statewide [tenant protections](#) and [certificate of restoration](#) of opportunity
3. People prevented from becoming homeless and provided affordable homes through [state advocacy](#) and local investments including, King County's [Best Starts for Kids](#), the [Seattle Housing Levy](#) and the [Seattle Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda](#)
4. Tenants' rights protected in [Renton](#) and Seattle, and [Kent](#) considers, with [advocacy from All Home](#)

Goal 2: Make Homelessness Brief and only One-time

5. Access to housing and [employment](#) streamlined and [regionalized](#), via [coordinated entry for all](#)
6. [Fewer days homeless and only one time](#), via expanded [diversion](#), [rapid rehousing](#), and [permanent supportive housing](#) programs
7. More people sheltered through expansion and enhancement of shelter beds in [King County](#) and [Seattle](#)
8. Providers and funders improved practices via [All Home training](#), including [housing first](#) and [diversion](#)
9. Continually improving by [analyzing our system](#), and recommitting to using [data to drive decisions](#)

Goal 3: Create a Community to End Homelessness

10. Working urgently and boldly through a streamlined, action-oriented community [Coordinating Board](#)
11. Supporting community members to [engage](#) and [participate](#) in solutions to homelessness
12. Significant new [investments](#) and [support](#) and [compassion](#) from [business](#), [philanthropic](#), and [faith](#) partners
13. Learning together among King County cities about [what works](#) and commitment to [solutions](#) for all residents

Goal 4: Reduce Racial Disparities

14. Fewer [housing barriers](#) improving access to housing for people of color disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system
15. Communication and awareness via [newsletter](#) and workgroup, led by board members
16. Declaring and demonstrating the need to combat racism when addressing homelessness through [impact statement](#), [youth of color needs assessment](#), [review of data](#), and policy impact review



January 27, 2017 is the King County Point in Time Count for all populations!

Count Us In is our community's annual Point in Time Count of individuals experiencing homelessness, formerly known as the One Night Count. Count Us In will include a count of people living unsheltered, those living in shelter or transitional housing, a qualitative survey of people experiencing homelessness across the County, and specialized approaches to counting subpopulations, including youth/young adults and families.

Exciting changes for the 2017 Count include:

- Count teams will include volunteers as well as PIT Guides. Guides are paid positions (\$15/hr) for homeless or formerly homeless individuals with lived experience in or near their count area.
- The unsheltered street count will shift from a "known area" count to a 100% canvass of every census tract in the county
- Improved data collection tools will be introduced for more efficient and simplified tallying and survey data collection
- More comprehensive sample-based survey efforts including both shelter/service sites as well as non-service locations

While the Count's core purpose is to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness, it also provides an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of homelessness and to spark action. A successful and accurate PIT Count is an essential component to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

Interested in volunteering for Count Us In?

Attachment E to the January 11, 2017 PIC Minutes

Volunteers are needed for a range of duties related to the count, including working in teams to conduct a count of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness across King County and supporting our regional volunteer sites.

Volunteers will be matched with a currently or formerly homeless guide from the community in order to conduct a visual tally of homeless persons across King County on Friday, January 27 (2am-6am in most locations). Paid “guides” with lived experience of homelessness will lead the team in canvassing their count area, using their direct knowledge and expertise to collect the most accurate data possible.

Volunteer requirements include:

- At least 18 years of age
- Able to walk approximately 2-3 miles if necessary
- Complete a 1-hour training session before the count
- Commit to a total of 5-6 volunteer hours, including a 1-hour training session and 4-5 hours on the day of the count

We are asking all people interested in participating in this year’s count sign up to volunteer by completing the following survey: <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>

Regional Headquarters and Training Information

Training is required for guides and encouraged for volunteers; numerous in-person trainings will be held January 17-19 and an online training video is also available. There will be 7 regional headquarters locations around King County in January 27; each volunteer will be assigned to a site by January 17. Details on training and regional headquarters locations are available on our website: <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>



February 8, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 6:
Regional Board and Committee Appointments
ACTION ITEM

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Representatives

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific (Chair); Mayor Pro Tem Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline.

Potential Action

To recommend the following appointments to the SCA Board of Directors:

- Councilmember Verna Seal, Tukwila, be appointed as an alternate member to the Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI);
- Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, be appointed as an alternate member to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC);
- Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell be appointed as an alternate member to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board (TPB).

Background

The PIC Nominating Committee met February 1, 2017, to consider and recommend applicants for the vacancies on the Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI), King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC), and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board (TPB). The PIC Nominating Committee also discussed term assignments for members and alternates on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC).

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

The goals of the Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) are to deliver practical improvements to our region's legal response to domestic violence and to develop practical steps to improve operations, streamline communication, raise standards, and minimize barriers that interfere with victim safety and offender accountability. The Domestic Violence Initiative was formed by the King County Prosecuting Attorney and the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence (formerly the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence). This committee focuses on improving the effectiveness of our region's legal response to domestic violence. More information about DVI is available [here](#).

SCA has four member seats and four alternate seats on the DVI. Current SCA members are: Tina Budell, Kent; Dawn Dofelmire, Algona; Susan Honda, Federal Way; and Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Auburn; and alternates, Davina Duerr, Bothell; Christie Malchow, Sammamish; and Doris McConnell, Shoreline. The current vacancy was caused by the resignation from the committee by Councilmember Veronika Williams, Duvall. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Councilmember Verna Seal, Tukwila be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors for appointment as an alternate member to the DVI.

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

The King County Council governs the Flood District as a “District Board of Supervisors.” The KCFCDAC is charged with providing the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors with expert policy advice on regional flood protection issues. The committee reviews and recommends an annual work program and budget for the district, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels, subject to approval or approval and modification by the District Board of Supervisors. More information about the KCFCDAC is available [here](#).

SCA has four member seats and four alternate seats on the KCFCDAC. Current SCA members are: Leanne Guier, Pacific; Erika Morgan, Black Diamond; Byron Shutz, Redmond; and Henry Sladek, Skykomish; and alternates, James McNeal, Bothell; Tom Odell, Sammamish; and Jeff Wagner, Covington. The cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Carnation, Kent, North Bend, Renton, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila have their own permanent seats on the Flood Control District Advisory Committee and are not eligible for an SCA seat. The current vacancies were caused by the resignation from the committee by Mayor Jeff Wagner, Covington, and Councilmember Veronika Williams, Duvall. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell, be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors for appointment as an alternate member to the KCFCDAC. There is one alternate seat still available on the KCFCDAC.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) makes recommendations to the PSRC Executive Board on key transportation issues pursuant to (a) federal legislation, (b) state legislation, (c) the 1993 Regional Council Interlocal Agreement, and (d) appropriate related concerns of member jurisdictions, citizens and other interests. TPB reviews local plans and countywide planning policies and makes recommendations to the Executive Board regarding compatibility with the Growth Management Act and consistency with the adopted regional growth and transportation strategies. The TPB includes representatives of the PSRC’s member jurisdictions, regional business, labor, civic, and environmental groups. More information about the TPB is available [here](#).

SCA has three member seats and three alternate seats on the TPB. Current SCA members are: Amy Walen, Kirkland; Dana Ralph, Kent; and Rich Wagner, Auburn; and alternates, Benson Wong, Mercer Island; and Kate Kruller, Tukwila. The current vacancy was caused by the resignation from the committee by Councilmember Kim Allen, Redmond. The PIC Nominating Committee recommends that Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell, be recommended to the SCA Board of Directors for appointment as an alternate member to the PSRC TPB.



February 8, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 7:
Regional Centers
DISCUSSION

Staff Contact

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SCA Appointees to PSRC Growth Management Policy Board

Chair Hank Margeson, Redmond Councilmember; Vice-chair John Holman, Auburn Councilmember; Jay Arnold, Kirkland Deputy Mayor; Allan Ekberg, Tukwila Mayor; Ken Hearing, North Bend Mayor; Paul Winterstein, Issaquah Councilmember.

Additional SCA Member City Appointments to PSRC Growth Management Policy Board

John Chelminiak, Bellevue Councilmember.

Discussion

The PSRC Growth Management Policy Board and Executive Board will be reviewing changes to the Vision 2040 regional centers framework throughout 2017. The options under consideration could establish a tiered-approach to existing growth and manufacturing centers, change criteria for future centers, and establish criteria for recognizing the role of military facilities on regional plans. Cities with existing centers or those planning for future centers will want to closely monitor the framework update to understand how their plans may be designated under the new policies.

Background

The regional centers framework is a series of policies under Vision 2040 intended to guide focused growth in designated centers within *Metropolitan* and *Core Cities*. An update of the framework is ongoing. The adopted framework will affect future center designation criteria, classification of existing centers, and address the role and impact of military facilities on centers and, more broadly, within Vision 2040.

The existing centers framework was adopted in 1995 as a key tenet of Vision 2040 meant to achieve efficient land use development patterns that support connected regional transit and transportation systems. Designated *regional growth centers* have been identified to receive a greater portion of the region's future population and employment growth than other parts of

the Urban Growth Area. Regional *manufacturing/industrial centers* are locations of increased current and future employment.

In the years since the framework was first adopted, centers varying greatly in scale and function developed at the regional, subregional, and county levels. In 2015, at the direction of the Growth Management Policy Board and Executive Board, PSRC launched an assessment of the current framework. This assessment includes reviewing procedures for designation, evaluating existing designated centers, and exploring the role of central places not currently recognized at the regional level.

The framework update project guiding principles state that the new framework procedures should:

- Support the Growth Management Act and Vision 2040;
- Focus growth consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy;
- Recognize and support different types and roles of regional and subregional centers;
- Provide common procedures across the region;
- Guide strategic use of limited regional investments; and,
- Inform future planning updates at regional, countywide, and local levels.

A [Regional Centers Working Group](#) was convened to produce recommendations for alternative frameworks and procedures for implementation. The Working Group report is expected to be released in early February 2017. The proposed changes will be reviewed by the Growth Management Policy Board beginning in April, with final policies expected to be adopted by the Executive Board by the end of the year.

Key recommendations emerging from the Working Group include:

- Standards for a tiered-approach to center designation, including recognition differences between regional and county-level centers;
- Changes to standards relating to planned capacity, affordable housing, access to high capacity transit, public health, and marketability;
- Standards for designation and possible hierarchy of manufacturing and industrial centers; and,
- Options for recognizing the role and impact of military facilities on growth centers.

Cities with existing centers or those planning for future centers will want to closely monitor the framework update to understand how their plans may be designated under the new policies. The Working Group is not recommending the removal or de-designation of any existing centers; however, jurisdictions may wish to modify their center plans to more closely align with the revised framework criteria.

The scope of the framework update project does not include making any recommendations about the interplay of the new standards and future transportation funding competitions. However, the Transportation Policy Board or Executive Board may decide to establish policies about how funding should be allocated to different tiers or types of centers. Such policy decisions could change with each round of funding and bear monitoring if your jurisdiction currently has a designated center.

Additional information including project scope and background materials can be found on the PSRC Centers Framework Update [website](#).

Current List of Designated Regional Centers

Regional Growth Centers:

Auburn	Redmond Overlake
Bellevue Downtown	Renton
Bothell Canyon Park	SeaTac
Bremerton	Seattle Downtown
Burien	Seattle First Hill/Capitol Hill
Everett	Seattle Northgate
Federal Way	Seattle South Lake Union
Issaquah	Seattle University Community
Kent	Seattle Uptown
Kirkland Totem Lake	Silverdale
Lakewood	Tacoma Downtown
Lynnwood	Tacoma Mall
Puyallup Downtown	Tukwila
Puyallup South Hill	University Place
Redmond Downtown	

Manufacturing / Industrial Centers:

Ballard-Interbay	Port of Tacoma
Duwamish	Paine Field/Boeing Everett
Frederickson	Puget Sound Industrial
Kent	Center – Bremerton
North Tukwila	Sumner-Pacific

Next Steps

PSRC staff will be meeting with countywide planning groups and other interested stakeholders in February and March to solicit comments on the Working Group recommendations. The Growth Management Policy Board is expected to undertake a detailed review of the recommendations and stakeholder comments beginning in the April and running through at

least its June 2017 meeting. Final recommendations from the Policy Board are expected to be forwarded to the Executive Board for review and approval in the fall.

The recommendations will include many different components, including new designation criteria and administrative procedures, as well as recommended changes to multicounty planning policies, countywide planning policies, and the policy framework for regionally managed federal transportation funds. The Executive Board may recommend implementation of some of these components immediately, and others through future processes, such as the 2018 update to Transportation 2040 and the project selection process, and the 2020 update to VISION 2040.

Additional information about the regional centers framework and update project could be provided at a future PIC or pre-PIC meeting at the discretion of members.

Item 8:

Veterans and Human Services Levy

UPDATE

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Update

The Veterans and Human Services Levy, first approved by King County voters in 2005 and renewed in 2011, will expire December 31, 2017. Two reports have been transmitted to the King County Council for consideration as the Council deliberates over whether to seek voter approval for a renewed, and potentially expanded, levy. The first report assesses the effectiveness of the current investments and surveys the scope of need for veterans' services and general human services in King County. The second report aims to answer the question of what it would take to house every veteran experiencing homelessness in King County. Together, the reports suggest the scope of need is much too great to be addressed solely through a renewed, or even expanded, levy, but that additional investment in targeted areas, particularly housing and services for older adults, should be strongly considered.

The King County Executive is expected to transmit a proposed ballot measure to the King County Council for action by mid-July to place a renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy on the November 7, 2017 general election ballot. Consideration is ongoing as to the size of levy renewal to seek. If placed on the ballot and approved by voters, the Regional Policy Committee would have a role in crafting the plan for implementing the renewed levy.

Background

As reported at the November 9, 2016 PIC meeting, the Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL) was first approved by King County voters in November 2005 and was renewed in 2011 with an expiration date of December 31, 2017. The roughly \$18 million in annual levy proceeds are split 50-50 across services for veterans, military service members, and their families; and other, more general, human services (see the [November PIC Packet](#) beginning on page 31).

As a high-level summary, the levy funds activities related to housing (outreach, capital investments, and services linked to housing), emergency financial assistance, case management, employment, training, treatment for trauma, justice-related programs, veterans

family support/counseling, health systems integration, counseling for older veterans, programs that support parents and new mothers, reentry assistance, and the 2-1-1 line, among other activities. Across the total levy, about 40 percent of revenues are spent to prevent and reduce homelessness.

With the current levy set to expire at the end of 2017, work is now underway to plan for the potential renewal of the levy. Central to that work is determining what from the current levy is serving the community well, and what remaining needs exist and could be well served by a renewed (and potentially expanded) levy. To that end, the Regional Policy Committee and King County Council approved [Motion 14743](#) in September 2016 directing the Executive to prepare two reports broadly related to assessing the scope of need for a renewed levy and effectiveness of current levy investments. To inform that work, King County staff launched a community engagement effort in late 2016 that included community conversations and focus groups throughout the county, surveys, and a roundtable meeting with SCA members held October 26, 2016.

Assessment Reports

The two reports required by Motion 14743 were [transmitted](#) to the King County Council January 19, 2017 with accompanying acceptance motions and have been referred to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). The RPC will take up the reports and acceptance motions on February 8.

SCA staff analysis of the two reports is ongoing, but together the two reports suggest that the existing VHSL has delivered needed assistance but that the current need for services for veterans and broader human services greatly outstrips available resources.

Revised VHSL Assessment Report

The more extensive of the two reports is the “Revised VHSL Assessment Report,” which provides the following information, as directed by [Motion 14743](#):

- Assessment of the current levy-funded goals, strategies, services, and programs and analysis of whether the Council should revise or add to the levy goals and strategies
- Explanation as to how the levy aligns with other funding sources—including the Best Starts for Kids levy, Mental Illness and Drug Dependency sales tax, and state, federal, and local funding streams—and an assessment of the state of funding for basic human services throughout King County
- Specific analysis and recommendations as to whether a renewed levy should include new or expanded strategies to serve the following populations and needs:
 - Older adults
 - Affordable housing
 - Reduction of homelessness
 - Civil legal services
 - Reentry services
 - Sexually exploited youth

- Victims of human trafficking
- Low-income rural residents
- Survivors of and people experiencing domestic violence

The 142-page [Revised VHSL Assessment Report](#) provides an executive summary, and beginning on page 13, outlines 27 recommendations. Generally, the recommendations boil down to giving strong consideration to additional levy investment in meeting the needs of older adults and responding to the housing affordability and homelessness crisis, particularly by addressing the housing needs of those populations already served in order to better leverage levy investments in other aspects of quality of life. The recommendations also contemplate potential funding and policy shifts at the federal level and advise that consideration be given to staying nimble through unprogrammed funds that could be shift to address emergent needs, such as health care should the Affordable Care Act be repealed.

Some of the key recommendations with regard to existing VHSL goals and existing strategies are excerpted, and condensed, here:

- A renewed VHSL should maintain strong support for veterans, military service members, and their families as a key focus.
- A renewed VHSL should adopt the outcomes-based framework recently employed by Best Starts for Kids (BSK) and the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Sales Tax (MIDD). This would allow for common results and indicators between these funding sources, increasing the County’s ability to quantify the combined effectiveness of the three local revenue sources for human services funding and to conduct combined continuous improvement processes.
- Consideration should be given to increasing emphasis and support for affordable housing (capital, operations, and services) as a strategy to align with All Home’s concept of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.
- A renewed VHSL should affirm the value of social engagement and belonging in addition to the existing emphasis on self-sufficiency; the levy should also affirm support for vulnerable populations for whom full self-sufficiency may not be realistic. Community feedback identified that self-reliance is desirable for most, but that it is unrealistic for others. Examples may include older adults whose age or health conditions make self-sufficiency unlikely or some persons with disabilities who may be able to increase independence but who are unlikely to achieve self-sufficiency.
- A renewed VHSL should retain the majority of programs, because they have been effective and are meeting the needs of King County residents. But this recommendation does not address whether specific providers should be retained.

- Consideration should be given to retaining an investment in health care reform, policy, and system design and implementation to ensure that levy programming remains well positioned to adapt to changes in federal and state health and human services policies.

Additionally, key recommendations, as to potential new VHSL strategies, are summarized as follows:

- Consideration should be given to a major strategy area to serve older adults and promote healthy aging in King County. This strategy should also include investments in supports for caregivers of eligible older adults.
- Consideration should be given to supporting civil legal services to support desired outcomes for populations in whom a renewed VHSL invests.
- Consideration should be given to a substantially increased emphasis on helping the levy's priority populations gain or maintain affordable housing, paying particular attention to targeted investments that can catalyze broader system effectiveness in making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time for VHSL priority populations.
- Consideration should be given to investments to support survivors of human trafficking, to include commercially sexually exploited youth; the unmet needs of survivors of domestic violence; system access to services for low-income residents of rural communities; and identifying and supporting targeted investments for immigrants and refugees, persons with disabilities, and survivors of sexual assault to keep them engaged, healthy, and housed within King County.

Finally, PIC members may wish to take note of several of the recommendations related to alignment with other local, state, and federal human services funding sources and how a renewed VHSL could fill gaps in the social safety net:

- A renewed VHSL and BSK should coordinate around intergenerational strategy areas that serve children and a VHSL priority population.
- A renewed VHSL, BSK, and MIDD should continue appropriate integration of their systems of community partnership and engagement, contracting, contract monitoring, data management, and performance measurement.
- Consideration should be given to identifying how a renewed VHSL could include within its funding structure an annual portion of unprogrammed funds whose purpose is to provide rapid response that fills gaps or makes use of opportunities that result from changes in the federal or state funding landscapes for human services.

Veterans Housing Assessment Report

The "[Veterans Housing Assessment Report](#)," which is the second, and more limited, of the two reports requested under Motion 14743, provides an assessment of what it would take to provide housing, including shelter, for every King County veteran in need of housing or shelter.

According to a new estimate offered in the report, nearly 2,100 veterans are experiencing homelessness in King County. This is a significant increase from prior estimates, which as recently as the later part of 2015 placed the number at 403. The increased total is at least partially the result of better information gathering. In 2016, King County began implementation of a [Coordinated Entry for All \(CEA\)](#) system for identifying, assessing, and connecting people experiencing homelessness with housing support services and housing resources. CEA includes five Regional Access Points throughout the county, which serve as resource centers for households experiencing homelessness. As a result of increased opportunity to assess the needs of people experiencing homelessness through CEA and these Regional Access Points and efforts to consolidate multiple databases and reporting, the region now better understands the scope of local residents' housing needs.

Refinement to local information gathering has also revealed that while 40 veterans are housed each month in King County, 106 newly homeless veterans are entered into the system, causing the total number of homeless veterans to grow by 66 each month.

Given the much higher total number of veterans in need of housing than previously estimated and high number of veterans becoming newly homeless each month, the report finds that the resources projected to be necessary to provide housing to every King County veteran who needs and seeks housing – estimated at \$312 million over six years – are out of scale with the likely resources of a renewed Veterans and Human Services Levy. The current levy, set at a first year rate of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, now generates about \$18 million annually.

The \$312 million estimate for housing all homeless veterans is based on a model that incorporates the cost of various interventions (outreach and supportive services, diversion, rapid rehousing, housing units constructed through new capital investment, and shelter and shelter services, among other costs) anticipated to be most suited for the current population of veterans experiencing veterans and additional veterans anticipated to become homeless. The high cost is primarily driven by several factors: the existing high number of unhoused veterans, the high inflow rate of newly homeless veterans, and the lack of other available resources to leverage such expanded capital investment in affordable housing, such as federal tax credits, which are already fall short of demand.

While this baseline scenario, which is explained in much greater detail throughout the report, paints a picture of need that far eclipses levy resources, the report also outlines alternative scenarios for reducing the inflow of veterans into the homeless system through robust investments in homelessness prevention services and utilizing a rapid rehousing model to assist

veterans with accessing housing on the private market, which together could reduce the need for such extensive capital investments in housing stock.

Given the high number of veterans currently experiencing homelessness and the high number becoming newly homeless each month, the report stresses that simultaneous efforts will be needed to house currently homeless veterans and to prevent veterans from becoming homeless, including by doing work to better understand what is causing veterans to become homeless and what is keeping homeless veterans from gaining housing.

Next Steps

The reports described here will be reviewed by the RPC and King County Council. The next step will then be the development of ballot measure ordinance, which if approved by the King County Council, would place the Veterans and Human Services Levy on the November ballot for renewal. Following consideration of the ballot measure ordinance, the Regional Policy Committee and King County Council will also consider legislation setting an implementation plan for delivering services under the renewed levy, if approved by voters.

Online Materials

- [Revised VHSL Assessment Report](#)
- [Veterans Housing Assessment Report](#)



February 8, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 9:

PSRC Certification of Comprehensive Plans of Small Cities

UPDATE

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Discussion

In 2016, the comprehensive plans of several cities classified as “Small Cities” in Vision 2040 received conditional certification of their comprehensive plans by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). In order to attain full certification and maintain funding eligibility, the affected cities were directed to amend their comprehensive plans to meet specific requirements related to consistency with countywide growth targets.

On January 26, the PSRC Executive Board approved an alternative path to certification that requires the affected cities to adopt specific commitments to continue working together regionally to address the issues raised, but does not require amendment to their comprehensive plans.

Background

PSRC reviews local comprehensive plans in the four-county region for consistency with regional planning policies, the adopted long-range transportation plan, and transportation planning requirements under GMA.

Certification of local plans is a requirement for jurisdictions and agencies that intend to apply for funds awarded through PSRC.

In 2016, the comprehensive plans of several cities classified as “Small Cities” in Vision 2040 received conditional certification of their comprehensive plans by PSRC. While some of the conditions varied from city to city, all were directed to amend their comprehensive plans to reduce anticipated population and employment growth to more closely align with adopted countywide targets.

Affected cities presented information to PSRC throughout 2016 expressing a number of concerns about the certification process, the role of “Small Cities” in Vision 2040, the nature of targets and whether it is appropriate to have a “ceiling” for development within designated Urban Growth Areas, and the particular burden re-opening comprehensive plans has on smaller cities. It was also noted (and acknowledged by PSRC) that the cities would not be able to fully

align with the current adopted growth targets due to recent and future unavoidable growth from vested developments.

In a [letter dated April 26, 2016](#), North Bend Mayor Ken Hearing requested on behalf of many of the affected cities that PSRC study the issues raised and work collaboratively with the cities to find a long-term solution within the regional growth strategy.

The PSRC Executive Board asked the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) to review the complex issues surrounding these conditional certifications and provide a recommended resolution.

As a part of its review, in December the GMPB sought input from the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), the body responsible for developing and adopting Countywide Planning Policies. The GMPC was unable to come to a consensus around many of the key issues raised through the certification process. This included a lack of agreement regarding the definition of targets and questions about the expectations of cities of different categories within the regional growth strategy. Recognizing these differences, numerous members expressed interest in seeing the issues resolved in a manner that did not require revising countywide growth targets or opening of city comprehensive plans in the short-term.

At its January 2nd meeting, the GMPB recommended approval of a path forward that does not require comprehensive plan amendment at this time. Instead, recognizing that work is needed to address Small City growth concerns in upcoming updates to the countywide growth targets and Vision 2040, the GMPB proposal gives the affected cities the option of approving a resolution committing to continuing to work together regionally over the long-term.

The PSRC Executive Board approved an amended version of the GMPB recommendation at its meeting on January 26th. The approved text reads as follows:

Under this option, the affected cities are asked to:

- *Acknowledge that the planned housing and employment growth anticipated in the small city's adopted comprehensive plan is greater than adopted growth targets for the city, and acknowledge the importance of managing that growth and mitigating its impacts, including on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional transportation system.*
- *Continue to work collaboratively with regional and countywide planning organizations on growth allocations during the next and future and target updates and commit to planning for growth in future plan updates consistent with those collaboratively-set and adopted target updates.*
- *Identify and continue strategies cities are using to manage and mitigate the impacts of growth.*

- *Reinforce the city's commitment to managing its growth within current city and UGA boundaries, while minimizing impacts on surrounding rural and resource lands; commit to using the adopted countywide criteria for evaluating any requested UGA modifications.*
- *Commit to prioritize consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy when considering future land use and zoning changes and capital facilities investments.*

The Executive Board approved option is available to the six designated Small Cities whose plans were conditionally certified due to inconsistency with the countywide growth targets: Bonney Lake, Carnation, Covington, Gig Harbor, North Bend and Snoqualmie. Six other Small Cities have either not yet submitted for certification or have not received full certification that may also be affected: Black Diamond, Brier, Buckley, Duvall, Eatonville and Enumclaw.

Next Steps

Affected cities retain the option of making comprehensive plan changes as originally described in the conditional certification reports issued by PSRC or to adopt a resolution as described above for submittal to PSRC. The amended comprehensive plan or adopted resolution will then be presented to the GMPB for review. The GMPB will then make a recommendation on certification to the PSRC Executive Board.

The important planning policy issues raised through the certification process are to be addressed in the next countywide growth target setting process (required prior to comprehensive plan updates in 2023) and the upcoming update to Vision 2040 (expected to be adopted in 2020). The next full round of comprehensive plan certifications are anticipated following plan updates in 2023.



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Item 10:
2017 State Legislative Session
UPDATE

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Update

SCA has adopted a 2017 Legislative Agenda urging the Washington State Legislature to take three core actions this session:

- ***Adjust the Property Tax Cap***
- ***Invest in Public Health Services***
- ***Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis***

In this report and throughout the legislative session, SCA staff will be providing the PIC with updates on legislation responsive to each of these priorities. Additional legislation impacting cities and flagged for importance by SCA members is also summarized here.

Background

In 2016, the SCA Board of Directors formed a Legislative Committee consisting of members from each geographic caucus. The Committee vetted state legislative priorities of particular interest to member cities for inclusion in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. With the recommendation of the PIC, the SCA Board adopted an SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)) in October 2016.

At the January 11, 2017 PIC meeting, members were briefed on the outlook for the current 105-day budget-writing session, which convened January 9 and is set to adjourn on or by April 23—though the work of the Legislature will almost certainly continue in special session. Additional background can be found in the [January 11, 2017 PIC Packet](#) (see page 39).

Members were also briefed on the adopted legislative priorities of individual member cities, and areas of greatest commonality. Member city legislative agendas submitted in advance of the meeting were included in the [January PIC Packet](#) (beginning on page 49) and additional legislative agendas were distributed at the January PIC meeting and included as attachments to the [meeting minutes](#) (beginning on page 16).

Based on SCA staff review of those legislative agendas, the area of most consistent focus was the Public Records Act (PRA)—with the vast majority of cities urging the Legislature to adopt reforms. Given the high level of interest, feedback was sought from the PIC during the January meeting about whether a new legislative priority, urging the state to reform the PRA, should be added to the adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. Members expressed interest in limiting the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda to the previously adopted priorities, and relying on the Association of Washington Cities (AWC)—which has been a vocal champion for such reforms—and individual cities to engage in PRA advocacy ([January PIC Minutes](#), beginning on page 4).

SCA 2017 Legislative Priorities

The adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)) urges the Washington State Legislature to take three core actions this session:

- ***Adjust the Property Tax Cap***
- ***Invest in Public Health Services***
- ***Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis***

Throughout the legislative session, SCA staff will provide the PIC with updates on legislation responsive to each of these priorities and will be working to alert members about advocacy opportunities in support of these priorities.

Key legislation filed as of the drafting of this report, in late January, is described here. Each year, the Legislature establishes a series of [cutoff dates](#), by which most bills must meet various milestones in the legislative process. The first such cutoff is February 17, 2017, the last day for bills to make it out of the policy committees in their house of origin (excluding House fiscal committees and the Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees). After that date, the number of viable bills will be significantly reduced.

Property Tax Cap

SCA supports replacing the current arbitrary annual one percent cap on property tax increases with a new cap tied to inflation plus the rate of population growth. [HB 1764](#), sponsored by Rep. Kristine Lytton (D-Anacortes, 40th Legislative District), Rep. John Koster (R-Arlington, 39th LD), and nine other bipartisan co-sponsors, is anticipated to be scheduled for a hearing in the House Finance Committee on February 10 at 8 a.m. HB 1764 would replace the current one percent cap on property tax increases with a cap, or “limit factor”, that is the greater of one percent or population growth plus inflation, not to exceed five percent. The legislation was developed with support of a statewide coalition of county and city governments, fire, rescue, police and sheriffs’ departments, labor, and other stakeholders.

Public Health Services

SCA is supporting the state Department of Health and local public health jurisdictions ask of \$54 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions. An additional \$6 million is also being sought for state public health programs. The Governor’s proposed biennial budget, released in late December, included \$20 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions.

House and Senate Companion bills, [HB 1432/SB 5353](#), are the accompanying policy legislation to implement a shift in public health investments. The bills, introduced at the request of the state Department of Health, would create a new policy framework identifying core programs to be offered in every community (e.g. chronic disease and injury prevention, environmental public health, vital records, etc.) and outlining planning work to be done to redefine the respective responsibilities of the state and local health jurisdictions in delivering public health services.

Housing and Homelessness

SCA is urging the state to maintain and expand state-level investments in housing and homelessness services and to allow cities to further partner in the response to the crisis by creating more local options. Several bills have now been filed that align with SCA's 2017 Legislative Agenda:

- **Document Recording Fee:** The Document Recording Fee is the most significant source of state funding for homelessness programs. It funds state and local programs that help shelter people and transition them into more permanent homes (including DV and other emergency shelters, rental and moving assistance, and King County's Landlord Liaison Project, which works with landlords to secure private market rentals for people with barriers to renting, among other programs). Without state action, the current fee will partially sunset in 2019 with a \$30 decrease that would result in a loss of \$12.5 million for King County. A fact sheet on the issue is available from the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance [here](#).

[HB 1570](#), sponsored by new Rep. Nicole Macri (D-Seattle, 43rd LD) with support from 34 primarily Democratic co-sponsors, would increase the Document Recording Fee from \$40 to \$90 and make it permanent, as called for in SCA's legislative agenda. This bill is also a top priority of AWC, which has created an [online dashboard](#) showing Document Recording Fee-funded projects statewide. HB 1570 was heard in the House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee January 26.

- **Housing Trust Fund:** The Housing Trust Fund is funded through the state capital budget and has helped to create an additional 47,000 homes across the state since 1986 by leveraging nearly \$6 from other public and private sources for every \$1 invested in the Housing Trust Fund. SCA, housing advocates, and others have called upon the state to increase the Housing Trust Fund to \$200 million in the biennial capital budget. The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance has prepared a fact sheet providing additional background about the importance of the Housing Trust Fund [here](#).

The Governor's proposed 2017-19 capital budget included \$88.8 million for the Housing Trust Fund but also included additional investments elsewhere for affordable housing bringing the total to \$116.5 million for the biennium. There's also \$11 million in the Governor's proposed biennial operating budget for affordable housing. For comparison, the Housing Trust Fund is funded at approximately \$83 million in the 2015-17 capital budget.

- **Creation of Optional Local Tools:** SCA urges the state to allow local governments to create and preserve affordable housing through a preservation tax exemption and other optional local tools. Sen. Joe Fain (R-Auburn, 47th LD) has introduced [SB 5182](#), which would allow cities or counties to adopt a property tax exemption program to preserve affordable housing for very low income households. A 15-year property tax exemption would be permitted if a minimum of 25 percent of units in a multi-unit property remain affordable. SB 5182 was heard in the Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee January 23.

Rep. Joan McBride (D-Kirkland, 48th LD) has introduced [HB 1536](#), which would allow for a preservation tax exemption program as well as other local options, including a fee for demolitions of housing stock and an additional real estate excise tax (REET) for affordable housing. HB 1536 would also broaden authority to use existing REET for affordable housing, provide a rebate from sales tax for cities that build or acquire affordable housing, and make an existing option for a housing sales tax councilmanic, rather than requiring that it go to voters.

- **Source of Income Discrimination:** SCA supports a statewide ban on source of income discrimination. [SB 5407](#), sponsored by Sen. David Frockt (D-Seattle, 46th LD) together with bipartisan co-sponsors, and companion [HB 1633](#), would prohibit landlords from discriminating against prospective and current tenants based on their use of government or non-profit housing vouchers. SB 5407 was heard in the Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee January 31 with testimony provided by three SCA members: Auburn Councilmember Claude DaCorsi, Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, and Shoreline Councilmember Keith Scully. Bellevue, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Seattle, King County (unincorporated areas), and Vancouver have local bans in place, but member cities have expressed a need for protections with wider applicability.
- **Behavioral Health System:** SCA has also encouraged the state to address other underlying causes of homelessness by making investments in the state's behavioral health system. While the Democrats in the House and the Republicans in the Senate have yet to offer budget proposals outlining state investments, a number of policy bills related to the heroin and prescription opiate crisis have been filed:
 - [HB 1047](#), sponsored by Rep. Strom Peterson (D-Edmonds, 21st LD), would require drug manufacturers to operate a drug take-back program to collect and dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The bill would not preempt local programs, such as King County's Secure Medicine Return Program (more information about King County's program is contained in the [January PIC Packet](#), see page 111). SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker testified in support of the bill during a January 24 hearing in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee.
 - [HB 1427](#), sponsored by Rep. Eileen Cody (D-Seattle, 34th LD), was drafted in response to the recommendations of the King County Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force, which called for a reduction to barriers placed on opioid treatment programs. More information about the Task Force, and actions

SCA mayors have committed to taking, is included in the [January PIC Packet](#) (see page 125). HB 1427 would modify the standards for certifying opioid treatment programs, including elimination of the requirement of a public meeting in the area where an opioid treatment program would be located. A hearing within the county would still be required. Jim Vollendroff, director of the King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, testified in favor of the bill during a January 24 hearing in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee.

- [HB 1339](#), also sponsored by Rep. Cody, would limit the opioid drug supply that may be prescribed to first time patients and was scheduled for a hearing in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee on February 1.
- One bill has been filed that is in opposition to the recommendations of the King County Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force. [SB 5223](#), sponsored by Sen. Mark Miloscia (R-Federal Way, 30th LD), and the companion [HB 1761](#), would preempt city authority to make laws governing safe injection sites. Furthermore, local governments operating a safe injection site would be barred from making any funding claims with the state. This bill would block implementation of the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force recommendation to create two King County Community Health Engagement Locations where supervised consumption could occur for adults with substance use disorders. SB 5223 was heard in the Senate Health Care Committee January 30.

In addition to the above referenced legislation that corresponds most directly to the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda, additional legislation has been filed that relates to local housing needs. Sen. Fain has introduced [SB 5254](#), a multi-faceted bill that would extend and expand the applicability of the Document Recording Fee (but would retain the current \$40 fee amount, rather than increasing it to \$90 as with HB 1570), create a preservation tax exemption program, require additional analysis to be included in a jurisdiction's buildable lands report, clarify that Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (e.g. PSRC) may not limit approval of comprehensive plans on the basis of planning growth in excess of allocated targets, and make other changes to state law related to countywide planning policies, affordable housing, and the State Environmental Policy Act. SB 5254 is a complex piece of legislation, so members may wish to consult the [Bill Report](#) prepared by Senate staff to further understand the scope of its impact. The bill was heard in Senate Local Government Committee on January 26. AWC testified that homelessness and affordability are reaching crisis stage across the state, but stressed that some language in the bill would present significant challenges for cities.

Also related to the issue of affordable housing is [HB 1514](#), sponsored by Rep. June Robinson (D-Everett, 38th LD), and companion [SB 5520](#). HB 1514 would require a minimum of three years' notice for closures or conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities. HB 1514 was scheduled for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee February 1.

Additional Legislation of Note

In addition to the adopted SCA legislative priorities, PIC members have asked that SCA staff track additional city priorities. For broader and timelier updates on core areas of city focus,

members are encouraged to sign up for AWC's weekly Legislative Bulletin by contacting subscribe@awcnet.org.

Public Records Act Reform:

Representatives Joan McBride (D-Kirkland, 48th LD), Terry Nealey (R-Dayton, 16th LD), Tana Senn (D-Mercer Island, 41st LD), and Larry Springer (D-Kirkland, 45th LD) convened a series of public records stakeholder meetings in 2016. As a follow up, [HB 1595](#) and [HB 1594](#) have been introduced, each with a lengthy and bipartisan list of sponsors.

HB 1595, sponsored by Rep. Nealey, would:

- Amend the Public Records Act (PRA) to allow cities to charge a small fee for providing copies of electronic records
- Create the ability for cities to deny overwhelming computer generated "bot" requests
- Prohibit overly broad requests for all of a city's records
- Create a way for cities to apply a service charge to exceptionally complex requests

HB 1594, sponsored by Rep. McBride, would:

- Require training for records officers to address issues of retention, production, and disclosure of electronic records
- Create a grant program within the Office of the Secretary of State for local governments to improve their public record management systems
- Establish a program within the Office of the Attorney General to consult with local governments on public records best practices
- Create a study on the feasibility of establishing a statewide open records portal
- Provide for mediation between a city and a requestor when there is disagreement on a request

Liquor Revenues: Several pieces of legislation have been filed that would impact city liquor revenues, two positively and one negatively. [HB 1113](#), a bipartisan bill sponsored by Rep. Dave Hayes (R-Camano Island, 10th LD) and 35 co-sponsors, would gradually increase the share of city and county liquor revenue, eventually reinstating the traditional percentage based sharing formula between the cities, counties, and the state. HB 1113 was heard in the House Appropriations Committee January 23. [SB 5240](#), sponsored by Sen. Mark Mullet (D-Issaquah, 5th LD) would provide additional liquor revenue to cities and counties for state fiscal years 2022-2025, but had not been scheduled for a hearing as of the drafting of this report.

[SHB 1099](#), by contrast, could negatively impact some cities' liquor revenues. Under SHB 1099, sponsored by Rep. David Sawyer (D-Parkland, 29th LD), a municipality that does not have a formal marijuana retail ban or moratorium in place that refuses to allow the siting or operation of a retail marijuana business would forfeit 70 percent of the municipality's share of liquor revenues and its entire share of state marijuana revenues. The legislation specifically applies to municipalities that cap the number of allowable retail outlets at a number lower than approved by the Liquor and Cannabis Board. AWC opposes SHB 1099 and cautions that it would apply to cities that allow, but place restrictions on, the siting of marijuana businesses through zoning and land use regulations.

Human Trafficking: [HB 1184](#) would modify the crime of patronizing a prostitute by specifying that the crime can be committed in any location in which the defendant commits any act that is part of the crime. Kent Police Chief Ken Thomas testified in support of the bill, which would facilitate police sting operations. HB 1184, which is one of several pieces of legislation sponsored by Rep. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines, 33rd LD) related to prostitution and trafficking, had advanced to the House Rules Committee as of the drafting of this report.

School Siting: [HB 1017](#), which would provide school districts with expanded opportunity to site schools outside of urban growth areas, received a hearing January 12 in the House Environment Committee. Woodinville Mayor Bernie Talmas was among those testifying in opposition to the legislation, which is sponsored by Rep. Bob McCaslin (R-Spokane Valley, 4th LD).

Product Stewardship: In addition to the statewide drug takeback bill, [HB 1047](#), which uses a product stewardship model and is discussed above, [HB 1376](#) would create a paint stewardship program. The bill, also sponsored by Rep. Peterson, would require paint producers to participate in a stewardship program for leftover paint.

Coordinated Prevention Grant Funding: Financial assistance is provided to local governments through Coordination Prevention Grants (CPG) to support their solid and hazardous waste prevention and reduction efforts. CPG funds are used by local governments to support both safe handling of solid and hazardous waste and to ensure that solid waste facilities are operated properly to meet regulatory requirements and protect human health and the environment. Grant funds also support local government prevention and waste reduction projects that reduce human exposure to toxins and support material reuse and recycling.

The CPG program is funded through the capital budget, which provided \$15 million in funding for the current biennium (down from \$28 million previously). The Governor's proposed 2017-19 capital budget would fund the CPG program at \$10 million but is dependent on passage of surcharge on the hazardous substance tax. Without the surcharge, the Governor's budget would zero out funding for the CPG program.

Cities and King County split CPG funding allocated for the county, with 35 percent historically going to the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program and 65 percent allocated to cities and King County solid waste programs.

Pierce County UGA Annexation: Pierce County is seeking amendments to state law to better support and encourage annexation of unincorporated urban areas. Under [HB 1681](#), sponsored by Rep. Sherry Appleton (D-Poulsbo, 23rd LD), and companion [SB 5215](#), Pierce and Snohomish County cities would be reauthorized to impose a sales and use tax (credited against the state tax) to offset the cost of providing municipal services to a newly annexed area. The total credit is 0.1 or 0.2 percent depending upon the population of the annexation area.

Members have supported similar legislation in previous years as a tool that allows cities to move forward with annexation of portions of their Urban Growth Areas where the cost to provide services to the annexation area would otherwise exceed the projected revenue generated.

The sales tax credit would be allowed for annexations commenced prior to January 1, 2022 and extend for up to 10 years. The bill would also establish an additional option for cities to annex unincorporated islands by ordinance. The annexation ordinance would be subject to referendum by voters in the annexed area for 45 days.

As the sales and use tax imposed by the annexing city would be credited against the state portion of the sales and use tax, the bill would result in a general fund revenue loss to the state in the amount of the credit. The House version was scheduled for a hearing in the House Environment Committee February 2.

Next Steps

SCA staff will continue to track and provide members with status updates about SCA's legislative priorities. Members will also be alerted about advocacy opportunities. Because many such opportunities occur on short notice, members are also encouraged to let SCA staff know if they are interested in providing testimony on a given issue and/or will be in Olympia on other business and potentially available to speak to SCA priorities.

As a reminder, you can sign up for AWC's weekly Legislative Bulletin by contacting subscribe@awcnet.org, and AWC's two-day conference [City Action Days](#) will be February 15-16 in Olympia.

Attachment

- A. [SCA 2017 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 2017 Legislative Agenda

Adjust the Property Tax Cap

Property tax is the largest revenue source for Washington's cities, supporting critical services such as justice, health, and safety. Property taxes are capped at a level that creates an ever-widening gap between the cost of providing public services to a growing population and the revenue available to pay for them. A new property tax limit should correspond to what it actually costs local governments to continue providing services, and keep up with increased public demand.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to give local governments the option to replace the arbitrary annual 1% cap on property tax revenues with a growth limit whose maximum is inflation plus the rate of population growth.*

Invest in Public Health Services

Protect our communities by investing in core public health services. The 40% per capita decrease in public health funding since 1999 is reaching crisis levels across the state. The funding shortfall has left Public Health–Seattle & King County unable to fully investigate disease outbreaks. The Washington State Department of Health is requesting \$54 million for local public health jurisdictions to fill critical gaps in disease prevention and response, and to pilot shared services to improve the efficiency of the overall system.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to fund basic public health by investing \$54 million in core public health services.*

Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis

Our communities face an affordable housing and homelessness crisis. Over 4,500 people are surviving unsheltered on any given night in King County, and others, including older adults and moderate and low-wage workers of all ages, are struggling to find affordable, quality housing in our region. Partnerships between state and local governments are critical to create new units of affordable housing. Renewed state commitments to help Washingtonians transition out of homelessness are necessary, as are expanded investments to address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness.

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to partner with us to address homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in the following ways:*
 - *Expand and make permanent the Document Recording Fee*
 - *Invest \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund*
 - *Allow local governments to create and preserve affordable housing through a Preservation Tax Exemption and other optional local tools*
- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to address other underlying causes of homelessness by making investments in our state's behavioral health system and enacting legislation to prohibit Source of Income Discrimination.*



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Item 11:
Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County
UPDATE

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Update

Members will have an opportunity to update the PIC regarding future ballot measures.

Background

The purpose of this item is to provide information for SCA member cities on upcoming ballot measures. This item will be an ongoing, monthly item on the PIC agenda.

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2017	February	Maple Valley	Park Bond Measure (\$14.7 million)

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Cities

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2018		Seattle	Families and Education Levy (renewal)
2019		Seattle	Library Levy (renewal)
2019		Seattle	Transportation Levy (renewal)

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Countywide

Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2017	Aug/Nov	King County	Cultural Access (developed by Cultural Access WA)
2017	Aug/Nov	King County	Veterans and Human Services Levy (renewal)
2018		King County	AFIS Levy (renewal)
2019		King County	Medic One
2019		King County	Regional Parks

Potential Future Ballot Measures – School & Special Purpose Districts

Year	Month	Measure
2017	February	Shoreline School District School Construction Bond (approx. \$250 million)
2018		Shoreline School District Operations Levy
2018		Shoreline School District Capital Levy

Next Steps

SCA staff will update this document on a regular basis. Please share this information with your city, and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, at brian@soundcities.org.



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Item 12:
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 PIC.

Potential Issues

- City Human Services Funding
 - SCA staff is working with the King County Alliance for Human Services and city staff to collect data and will return to PIC for discussion
- Regional response to property crime
 - Identified at SCA Caucus meetings in December
 - Members also discussed correlation with heroin epidemic, which is included in an item on the January 2017 PIC agenda
- Housing Affordability and Source of Income Discrimination
 - Included in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and identified at the SCA Caucus meetings in December
 - Members discussed working together on learning about and/or developing best practices. This may also be a potential topic for a pre-PIC or an all-day workshop.
- Addressing the impact of growth on the region
 - This topic was raised at the SCA caucus meetings in December

If you or your city has additional items to be added to this list, please contact Deanna Dawson, deanna@soundcities.org.