



SCA Public Issues Committee

AGENDA

January 11, 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 – November 9, 2016 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
6. [Welcome of New Members and Introduction to PIC](#) 15 minutes
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(15 minute welcome and discussion)
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8. [Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan](#) 10 minutes
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9. [2017 State Legislative Session](#) 15 minutes
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(5 minute staff report, 10 minute discussion)

- 10. [Regional E-911 Strategic Plan](#)**
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 - b. [Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction](#)
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- 16. Upcoming Events**
- a. SCA Networking Dinner featuring King County Executive Dow Constantine – Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
 - b. SCA Appointee Orientation – Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – 6:00 PM – SeaTac City Hall
 - c. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM (6:00 Pre-PIC Workshop) – Renton City Hall
- 17. For the Good of the Order**
- 18. Adjourn**

Did You Know?

During the holiday season, Issaquah police see more package thefts. Many of the incidents are crimes of opportunity that occur when a thief sees an easy target that can be quickly taken without notice. The potential for these crimes is on the mind of many of our residents and the subject of conversation on social media channels.

To help deter package theft, the City of Issaquah partnered with Ring to loan video doorbells to homes in high-target areas. The device streams audio and video of a home's front doorstep directly to a smartphone or tablet, allowing residents to see if something is happening outside the front door.

As part of the pilot program, residents — rather than police — monitor the devices' audio and video. Police have asked residents to share footage if the device captures illegal activity.

To promote the program, the City pushed social media messages to high-target neighborhoods and developed a video, which has been shared throughout the community. Additional theft prevention safety tips were also published. By December 21, the 20-second video had reached 48,512 people on Facebook and Twitter, captured 2,127 minutes of attention (view time) and generated 141 reactions, comments and shares. [KIRO 7](#) and [KING 5](#) also did pieces highlighting the Issaquah Police Department's partnership with Ring.

Link to the City of Issaquah's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0FZjvrZl0I>

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

November 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Vice Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 26 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Councilmember Bill Pelozza, Auburn; Councilmember Mariah Bettise, Issaquah; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish; Stacey Jehlik, City of Seattle; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office staff; Deborah Needham, City of Renton.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Approval of the October 12, 2016 Minutes

Vice Chair Marts noted one amendment to the minutes: on page 12 of the PIC packet, paragraph 4, line 4, first word should be "what" not "why."

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the October 12, 2016 PIC minutes as amended.

There was no discussion. The motion passed with Snoqualmie voting no.

4. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Marts, who chaired the meeting in Chair Mhoon's absence, reported he was glad to be back after a couple months' absence.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, introduced Brian Parry, SCA's new Senior Policy Analyst. Parry will be staffing the PSRC Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board and the Economic Development District Board, and other land use committees, including the Growth Management Planning Council. Dawson will be interviewing to fill SCA's vacant part-time transportation policy analyst position.

Dawson reminded PIC members that they had agreed in October to cancel the December meeting; Dawson suggested that formal action cancelling the meeting would be appropriate.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to cancel the December 14, 2016 PIC meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dawson reported on the Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction. The meeting was well attended and mayors committed to a variety of actions to address this crisis in their communities.

SCA's Annual Meeting will be held on November 30, 2016. University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce will be the featured speaker. Each city needs to designate a voting representative as the membership will vote on the 2017 SCA budget and assessment.

6. Election of the 2017 PIC Chair and Vice Chair

Dawson announced that the PIC Nominating Committee had elected Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, as Committee Chair, and turned to her to give the report.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Nominating Committee Chair, reviewed the PIC Nominating Committee's Operating Procedures.

She then turned to nomination of 2017 PIC Chair and PIC Vice Chair. One name, Tola Marts, was put forward for PIC Chair. Four names were put forward for PIC Vice Chair. One of the applicants (Ed Prince) serves on the Nominating Committee. Chair Guier noted that Prince left the room during all discussions regarding PIC Chair and Vice Chair.

After extensive discussions at the Nominating Committee meeting, the Committee agreed to recommend Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, as the 2017 PIC Chair and Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, as the 2017 PIC Vice Chair.

Nominating Committee Member Amy Ockerlander, Duvall Councilmember, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to elect Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, as the 2017 PIC Chair.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Member Chris Roberts, Shoreline Mayor, moved, seconded by Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, to elect Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, as the 2017 PIC Vice Chair.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Members congratulated Marts and Prince, and thanked them for their service.

7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

Mayor Leanne Guier, Nominating Committee Chair, passed out the Nominating Committee's Recommended Regional Board and Committee Appointments ([Attachment B](#)), and explained the formatting of the document.

Chair Guier and staff pointed out several items of note. Guier noted that the Nominating Committee was recommending that an exception to the six-year term limit be found for two applicants: Councilmember Doris McConnell, Shoreline as an alternate for DVI (as the Nominating Committee had not received sufficient applicants) and Councilmember Verna Seal, Tukwila for LEOFF 1 (as the committee had not received another applicant, and this is a highly technical committee).

Guier discussed the various factors that go into the Committee's recommendations. This was a challenging year, and many applicants did not get their first choice of committees. The Committee and staff worked with all applicants who were not initially recommended for appointments. In most cases they were able to find alternate committees for the applicants.

Guier also noted that the recommendations of the Committee were premised on the recommended nominees being current members of SCA in 2017.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, moved, seconded by Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, to recommend to the Board of Directors the Regional Board and Committee Appointments be approved, subject to an appointees' continuing membership in SCA.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, pointed out a few additional items of note. At the time the Call for Nominations went out, All Home was not included, because all members were serving unexpired terms. Since that time, the size of the All Home Coordinating Board has been reduced. Previously, Bellevue had its own seat, and SCA had two additional seats. In the restructure, SCA will have two seats which will include Bellevue. Current Board members must reapply to keep their seats by November. The Nominating Committee recommended not reopening the Call for Nominations, but rather recommending Nancy Backus, Auburn, and John Chelminiak, Bellevue, continue to serve. The third current member of the committee (Shelley Kloba, Kirkland) was just elected to the Legislature and anticipated resigning her seat on the Kirkland Council.

Dawson noted that on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), Kenmore Mayor David Baker will be resigning from the committee in February. This is an unexpired term. The Nominating Committee recommended that Penny Sweet, Kirkland, be appointed to fill the seat upon his resignation.

Finally, in response to a question from Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, Dawson noted that on the Economic Development Council of Seattle/King County (EDC), the EDC has appointing authority, and would be making appointments in February 2017. SCA will forward all applicants to the EDC.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reminded members that the Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan is a 30 year plan to acquire by easement or purchase the remaining high value conservation lands in King County. The Land Conservation Advisory Group will be making a recommendation on that plan to the County Executive and County Council.

The Land Conservation Advisory Group has met twice in the last month, hearing in detail about the public funding proposals and learning the roles private funding options might play in funding conservation activities. There is much more work needed to determine how such options could work in King County, especially given the need for a return for investors on their investment.

The questions the Advisory Group will be asked to address in their recommendations, Roadmap Questions, are at the top of page 28 of the PIC packet. Feedback from the PIC on those questions was requested.

The four funding sources being considered to close the \$383,500,000 funding gap are Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 3; a fee on the sale of property; bonds backed by a property tax increase; an increase in the conservation futures tax rate (property tax); or a property tax levy lid lift. At their next meeting, Advisory Group members are expected to review a report outline and a draft framework for recommendations. Recommendations are then proposed to be developed in December and finalized in January. Booth passed out a list of city outreach and community engagement questions ([Attachment C](#)).

Council President and Advisory Group Member Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that the Conservation Futures property tax levy is possibly the first option favored by the Advisory Group with a new "REET 3" as an alternative, or possibly in addition to, an increase in Conservation Futures funding. He noted that when it was adopted, the Conservation Futures Levy was set at \$6.25 cents per thousand of assessed property value. Due to the 1% limit on property tax levy increases, inflation has driven the buying power of those funds down. He noted that the reason a renewed Conservation Futures levy is currently seen as the preferred option is that the funding is already intended for conservation uses. He stated that member cities should have received a letter recently from Paige Meyers, in the office of Christie True, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks director, looking for a response to the proposals being considered. He encouraged member cities to consult with their staff about the letter and questions or responses. He noted that the effort appears to have sufficient support that it is very likely something will move forward. This is the opportunity to shape the ultimate form it takes. He noted that he has concerns with some elements of the proposal that he will be bringing to the group.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, asked if a list of properties under consideration for preservation had been provided. Margeson said Advisory Group members were not provided with lists of specific properties. King County staff identified priority property types and general locations.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, said all the lands identified to date are in unincorporated King County. He suggested other cities follow Bothell's lead and coordinate with their city staff to identify their conservation property priorities for any package should it move forward.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that not all conservation value is monetary; that there is a need to invest in the future for our children through land conservation.

Margeson reviewed the remaining meeting schedule and noted many remaining issues need to be discussed. He suggested he may request additional time to evaluate the options under consideration and asked if other PIC members agreed the process should potentially be slowed down.

Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie, asked about the availability of a specific property list. Margeson noted Advisory Group members had asked for a list of properties proposed to be acquired but it was not provided, in part due to concerns about property owner expectations if individual parcels are identified. Larson expressed a need for transparency to ensure that lands proposed to be acquired are lands people want to be conserved. Councilmember Toby Nixon noted that the list might be available through a public records request. Kruller noted that showing how purchases would be distributed across King County and how equity would be addressed, may be sufficient for member purposes.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta asked for clarification on the total cost of implementing the Work Plan and the gap in funding. Margeson explained that of the total cost of \$1.5 billion, the county has access to about \$1.2 billion over 30 years through existing County funding streams and potential funding sources. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to address the gap in funding of about \$383,500,000. The financial plan does not include properties in cities. Once city properties proposed for conservation are added in, the gap will increase. Tosta asked about the deadline for cities to provide information. Booth noted that the County recognizes that work will extend into 2017.

Larson asked if property was proposed to be purchased instead of using the purchase of development rights or other less costly tools. Booth responded that the Work Plan included acquiring properties by easement, purchase of development rights, or outright purchase. Larson asked for clarification on if cities participate in the tax increase. Margeson responded that tax increases would be countywide. Larson also expressed concerns about the Work Plan as it related to ongoing issues around land availability, affordable housing and ongoing land use conversations.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, requested clarification on the use of the proposed funding tools. Booth responded that the proposed funding tools would be assessed across King County. Stanford expressed concerns that the King County use of proposed funding mechanisms could take opportunities away from cities.

9. Veterans and Human Services Levy

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on planning for the potential renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy, which was first approved in 2005 and renewed in 2011 to run through December 31, 2017. About 20 participants representing 14 SCA member cities attended a roundtable meeting hosted by SCA on October 26 to receive a briefing on the levy and provide feedback on the needs of their communities and how a renewed levy could address them. The current levy generates roughly \$18 million annually and investments are split evenly between services for veterans, military service members, and their families and services for others in need. The levy supports 42 activities which encompass a broad array of services including housing, case management, counseling, and the 2-1-1 line, among others. These levy-funded activities are meant to promote three goals: prevent and reduce homelessness, reduce unnecessary criminal justice and emergency medical system involvement, and increase self-sufficiency of veterans and vulnerable populations. With the levy expiring in 2017, work is underway to assess the current goals and investments, determine what needs are going unmet, and plan for a potential renewal. The Regional Policy Committee and King County Council acted in September to direct the King County Executive to transmit two reports by January 19, 2017. The first report will assess the current levy goals and services, levy structure, how the levy aligns with other funding sources, including the Best Starts for Kids Levy and Mental Illness and Drug Dependency sales tax, and potential areas of unmet need. The second report will respond to the question of what it would take to house every veteran in King County who is in need of housing or shelter. Members are encouraged to weigh in about the needs of their communities to influence the shape of a potential levy renewal. The King County Council is anticipated to consider a levy ballot ordinance in early 2017, which could place the levy renewal on the August or November 2017 ballot. The size and areas of focus for a potential ballot measure have yet to be determined. Later in 2017, the Regional Policy Committee is anticipated to work on a detailed plan for what services would be funded under the levy, if renewed.

Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie, asked whether a determination had been made about the likely size of the potential levy renewal. Wilson-Jones answered that the decision has not yet been made whether to seek a renewal of the levy at its current size or to expand it and, if so, by how much.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, stated that he serves on the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) with Councilmember Bill Peloza, Auburn, who serves as the caucus chair. The RPC has discussed the levy's effectiveness at reaching veterans and the current methods of conducting outreach to veterans. PIC members with comments on those topics should provide them to Councilmember Peloza. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, requested that the information also be provided to SCA staff.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, asked how the Veterans and Human Services levy intertwines with county funding sources for human services, such as the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) levy and Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax, and questioned whether work would be done to also analyze how investments made under this funding source more broadly align with other service funding. Wilson-Jones stated that one county department

oversees investments made under the Veterans and Human Services levy, BSK levy, and MIDD sales tax and that as new revenue sources have been added over time to expand services, county staff have worked to knit resources together and avoid duplication. Under one of the two reports called for by the Regional Policy Committee and King County Council motion, a more comprehensive analysis will be conducted to see how these county fund sources are working together and to also analyze how they fit together with other federal, state, and local funding streams. That report will be transmitted by January 19, 2017.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, requested clarification about the input being sought from PIC members. Wilson-Jones stated that the county is currently engaging with communities to learn about their greatest needs and what the remaining gaps are that are not being addressed by the current levy and other funding sources. Some city representatives have already provided feedback about what they feel should be addressed with this funding source. For instance, Councilmember Bill Pelozo, Auburn, has advocated for using future levy resources to help veterans pursue benefits claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dawson stated that feedback is also being sought on the appetite members have for a levy expansion. There has been discussion by the PIC and SCA Board of Directors about the remaining tolerance of voters for tax increases following a series of recent ballot measures. It is an open question whether the levy should be renewed at the same level, as a safe option, or whether it should be expanded to respond to unmet need.

Councilmember Bill Pelozo, Auburn, addressed the PIC as a guest. Like others in attendance, he stated he is a veteran and that he frequently sees veterans encounter difficulties in applying for benefits from the VA. He encouraged the use of future levy resources to fund assistance for veterans in pursuing such claims for benefits.

Vice Chair Marts stated that Issaquah analyzes the full spectrum of need in the community, by age, when making human services funding decisions. An assessment is done of need beginning with fertility and the prenatal care all the way to end of life care. The city maps out where grants fall on this continuum and gaps are noted and addressed.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that Redmond is supportive of the Veterans and Human Services levy, which is divided between serving the needs of veterans and broader human services needs. All communities have needs falling under both these categories. One question that has arisen and been discussed is the current level of success at reaching veterans and getting them into the system for access to services. Margeson also stated that, for a potentially renewed levy, Redmond human services staff have indicated it will be important for funding to be allocated to housing and shelter providers who are now being asked to serve a population with increased needs through the county's Coordinated Entry for All system.

Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac, requested clarification on why the levy combines services for both veterans and other human services needs rather than being more focused on veterans. Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, stated that the levy was originally structured to serve both veterans and others to secure voter support.

10. Cascadia Rising – After Action Report

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, introduced the item. The recent Cascadia Rising Emergency Management exercise, based on a scenario that estimated a 9.0 earthquake and related tsunami occurring in the area, was undertaken to identify areas of planning and coordination that work well and those areas that need improvement. Relationships among individuals and organizations in the region were a principal strength discovered. There were five main areas for improvement identified. Deborah Needham, Renton's Emergency Management Director, was present as a guest and addressed needs around strategic policy level decision-making.

Needham discussed Renton's experience around planning for a Howard Hanson Dam failure, noting doing the right thing can be ambiguous, trying to balance the needs of a jurisdiction with those of the region. She discussed how delegation of responsibility to an incident commander can be useful in disasters and how some policy decisions regarding that delegation of responsibility can be made ahead of time. She noted a challenge in the immediate aftermath of a disaster is the competition for needed resources. Policy decisions on how limited resources are to be deployed need to be made.

Vice Chair Marts, a former member of the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC), was struck by the number of regional, state, and federal organizations involved in emergency response and how the needs of cities seem to be left out of these processes. Needham said that while needs are generally funneled from cities up through the county and that while coordination happens with the cities, the actions and decisions are generally handled at the county, state, and federal level depending on the nature of the emergency. She expressed that there is a concern that when resources are needed in the midst of an emergency, they may go to those making the greatest "noise" rather than those with the greatest need. She stated that there is a need at the policy level for a mechanism to broker decisions about resources without getting too deeply into the tactical decisions that are unique to particular emergencies.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, discussed how Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) courses have helped Black Diamond elected officials learn what is expected of them in an emergency. She noted that Black Diamond residents feel particular pressure to be self-sufficient in a regional emergency due to the size and location of the community. She recommended that other cities coordinate with their firefighters and other knowledge bases already within cities if they were not already doing so.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, asked about how many of the types of decisions being discussed can truly be made ahead of time and expressed his sense that many decisions relating to resource allocation often end up being very situational and tied to the location of needed resources. Needham agreed and noted that strategic policies could address how outside resources coming in to an area are prioritized as opposed to tactical decisions during a disaster as to where it is best to use specific resources.

Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie, asked what actionable steps are expected to be implemented as a result of the After-Action Report. Booth noted EMAC will likely have preliminary

discussions and also noted that the Cascadia Rising After-Action Report called for the County Executive to convene a group of elected officials to discuss needs. Feedback on how the policy work should move forward is welcome.

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted that one of the questions that staff had in advance of the meeting was how interested PIC members were in being engaged as these discussions moved forward. She sensed a high level of interest based on discussions at PIC. She noted that EMAC might be a logical place for many of these discussions to take place, with feedback from PIC.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, discussed a recent Regional Law Safety & Justice Committee (RLSJC) meeting held at the King County Emergency Operations Center. She discussed the need for communications coordination and council training. Kruller requested that EMAC report back to the PIC on its efforts and suggested cities may want to work together to come up with a list of activities cities need to take to be prepared.

Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac, noted that SeaTac councilmembers undergo emergency management training and have their responsibilities set out in writing. She suggested cities report on such training activities to EMAC with information then provided to the PIC.

PIC Vice Chair Tola Marts noted that EMAC is a very technical committee made up primarily of first responders and not currently well structured to address policy discussions. It will take working with Walt Hubbard, King County Emergency Manager, to address how EMAC could be adjusted to address policy development. Marts then asked how a surface fault earthquake on the Seattle Fault and / or a lahar, will impact the region. Deborah Needham noted that Seattle Fault ruptures more often than the Cascadia Fault and could be the region's big disaster.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, reported attending a seminar in which a structural engineer said that they are seeing structures surviving earthquakes, but infrastructure failing. Margeson noted that in a major earthquake there could be very significant disruptions to water, sewer, bridges, gas lines, power facilities, and other infrastructure assets.

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on levies and ballot measures in King County ([Attachment D](#)). Parry also provided an oral update on the status of current and former SCA members in their legislative races. Members reported on ballot results in their cities.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, noted an open Senate seat as Senator Cyrus Habib was elected to Lieutenant Governor and another open Senate seat due to the passing of Senator Andy Hill. Whoever gets appointed to those seats will be on the ballot in 2017.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, noted he was pleased Shoreline's levy had passed and also noted that the Shoreline School District will have a bond on the February ballot.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, shared that Bothell's streets and sidewalk levy passed as did an advisory vote on passing a fireworks ban. (*Note – since the meeting, results have*

changed. Per James McNeal, as of November 14, 2017, the results are trending toward a rejection of the Bothell fireworks ban.)

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, said that the Highline School District bond passed on its third try.

Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie, was pleased to see cities do well. He also congratulated King County on the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) passage.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, was gratified to see the clear direction coming from Duvall citizens on the Advisory Fireworks Ban. She also stated that thanks to the passage of ST3, the Snoqualmie Valley will have more robust transit service in the future in the form of express bus service to the Redmond light rail station.

PIC Vice Chair Tola Marts, Issaquah, noted the failure of the Issaquah bond measure and the presence of an extremely robust no campaign and a small and late arriving yes campaign. He also expressed his appreciation of the ST3 passage.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, noted that there was substantial door to door outreach in Tukwila to provide information about the need for Tukwila's Public Safety Bond to citizens.

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that the only change to this item since last month was that the Cascadia Rising After-Action Report was removed as an "upcoming item" because it was on this month's agenda.

Dawson encouraged PIC members to attend the SCA caucus meetings in December. The meetings have a dual purpose: to elect board members, and to discuss issues members would like SCA to work on in the coming year.

13. Upcoming Events

An SCA Regional Economic Strategy Update Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center.

The SCA Annual Meeting and Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. The featured speaker is UW President Ana Mari Cauce.

The South and South Valley Caucus Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Auburn Community Center.

The North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Redmond Senior Center.

14. For the Good of the Order

PIC Vice Chair and incoming Chair Tola Marts said that the “Did You Know” on the PIC agenda will be assigned to PIC members on a rotating schedule. Marts will prepare the January “Did You Know.”

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, announced the [Advanced Transportation Technology Conference](#) to be held Friday, December 2, 2016 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, announced the Women in Leadership event the following day at the Auburn Golf Course, and encouraged those attending to bring a woman interested in running for elective office in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Public Issues Committee Meeting November 9, 2016

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Bellevue	John Stokes	Kevin Wallace
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
Burien	Nancy Tosta	Austin Bell
Carnation	Jim Berger	Dustin Green
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto
Des Moines	Robert Back	Melissa Musser
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
Enumclaw	Mike Sando	Chance LaFleur
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	Shelley Kloba
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	Bill Allison
Medina	Sheree Wen	
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Debbie Bertlin
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	Bob Keller	Don Gerend
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Shari Winstead
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Bob Jeans	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Verna Seal
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Brian Parry Ellie Wilson-Jones Doreen Booth Kristy Cole		

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

2017 Nominating Committee Recommendations

Yellow: Returning Member

Green: New Appointee

Red: Recommended Reappointment - Term Limit - Exception

Gray: Term Not Expiring in 2016

Blue: Moved from Alternate to Member

Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) Interim Leadership Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Erin Sitterley	SeaTac	S

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (ADS Advisory Council)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	David Baker	Kenmore	N

All Home Coordinating Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	John Chelminiak	Bellevue	N

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	David Baker	Kenmore	N
Member	Largo Wales	Auburn	S
Alt	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alt	Angela Birney	Redmond	N

Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Jesse Salomon	Shoreline	N

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Dawn Dofelmire	Algona	SV
Member	Yolanda Trout	Auburn	S
Member	Tina Budell	Kent	S
Alt	Davina Duerr	Bothell	N
Alt	Veronika Williams	Duvall	SNO
Alt	Christie Malchow	Sammamish	N
Alt	Doris McConnell	Shoreline	N

Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N
Member	Marianne Klaas	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Bob Baggett	Auburn	S
Alt	Bill Ramos	Issaquah	N
Alt	Sheree Wen	Medina	N
Alt	Wendy Weiker	Mercer Island	N

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Tom Agnew	Bothell	N
Member	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
Member	Michael Janasz	Skykomish	SNO
Member	Sean Kelly	Maple Valley	S

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Tola Marts	Issaquah	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	John Stillin	Redmond	N
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Debbie Berlin	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Tom Stowe	Beaux Arts Village	N
Alt	Claude DaCorsi	Auburn	S
Alt	Nancy Tosta	Burien	S
Alt	Matt Larson	Snoqualmie	SNO

King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Erika Morgan	Black Diamond	SV
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Member	Mark Phillips	Lake Forest Park	N
Alt	Austin Bell	Burien	S
Alt	Mariah Beltise	Issaquah	N
Alt	Wendy Weiker	Mercer Island	N

King County Consortium Joint Recommendations Committee for CDBG (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pam Fernald	SeaTac	S
Member	Ken Hearing	North Bend	SNO
Member	Dan Grausz	Mercer Island	N
Member	De'Sean Quinn	Tukwila	S

King County Disability Board LEOFF 1

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Verna Seal	Tukwila	S

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Member	Erika Morgan	Black Diamond	SV
Member	Byron Shutz	Redmond	N
Member	Henry Sladek		
Alt	James McNeal	Bothell	N
Alt	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Alt	Veronika Williams	Duvall	SNO
Alt	Tom Odell	Sammamish	N

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Hank Myers	Redmond	N

2017 Nominating Committee Recommendations

Yellow: Returning Member

Green: New Appointee

Red: Recommended Reappointment - Term Limit - Exception

Gray: Term Not Expiring in 2016

Blue: Moved from Alternate to Member

Mental Health and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee (MIDD)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dave Asher	Kirkland	N
Alt	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dan Grausz	Mercer Island	N

PSRC Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Catherine Stanford	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	John Stilin	Redmond	N
Alt	Jim Berrios	Kent	S
Alt	De'Sean Quinn	Tukwila	S

PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
Member	John Marchione	Redmond	N
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Alt	Don Gerend	Sammamish	N
Alt	Fred Butler	Issaquah	N
Alt	Bruce Bassett	Mercer Island	N
2 nd Alt	Amy Ockerlander	Duvall	SNO
2 nd Alt	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N

PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Marchione	Redmond	N
Alt	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Hank Margeson	Redmond	N
Member	John Holman	Auburn	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alt	Paul Winterstein	Issaquah	N
Alt	Allan Ekberg	Tukwila	S
Alt	Ken Hearing	North Bend	SNO

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Walen	Kirkland	N
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Rich Wagner	Auburn	S
Alt	Benson Wong	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Kim Allen	Redmond	N
Alt	Kate Kruller	Tukwila	S

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Toby Nixon	Kirkland	N
Member	Yolanda Trout	Auburn	S
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	Ramiro Valderrama	Sammamish	N
Member	Shari Winstead	Shoreline	N
Member	James McNeal	Bothell	N
Member	Phillipa Kassoover	Lake Forest Park	N

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Bernie Talmas	Woodinville	N
Member	Bill Pelosa	Auburn	S
Member	Suzette Cooke	Kent	S
Member	Dan Grausz	Mercer Island	N
Alt	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
Alt	John Stokes	Bellevue	N

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dennis Higgins	Kent	S
Member	John Wright	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Dave Asher	Kirkland	N
Member	Bruce Bassett	Mercer Island	N
Member	Kathy Hougardy	Tukwila	S
Member	Kathy Huckabay	Sammamish	N
Member	Claude DaCorsi	Auburn	S
Member	Amy Ockerlander	Duvall	SNO
Alt	Bill Ramos	Issaquah	N
Alt	Hank Margeson	Redmond	N
Alt	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Alt	John Chelminiak	Bellevue	N

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Wright	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N
Member	Benson Wong	Mercer Island	N
Member	Leanne Guier	Pacific	SV
Alt	Shari Winstead	Shoreline	N
Alt	Conrad Lee	Bellevue	N

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Executive Appointment

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member (Until 2/17)	David Baker	Kenmore	N
Member	Dave Hill	Algona	SV
Member (As of 2/17)	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

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Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC) –

Note: EDC Makes Appointment – SCA

Forwarding All Names Received

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
	John Holman	Auburn	S
	Jeanne Burbidge	Federal Way	S
	Suzette Cooke	Kent	S
	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N
	Dave Carson	Redmond	N
	Kathy Hougardy	Tukwila	S
	Mariah Bettise	Issaquah	N
	Catherine Stanford	Lake Forest Park	N

City Outreach and Engagement Questions

1. *Government Roles.* How do you describe your city's role and responsibility with respect to protecting high conservation value lands? How would you describe the county's role?
2. *Land Conservation and Public Health/Quality of Life.* The Advisory Group sees a connection between open space/green space conservation and human health, quality of life and social equity. Does your city see similar connections; if so, how is that reflected in your comprehensive or other plans?
3. *Identifying Conservation Lands in Cities.* Has your city identified conservation/open space/green space/regional trail priorities which could be acquired through a regional effort such as this proposal? Are those lands identified in an adopted plan? What criteria are important to you in identifying such lands? If you have not yet identified lands, how much time is needed to identify priorities for a proposal like this?
4. *Proposed Categories of Land Conservation.* The County has identified five conservation categories in the land conservation work plan for lands in the unincorporated area (see enclosed summary):
 - Natural Areas
 - Regional Trails
 - Forests
 - Farmland
 - Rivers

Do these categories seem relevant to potential land acquisition within cities, and to improving environmental health, human health, equity and economic development in your city? Would you propose different categories?

5. *Open Space/Green Space in Cities.* The Advisory Group is considering two ways that city open space/green space priorities might be reflected within the work plan:
 - a. Integrate all city land priorities within the above five conservation categories
 - b. Create a sixth "urban open space" category (recognizing that while conserved urban lands may have features that fit within the existing five categories, conservation in cities has unique characteristics, challenges, and potentially important health and equity benefits to residents)

Do you have feedback on these two approaches? Do you have feedback as to how an "urban open space category" might be defined?

6. *Equity.* How do you see equity being addressed in the current plan? In what ways can we enhance the plan to better address issues of equity?
7. *Maintaining City Parks and Open Space/Green Space.* The work plan contemplates providing jurisdictions with basic maintenance funding for newly acquired lands. How important is funding to maintain newly acquired lands?

8. *Additional Funding Needs.* Some cities have indicated they have critical park needs beyond just protection of new lands – for example, focusing on existing parks rather than acquiring new ones, in order to implement restoration (restoring natural habitats to increase the conservation benefits of degraded ecosystems) or to implement re-development (installing capital projects to change the level of and/or types of use of those sites). Do you have feedback about the need to acquire new lands versus the need to fund restoration or redevelopment of existing sites?
9. *Existing Funding.* The Work Plan identified many existing funding sources used by King County for conservation acquisition including Conservation Futures, King County Parks Levy, Flood Control District, state RCO/SRFB grants. What are the key funding sources your city uses to acquire open space/green space lands?
10. *New Funding Options.* The Work Plan identifies a series of options for increasing funding available for land conservation/preservation. Most of these would require a countywide vote to increase countywide property tax levies or impose a new countywide tax:
- a county bond
 - increase in the conservation futures tax
 - property tax levy lid lift
 - REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) 3
- Other options the Work Plan identifies are to expand philanthropy, private investment and new ecosystem markets to secure private funding for land conservation. What feedback do you have for the Advisory Group’s consideration when looking at these funding options?
11. *Allocation of Regionally Generated Funds.* One potential model for sharing regionally generated land conservation monies is in the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) allocation and award process (see enclosed summary). Would you encourage the Advisory Group to consider extending a model similar to the CFT model to allocation of new regional conservation funding? Why or why not?
12. *Collaboration.* Are you considering or aware of potential projects on which multiple cities and/or the county could collaborate, for example, acquisitions that cross jurisdictional boundaries?
13. *Other Feedback.* What other questions, considerations and concerns would your City have in deciding whether to support the County Executive’s land conservation work plan?

Websites for more information:

Land Conservation Webpage: <http://kingcounty.gov/land-conservation>

Advisory Group Webpage: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/conservation-advisory-group>



**November 9, 2016
SCA PIC Meeting**

Item 11:

Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County –
UPDATED WITH ELECTION RESULTS AS OF 10:30 AM 11/9/2016

UPDATE

SCA Staff Contact

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Update

At the November 9, 2016 PIC meeting, SCA staff will update the PIC on the results of the November 8, 2016 ballot measures.

Background

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

Local Ballot Measures and Levies

Jurisdiction	Measure	Results (as of 11/9/16)
Bellevue	Levy for Fire Facilities	Approved: 58.1% Rejected 41.9%
Bellevue	Levy for Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity, and Congestion	Approved: 54.6% Rejected: 45.4%
Bothell	Levy for Safe Streets and Sidewalks	Yes: 53.9% No: 46.1%
Bothell	Sale, Possession and Discharge of Consumer Fireworks Advisory	Yes: 52.6% No: 47.4%
Duvall	Nine Year Levy Lid Lift for Big Rock Ballfield Improvements, Employment of a Full-Time School Resource Officer, and IT System Improvements	Approved: 49.9% Rejected: 50.1%
Duvall	Sale, Possession and Discharge of Consumer Fireworks Advisory	Approved: 45.1% Rejected: 54.9%
Issaquah	Traffic Improvement Bonds (no more than \$50,000,000)	Yes: 54.7% * No: 45.3%
Kenmore	General Obligation Bonds Walkways and Waterways Improvements (up to \$19,750,000)	Yes: 64.4% * No: 35.6%
Seattle	Initiative 124: Health, safety, and labor standards for Seattle hotel employees	Yes: 77.3% No: 22.7%

Shoreline	Basic Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, and Community Services Maintenance and Operations Levy (renewal)	Yes: 67.4% No: 32.6%
Snoqualmie	Public Safety Levy (approximately \$650,000)	Approved: 60.8% Rejected: 39.2%
Tukwila	Public Safety Bond (not to exceed \$77,385,000)	Yes: 60.4% * No: 39.6%

School and Special Purpose District November 2016 Ballot Measures

Jurisdiction	Measure	Results (as of 11/9/16)
Auburn School District	School Construction and Replacement General Obligation Bonds (\$465,056,000)	Approved: 60.2% * Rejected: 39.8%
Highline School District	Bonds to Construct New Schools and Replace and Renovate Deteriorating Schools	Approved: 65.1% * Rejected: 34.9%
Kent School District	Capital Improvement and School Construction General Obligation Bonds (\$252,000,000)	Approved: 65.4% * Rejected: 34.6%
King County Fire Protection District 27	Levy of General Tax for Maintenance and Operations (\$475,000/year for four years)	Yes: 68.3% * No: 31.7%
South King Fire & Rescue	Levy of General Tax \$2,750,000 for Maintenance and Operations	Yes: 66.9% * No: 33.1%
Proposed Eastside Regional Fire Authority	(King County Fire Protection District 10 and Fire District 38)	Yes: 59.1% ** No: 40.9%

Other November 2016 Ballot Measures

Jurisdiction	Measure	Results (as of 11/9/16)
King County	Charter Amendment 1: Nonpartisan Prosecuting Attorney	Yes: 73.4% No: 24.6%
King County	Charter Amendment 2: Gender-Neutral Language	Yes: 66.9% No: 33.1%
Sound Transit	ST3: Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion (\$53.8 billion estimated cost)	Approved: 54.8% Rejected: 45.2%

* Requires 60% for measure to pass.

** Requires a simple majority for creation of authority property tax; 60% for the benefit charge.

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		King County	Veterans and Human Services Levy (renewal)
2017		King County	Cultural Access/Affordable Housing/Mental Health
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	
2018		Shoreline School District Operations Levy	
2018		Shoreline School District Capital Levy	

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Year	Month	Measure	
2018		Shoreline School District Operations Levy	
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Year	Month	Measure	
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 Deanna Dawson, Deanna@soundcities.org.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 6:

Welcome New PIC Members and Introduction to PIC

DISCUSSION

Discussion

As this is the first Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting of the year, we have set aside time on the agenda to welcome new members, give a brief orientation to PIC Operating Policies for new members (or a refresher for returning members), and answer any questions that members may have about the PIC. A more formal orientation to PIC will be held on February 8, 2017, just prior to the February PIC meeting.

Background

The Public Issues Committee (PIC) reviews and evaluates policy positions and recommends to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions. The PIC Operating Policies are summarized below and the full document can be found as [Attachment A](#).

Membership, Quorum and Voting

SCA member cities can appoint one representative and one alternate to the PIC. Each representative or alternate must hold an elective office in the city or town they represent. Each member city is allowed one vote.

Fifty-one percent of the members of the committee, represented in person, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the committee. If less than a quorum of the members is represented at a meeting, a majority of the members so represented may adjourn the meeting. The vote of two thirds (2/3) represented in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the advancement of a public policy position to the Board. Votes shall be recorded in the minutes of the PIC meeting. Votes shall be in the name of the member city, rather than the individual representing the city.

Agenda Development

Issues shall be sent to the SCA Executive Director by any member, committee member or SCA delegation to any regional or county board, committee or task force to be placed on the agenda.

Hearing an Issue

Issues will be heard at one regularly scheduled meeting for discussion and may return no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting for action. If not immediately addressing a policy issue renders SCA unable to take a position on a timely basis, 85% of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting may declare an issue an emergency and the issue may be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting.

Regional Committee Appointments

Pursuant to SCA Board Policy 701, “A member representing SCA is expected to reflect policy which has been developed by SCA when sitting as a member of any regional committee, board or task force.”

SCA representatives serving on regional boards and committees shall endeavor to avoid taking positions that are harmful to any SCA member cities. SCA appointees shall follow the following protocols when serving on regional boards and committees:

1. When the PIC & Board adopt a public policy position, it shall be binding on SCA representatives serving on regional boards and committees;
2. In the absence of such a position, the SCA caucus of a given board or committee shall attempt to develop a caucus position that represents the consensus of the caucus, based (where applicable) on existing SCA policy positions; and
3. Where no policy position has been adopted by the PIC and Board, and the caucus is unable to reach a consensus position, individual members shall be free to vote their conscience, with the caveat that no SCA representative to a regional board or committee shall vote in a manner that is at odds with an adopted SCA policy position.

Ground Rules for Discussion at PIC

SCA’s Values statement provides that “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.”

To that end, the PIC has adopted ground rules for discussion:

- Participate—listen, share your ideas, thoughts and concerns, and ask questions
- One person talks at a time; no side bar conversations, please
- All voices are heard
- Stay on track
- Always RSVP to the SCA office regarding attendance per meeting
- Do your best to do the agreed upon “homework” and reading
- Turn off cell-phones
- Do not promote one city or project above others regardless of size.

Frequently Used Acronyms

For members’ ease and to aid in discussion, a list of acronyms associated with PIC policy issues is below:

ACH ILC	Accountable Communities of Health Interim Leadership Council
ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AFIS Advisory Committee	Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
All Home FAC	All Home Funder Alignment Committee
BOH	Board of Health
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board

DVI	Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
EDC	Economic Development Council of Seattle & King County
EDDB	PSRC Economic Development District Board
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
EMS Advisory Task Force	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Task Force
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	Growth Management Planning Council
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team - Support to GMPC
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
KCD	King Conservation District
KCDAC	King Conservation District Advisory Committee
KCFCD	King County Flood Control District
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
KCPEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
LHWMP MCC	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD Oversight Committee	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
PIC	Public Issues Committee
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Points
PSCAA	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
PSCAAAC	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council
PSERN	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
RLSJC	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
RPC	Regional Policy Committee
RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee
RTTF	Regional Transit Task Force
RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
SCA	Sound Cities Association
SCAACG	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
SGTF	Service Guidelines Task Force
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board

Attachment

A. [PIC Operating Policies](#)



SCA Public Issues Committee Operating Policies

*Approved by the Public Issues Committee January 19, 2005, February 21, 2007,
January 14, 2009, September 14, 2011, December 12, 2012.*

A. Role and Responsibilities of SCA Public Issues Committee

1. Standing or Temporary Committees, General. The Board, by resolution duly adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, may designate and appoint one or more standing or temporary committees. Such committees shall have and exercise the authority of the directors in the management of the corporation, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Board; except, that no committee shall have the authority to: (a) amend, alter or repeal these Bylaws; (b) elect, appoint or remove any member of any other committee or any director or officer of the corporation; (c) amend the Articles of Incorporation; (d) adopt a plan of merger or consolidation with another corporation; (e) authorize a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation not within the ordinary course of business; (f) authorize the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoke proceedings therefore; (g) adopt a plan for the distribution of the assets of the corporation; and (h) amend, alter or repeal any resolution of the Board or membership that by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by a committee. The designation or appointment of any such committee and delegation thereto of authorities shall not operate to relieve the Board or any individual director of any responsibility imposed upon it, him or her by law. Only members in good standing may be represented on any committee of the Board. SCA Bylaw 4.17.1

2. Public Issues Committee. There shall be a Public Issues Committee which shall review and evaluate policy positions and recommend to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions. SCA Bylaw 4.17.6

3. Regional Committee Appointments shall be recommended to the Board by December 1st each year. Additional recommendations may be made through June of each year. A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus shall be appointed by the Chair of the Public Issues Committee in October to recommend appointments to the committee. Members shall serve for a period of one year.

Appointees to major regional committees shall be selected from among elected officials otherwise qualified to serve in such positions, in accordance with the terms of the enabling documents creating such boards and committees. Appointees shall represent the positions of all the suburban cities. Equitable geographic distribution shall be considered in recommending appointments to the Board of Directors.

Suburban cities within King County who are not members of the Association may make recommendations to the nominating committee and be appointed to regional committees. SCA Bylaw 4.17.7.g

Appointments to regional boards and committees shall be made pursuant to the protocols set forth in adopted SCA Board policy 701.

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B. Manner of Acting

1. Membership shall consist of one representative and one alternate from each member city. Each representative or alternate must hold an elective office in the city or town they represent. SCA Bylaw 4.17.7.a

2. Resignation. Any member of any committee may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the President or the chairperson of such committee, or by giving oral or written notice at any meeting of such committee. Any such resignation will take effect at the time specified therein, or if a time is not specified, upon delivery thereof and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. SCA Bylaw 4.17.3

3. Vacancies on the committee are to be filled immediately by the member city responsible for the vacancy. SCA Bylaw 4.17.7.f

4. Committee Leadership shall be a Chair and Vice-chair elected by the committee. The nominating committee of the PIC shall solicit names for the Chair and Vice-chair of the PIC and make a recommendation to the PIC by December 15th of each year. The Chair may serve a one

year term with a two term maximum. The Chair shall establish the agenda in advance of each meeting in conjunction with the Executive Director. The Chair shall appoint subcommittees as needed.

5. Regular Meetings shall be held monthly or as deemed necessary.

SCA Bylaw 4.17.7.c.

6. Quorum; Manner of Acting

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SCA Board Policy 104.1

c. The PIC shall not make policy recommendations to the Board of Directors that are divisive among the members of SCA. See Board Policy 104.2. “Divisive” is defined as “creating disunity or dissension” among SCA member jurisdictions. SCA shall not take policy positions that are harmful to the interests of any member city, even if favored by a supermajority of members.

7. Special Meetings may be called by the Chair of the committee or at the request of the Board in an emergency situation. Single issue emergency meetings may be held by conference call. SCA Bylaw 4.17.6.d

8. Agenda Development. Issues shall be sent to the SCA Executive Director by any member, committee member or SCA delegation to any regional or county board, committee or task force to be placed on the agenda. Issues will be heard at one regularly scheduled meeting for discussion and may

return no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting for action. Resources for the development of the issue will be provided by the interested cities. If not immediately addressing a policy issue renders SCA unable to take a position on a timely basis, 85% of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting may declare an issue an emergency and the issue may be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting. SCA Bylaw 4.17.7.e

9. Process for Hearing an Issue.

- Issues will be heard at one regularly scheduled meeting for discussion and may return no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting for action. Resources for the development of the issue will be provided by the interested cities. If not immediately addressing a policy issue renders SCA unable to take a position on a timely basis, 85% of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting may declare an issue an emergency and the issue may be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting.
- Sub-committees, appointed by the Chair, will be made up of members declaring an interest in the issue

10. Agenda Structure.

- Order of Business
 - a. First on the agenda will be the action items (having been discussed at the prior meeting)
 - b. Second on the agenda will be discussion items (new items being brought forward)
 - c. Third, Regional Committee Reports will be called for. A time limit of 3 minutes per report will be encouraged.
 - d. Fourth, Other Business

11. Lobbying Activities. Individuals who are not members or staff of SCA may submit written materials regarding an agenda item to SCA for distribution at the PIC but are prohibited from lobbying the PIC or its members during debate of an issue. Materials are subject to SCA's guidelines for background papers.

C. General

- Communications shall be funneled electronically through the SCA office, including submissions to agendas, back-up materials, meeting notices.
- Meetings will be evening meetings unless otherwise noted.
- There will be no proxy voting.
- Meetings are open to the public.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 7:
2017 PIC Meeting Schedule
ACTION ITEM

Potential Action

Approval of Resolution 2017-1, Setting the Public Issues Committee's 2017 Meeting Schedule

Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.6, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) "shall review and evaluate policy positions and recommend to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions." These meetings are open to the public, and agendas are available on the SCA website. Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.7c, regular meetings of the PIC "shall be held monthly or as deemed necessary."

In the interest of openness, accountability, and transparency, the PIC will adopt a meeting schedule by resolution at its first meeting of the year. This will enable all SCA members and the public to be aware of meeting dates and locations.

The PIC typically meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Renton City Hall. SCA also typically holds a pre-PIC workshop at 6 PM in advance of those meetings.

A resolution establishing the PIC meeting schedule for 2017 is attached.

Attachment

- A. [Resolution 2017-1, Setting the PIC's 2017 Meeting Schedule](#)

**Sound Cities Association
Resolution 2017-1
2017 Public Issues Committee Schedule**

WHEREAS, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) of the Sound Cities Association meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM to conduct the regular business of the Committee, except as noted below; and

WHEREAS, the Public Issues Committee holds a Pre-PIC workshop monthly at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for informational, educational or other PIC-related purposes, unless otherwise stated; and

WHEREAS, the Public Issues Committee holds the majority of its meetings at Renton City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The Public Issues Committee sets the following schedule for 2017 PIC meetings:

January 11	July 12
February 8	August 9
March 8	September 13
April 12	October 11
May 10	November 8
June 14	December 13

SECTION 2:

Public Issues Committee meetings will typically be held at Renton City Hall. Alternate meeting locations may be determined by the membership.

PASSED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Tola Marts, 2017 PIC Chair Date

Attest:

David Baker, SCA Board of Directors Date



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 8:

Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan

DISCUSSION

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SCA Appointee to Land Conservation Advisory Group

Redmond Council President Hank Margeson

Other SCA City Elected Officials on Advisory Group

Bothell Councilmember James McNeal, Tukwila Councilmember De'Sean Quinn, Bellevue Councilmember Vandana Slatter

Discussion

The Land Conservation Advisory Group will discuss their Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan recommendations at a meeting on January 19, 2017. SCA's member on the Advisory Group is seeking feedback from the PIC on the Advisory Group's draft recommendations.

Background

In September 2016, King County Executive Dow Constantine convened a Land Conservation Advisory Group. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to review the [Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan](#) ("Work Plan") and provide recommendations on the Work Plan and recommended funding options to the Executive and King County Council by January 2017. All Advisory Group materials can be found [here](#). Additional background information can be found in the [October 12, 2016 PIC Packet](#) (see page 37) and the [November 9, 2016 PIC Packet](#) (see page 25).

The Work Plan proposes conserving 5,500 parcels totaling 66,000 acres of high conservation value land for future generations. Lands proposed to be conserved fall into one of five conservation categories: natural lands, forests, agriculture, rivers, and regional trails. King County has estimated the cost to conserve this land through acquisition and easements at \$1.5-\$1.8 billion over 30 years, including the cost of acquisition and operations and maintenance of the lands. King County has identified future and potential funding of about \$1.2 billion. There is therefore a gap in funding of \$383,500,000 over 30 years. While the Work Plan focuses on lands in rural King County, it does discuss the need to engage cities in the preservation effort and includes a specific task to further develop the list of lands to protect inside cities and options for funding conservation of those lands, including the potential for establishing a new grant program to fund land conservation inside cities.

Land Conservation Advisory Group Recommendations

The Land Conservation Advisory Group anticipates approving a [King County Land Conservation Advisory Group Phase 1 Report](#) (Phase 1 Report) at its January 19, 2017 meeting. One of the recommendations of the draft Phase 1 Report is that the current Advisory Group effort be the first phase of a two phase project. The Advisory Group anticipates wrapping up Phase 1 in January 2017 with the issuance of the Phase 1 Report, and then reconvening in the fall of 2017 for a Phase 2 work effort. Issues to be addressed in a Phase 2 effort include a review of city priorities for land conservation and preservation; review of an equity mapping analysis and community engagement efforts around social equity; exploration of private funding opportunities; review of updated cost modeling including costs of funding city priorities; discussion of the next County Parks Levy and how that Parks Levy and a land conservation funding proposal would interact; the consideration of potential funding models; and the development of targets and metrics for success. The Work Plan is now being refined into what is referred to as the Land Conservation and Preservation Initiative (“Initiative”). While still in the planning stages, the Initiative will set the stage for future actions.

The Draft Phase 1 Report recommendations have not yet been reviewed by SCA and other city Advisory Group members. Following are the main recommendations of the draft Phase 1 Report that the Advisory Group will consider at its January meeting:

- Adding a sixth category of lands to the Initiative: urban green space. This should be defined through work with cities and historically underserved communities.
- Working with cities to complete a list of urban priority lands in 2017, and also ensuring ongoing funding is available to cities to preserve conservation lands that cities may identify later.
- Incorporating equity and social justice considerations into the Initiative, including addressing disparities that exist amongst some communities regarding access and proximity to open space and green space, and working with historically underserved communities to identify the types of urban green spaces that would be most valued in their communities.
- Refining cost assumptions with respect to the 66,000 acres of identified King County priority land, and the new acreage to be identified inside cities.
- Ensuring that acceleration of funding is available so that quick action can be taken to preserve lands under threat of development.
- Developing a strategy to ensure the renewal of the County Parks Levy, which is up for renewal in 2019, and that considers the impact of the Levy renewal on timing for the Initiative.
- Leaving four potential public funding sources on the table for now (Conservation Futures Tax, property tax levy lid lift, general obligation bonds, REET 3), pending further work to refine the scope and cost of the Initiative. The Advisory Group most strongly supports the use of the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) to support the Initiative. There was some support for other public funding options and members did ask that none of the four public funding options be taken off the table as part of Phase 1.

- Exploring further the role of private funding to support the Initiative by doing additional work to test the assumptions about the role of private funding.
- Proceeding with a sense of urgency, as development pressures continue to grow.
- Removing barn preservation from the scope of the Initiative.

Next Steps

Comments on the Phase 1 report are due to King County by January 13, 2017. The final Land Conservation Advisory Group meeting for the Phase 1 effort will be held on January 19, 2017. A revised Phase 1 Report that incorporates submitted comments will be provided to the Advisory Group before January 19 for review. The Advisory Group is expected to take action on the Phase 1 Report at the January 19 meeting. King County staff will then spend several months undertaking studies; continuing outreach to cities; pursuing public engagement efforts, particularly directed toward underrepresented communities; and preparing for the Phase 2 efforts. The Advisory Group will reconvene in the fall of 2017 to undertake Phase 2 and make a final recommendation to the King County Council and the King County Executive before the end of 2017.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 9:

2017 State Legislative Session

DISCUSSION

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SCA Legislative Committee Members

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore (Chair); Councilmember Bill Allison, Maple Valley; Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

Discussion

The 2017 Washington State Legislative Session begins January 9, 2017. It is a 105-day session in which biennial budgets are due to be crafted, and discussions are anticipated to center on school funding obligations. However, cities have also identified a number of priorities for the coming session—through individually adopted legislative agendas as well as shared agendas, including those adopted by SCA and the Association of Washington Cities. SCA staff have gathered and reviewed these agendas and will continue to update PIC members on key member city priorities.

At the January 11, 2017 PIC meeting, members will be engaged in discussion about their cities' legislative priorities related to the Public Records Act in particular, and feedback will be sought regarding the questions posed later in this staff report.

2017 State Legislative Session Preview

The Washington State Legislature convenes January 9, 2017 for an up to 105-day regular session that will end on or by April 23, 2017. The Legislature is charged with crafting operating, capital, and transportation budgets for the biennium that will begin July 1, 2017, but, as has been the case in recent years, special sessions may be called to complete this work.

The Legislature enters 2017 closely divided. In the House, there will be 50 Democrats and 48 Republicans and, in the Senate, there will be 25 Republicans/Majority Coalition Caucus members and 24 Democrats. There are number of new legislators, with 8 new Senate members and at least 17 new House members (as of the drafting of this report, Senate seats vacated by legislators elected to other offices were still being filled and were anticipated to create additional House vacancies).

Notably, the Legislature faces an estimated [\\$1 billion shortfall](#) in funding for existing services, not including additional funding necessary to fulfill the state's obligation to fund public education (estimated at \$3.5 billion by the Governor's Office), state employee collective bargaining agreements (estimated at \$700 million), or any new services or programs.

Governor Jay Inslee released his [proposed 2017-19 operating, capital, and transportation budgets](#) on December 14, 2015. His proposal would invest [more than half of state spending in K-12 education](#) with school districts receiving more state funding and, according to materials prepared by the Governor's office, at least 75 percent of households and businesses getting a property tax cut (levies would be reduced in 119 of the state's 295 school districts). The Governor also seeks to rebuild Washington's mental health system, with about \$300 million in operating and capital budget spending to expand and improve services in communities and at the state's psychiatric hospitals. The [Governor's proposal would be funded](#) by eliminating tax exemptions, imposing a new capital gains tax, increasing the business and occupation tax rate (though the B&O tax exemption for small businesses would be increased), and a new tax on carbon pollution. Earlier proposals by the Governor for a capital gains tax and a carbon cap-and-trade plan were rebuked by Republican lawmakers in 2015, and Republicans, who again control the Senate, were quick to [criticize](#) the current Governor's budget proposal. By tradition, the Republican-controlled Senate would release its budget proposal next.

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has analyzed the impacts of the Governor's proposed budget for cities [here](#) – including the bottom line for shared revenues (fully funded), the public works trust fund (eliminated but replaced), homelessness funding (a \$140 million increase, which is less than AWC, SCA, and partners had requested), and Basic Law Enforcement Academy (funds additional classes but not as many as cities requested). AWC has also analyzed the Governor's revenue plan [here](#) and posted a summary chart of selected impacts on cities [here](#). According to AWC, several of the Governor's revenue generating proposals would create additional revenue for cities: Local sales and use tax would increase with the vehicle trade-in exclusion, imposing sales tax on bottled water, modifying the non-resident sales tax exemption, and repealing the extracted fuel exemption. City real estate excise tax (REET) collections would increase by limiting the foreclosure exemption.

City Legislative Priorities

Cities are preparing for the 2017 Legislative Session by adopting their own city agendas and working through organizations including SCA and AWC to advocate for shared priorities.

SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda

In 2016, the SCA Board of Directors formed a Legislative Committee to help increase SCA's influence at the state level. The Committee—which consists of members from each geographic caucus—assisted with vetting state legislative priorities of particular interest to member cities for inclusion in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. The adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda ([Attachment A](#)), which was recommended by the PIC and approved by the Board in October 2016, urges the Washington State Legislature to take the following actions in 2017:

- ***Adjust the Property Tax Cap***
 - *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**
 - *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**
 - *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.*

Please note that a typo included in the prior version of the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda has been corrected in [Attachment A](#).

AWC 2017 Legislative Session City Priorities

The Association of Cities (AWC) has also adopted 2017 Legislative Session City Priorities ([Attachment B](#)), which at a high level are as follows:

- Public Records
- Homelessness, Housing, and Human Services
- Local Infrastructure
- City-State Partnership
- Local Authority

With these priorities, AWC shares SCA’s interest in replacing the property tax cap (under “Local Authority” and addressing housing homelessness, housing, and human services—including asks related to the document recording fee, Housing Trust Fund, and new local options. Reflecting AWC’s broader member-base and strong lobbying footprint in Olympia, the Association has identified a more extensive list of priorities for 2017, as described in [Attachment B](#) and AWC Issue Briefs available online [here](#).

SCA Member City Legislative Agendas

In December, SCA requested that member cities provide copies of their 2017 legislative agendas for inclusion in this packet. Twenty-four cities provided legislative agendas or identified their priority issues. These documents are collected as [Attachment C](#). Cities that have not yet shared their legislative agendas, are encouraged to provide them to SCA staff (ellie@soundcities.org).

Based on SCA staff review of those legislative agendas, the area of most consistent focus was the Public Records Act—with the vast majority of cities urging the Legislature to adopt reforms. A more extensive analysis of member city legislative priorities related to the Public Records Act follows below, but most cities that submitted legislative priorities also identified the following issues as areas of focus for their cities lobbying efforts:

- **Protecting Shared Revenues and Opposing Unfunded Mandates:** Nearly all cities sharing their legislative agendas included language related to protecting and restoring city-state shared revenues, including liquor and marijuana revenues, municipal criminal justice assistance, and streamlined sales tax mitigation payments. Many cities coupled these requests with urgings that the state not impose any more un- or underfunded mandates on cities and that the state fulfill obligations to amply fund public education in a way that avoids local revenue impacts.
- **Adjusting the Property Tax Cap:** Mirroring the position included in SCA's adopted 2017 Legislative Agenda, many cities identified replacement of the current property tax cap with a cap that takes into account inflation and population growth as a priority for 2017.
- **Adding Capacity at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy:** Additional funding for law enforcement training was a key theme, with cities advocating for funding for an additional eight classes at the Academy to address wait times.
- **Addressing the Housing and Homelessness Crisis:** Cities legislative agendas made clear that they need more help from the state to address the current housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Again matching SCA's legislative agenda, cities prioritized the extension and expansion of the document recording fee, a \$200 million investment in the Housing Trust Fund, and requested local options to help cities partner in creating and preserving affordable housing.
- **Increasing Funding for Behavioral Health Services:** Most cities requested increased state investments in mental health services and about half of cities also identified the need for substance use disorder services.
- **Ensuring Reliable Funding for Infrastructure and Economic Development:** Many cities noted specific infrastructure needs and urged the state to create a reliable funding source to help fund critical and basic water, sewer, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure investments in local communities.

Additional issues that were shared by multiple cities were: expanding the product stewardship program and fully funding the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC).

Public Records Act Reform

The need to reform the Public Records Act (PRA) was the most commonly named legislative priority by SCA member cities. Nineteen of 24 cities providing legislative agendas included language related to the PRA or incorporated AWC's PRA legislative priority by reference.

Because of this widespread interest and some optimism that legislation may advance this session, the SCA Legislative Committee met December 28, 2016 and decided to seek PIC member feedback on whether an additional legislative priority related to the PRA should be added to the adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda.

The SCA Legislative Committee reviewed the language included in the AWC 2017 Legislative Session City Priorities and SCA member city agendas (summarized in [Attachment D](#)) and revisited a list of principles the Committee set out at its initial meeting:

- 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, that will allow SCA to be nimble in responding to issues as they arise during the legislative session.

After extensive discussion, the Committee decided that more information was necessary from members about what public records reforms they support and whether they wish SCA to lend a voice in support of those reforms or to leave that work to individual cities and AWC. AWC's lobbying staff has said that it would be helpful to have SCA provide a voice of support for their legislative asks regarding public records, but that it would be detrimental to their PRA reform effort for cities to voice conflicting asks of the Legislature.

As a next step, the following feedback is sought from the PIC:

- Whether member cities support the three core PRA reforms advocated by AWC, which are as follows:
 - Allowing a fee for digital data and electronic copies
 - Developing an alternative dispute resolution
 - Restoring grant programs that provide cities assistance with technology and records keeping
- Whether member cities support additional PRA reforms included in SCA member city legislative agendas, such as:
 - Defining an "identifiable" record for purposes of the PRA so that requests for 'any and all' records would not be considered legitimate requests [Issaquah, Kent, Redmond] – *Note: While this language is not included specifically in the AWC adopted priorities, AWC lobbyists are working with legislators to craft legislation addressing this issue and consider this to be encapsulated in the AWC adopted priorities*
 - Exempting non-appointed volunteers from records requests, except for responsive records already retained by the jurisdiction [Kirkland]
 - Creating a path to predictability on fines for jurisdictions that make good faith efforts to comply with records requests [Kirkland]

- Whether member cities feel there is a need to incorporate a new legislative priority addressing the PRA into the previously adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda

As additional context, Representatives Joan McBride (D-Kirkland, 48th Legislative District), 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. AWC’s legislative priorities were developed based on the proposals vetted by that stakeholder group and that seemed most likely to gain traction in the Legislature. At the most recent meeting of the stakeholder group, held December 14, 2016, feedback was sought on six bill drafts reforming various aspects of the PRA prepared by the convening legislators. AWC staff in attendance noted that there seems to be a better chance this year of PRA reforms advancing than in prior years. Two of the proposals from Kirkland listed above—to exempt non-appointed volunteers and cap penalties—were not considered as a part of that stakeholder group process and are therefore not a focus of AWC efforts.

Next Steps

As discussed above, PIC member feedback will be sought at the January 11, 2017 PIC meeting on the member city priorities regarding Public Records Act reform and the potential addition of a new legislative priority to the previously adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda.

Additionally, SCA members are encouraged to get engaged in the following ways:

- If you have not done so already, share your city legislative agenda with SCA staff (ellie@soundcities.org) and AWC (reginaa@awcnet.org). And if you have not yet adopted a legislative agenda, consult the AWC [website](#) for tips and browse other city agendas [here](#).
- Sign up for AWC’s weekly Legislative Bulletin by contacting subscribe@awcnet.org.
- Register for [City Action Days](#), AWC’s two-day conference February 15-16 in Olympia.

Throughout the legislative session, SCA staff will be monitoring and reporting on the progress of policy priorities included in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda.

Attachments

- A. [SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda](#)
- B. [Association of Washington Cities 2017 City Legislative Priorities](#)
- C. [SCA Member Cities’ Legislative Agendas](#) (Received as of 12/29/2016)
 - Auburn (Draft)
 - Beaux Arts Village
 - Bothell
 - Burien
 - Covington
 - Des Moines
 - Federal Way
 - Issaquah
 - Kenmore
 - Kent

- Kirkland
- Lake Forest Park
- Maple Valley
- Medina
- Newcastle
- Normandy Park
- Pacific (No separate city agenda; formally adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda)
- Redmond
- Renton
- SeaTac
- Shoreline
- Snoqualmie
- Tukwila
- Woodinville

D. [Summary of City Legislative Priorities re: Public Records Act Reform](#)

Additional Online Materials

- [King County 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda](#)
- [City of Seattle 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.*



Public Records

Modernize the Public Records Act (PRA) so that cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to our residents

Every day, local government officials ensure transparency in government and serve as stewards of public resources by effectively implementing the PRA. However, advances in technology and the increased volume and complexity of records requests are undermining the PRA. This act must be updated to reflect 21st century realities in order to fulfill its original purpose, provide government transparency, and make wise use of taxpayer dollars.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Permit cities to charge for providing complex digital data and electronic copies of public records, similar to charges for making a paper copy.
- Develop an alternative dispute resolution system that serves government agencies and requestors to quickly resolve disagreements without costly litigation.
- Designate technical and funding assistance by restoring funding to grant programs that help local governments.



Homelessness, Housing & Human Services

Enhance efforts to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained behavioral health system

Urban and rural cities throughout the state are grappling with increasing homeless populations, lack of affordable housing, and a poorly-funded mental health and substance abuse system. Cities are struggling to solve these issues with limited resources. Together with the state, counties, and nonprofit partners, we support efforts to develop new strategies that address the issues plaguing our human service, homeless support, and affordable housing systems.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Make the document recording fee permanent and increase the fee to expand investments in homelessness assistance.
- Invest another \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund, the preeminent tool in the state to fund affordable housing construction.
- Create new local options to generate revenue for homelessness services and for affordable housing construction.
- Ensure full authority to allow the state to maximize federal Medicaid resources and provide additional resources for mental health and chemical dependency services.

In order for Washington State to be its best and attract the best, our 281 cities and towns must be strong.

- Cities are where more than 4.6 million people call home, and this number is growing quickly.
- Cities are where the majority of the state's revenues are generated, including \$1.3 billion in property taxes, and \$7.5 billion in sales tax.
- Cities contain the state's economic engines, where 69% of job-generating businesses are located.

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Local Infrastructure

Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs that support job creation, community health and safety, and quality of life

City infrastructure systems are a critical part of a larger network that serves and benefits the entire state. Diversion from programs that support basic local infrastructure means that communities cannot affordably maintain and secure new infrastructure.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Provide stable and reliable infrastructure assistance to help cities overcome the financial challenges of building and repairing local systems that support economic development and benefit the entire state.
- Commit to a proactive state partnership in key programs like the Public Works Trust Fund. If current programs are not sustainable, they need to be reformed.



Local Authority

Respect city authority to respond to local needs

With the Great Recession behind us, cities are looking for stable revenue to provide essential services to our growing population, such as public safety and infrastructure. City officials are elected and must have the authority to solve local challenges.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Respect cities' local authority for revenue, taxes, licensing, and regulation.
- Limit property tax revenue to inflation and population growth.



City-State Partnership

Preserve the city-state budget partnership

Over the last few years, the state has balanced its budget at the expense of cities. While we understand the fiscal challenges the Legislature faces, we cannot accept that sweeping critical funds from their intended uses is in the best interest of our state. AWC supports the Legislature in securing sufficient revenue to fund state programs and obligations, and therefore unilaterally eliminating or significantly reducing state funding to cities is not acceptable.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Maintain the city-state shared revenue partnership for funding key services.
- Provide adequate and sustainable funding for the Criminal Justice Training Commission to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.
- Continue the current funding from local liquor revenue distributions to the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC), which provides vital support for local government performance.

For more detailed information on each of these priorities, issue briefs are available on our website.

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City of Auburn 2017 DRAFT State and Federal Legislative Priorities

STATE PRIORITIES

Affordable Housing/Homelessness

The City of Auburn is currently in a difficult paradigm where homeless populations are on the rise, mental illness treatment is in short supply, and the housing prices up north are forcing large movements south which in turn pushes out what is our current affordable housing. We believe these issues are strongly linked and must be dealt with in a comprehensive manner. The City is looking for greater resources and options to treat those vulnerable citizens suffering from mental illness. Auburn is also looking for ways to provide sustainable affordable housing so our citizens that have the tools to get a foot hold can do so with a residence they can afford.

Stable Infrastructure Funding

Like most communities, Auburn relies heavily on the Public Works Trust Fund and Motel Toxics Control Act funding to initiate and complete some of our most critical transportation, toxic clean-up,/economic development, storm water, etc. infrastructure needs. All governments from local to State and Federal understand ongoing budgetary difficulties, but these tools are vital to provide our citizens the safest and most productive places to live and work. The uncertainty surrounding these funds creates an environment where cities are unable to properly plan or rely on critical resources that have historically been in place.

Levy Lid

I-747 limits tax revenue growth to 1% annually. Historically, many taxing district expenses have increased by a much higher number. This leaves entities like the Fire Department in a position to have to secure funding for basic operations to maintain the current service level. Although the City of Auburn does not support generous taxation policies, there is a need to be able to tax at a higher rate than 1% without having to go to the ballot every time. The City would ask the Legislature to look at the 1% threshold and determine if it is in fact sufficient to keep up with increasing expenses.

Public Records

Auburn supports open and transparent government and continue to seek the best ways to meet this commitment. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of requestors who monopolize resources with broad, voluminous, commercially driven, or retaliatory requests that do not provide a public benefit proportionate to the taxpayer dollars needed to fulfill these requests. Cities like Auburn need additional tools to resolve conflicts outside the courtroom and the authority to charge a reasonable fee for electronic and commercial requests. We also need to address the impact changing technology has on public records.

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Support comprehensive policies to address homelessness and its root causes, including providing housing supports, addressing mental health issues, and ensuring access to substance abuse programs.

The increase in homelessness has reached a state of emergency in King and Pierce Counties. On any given day last year in just King County nearly 10,000 people were experiencing homelessness, almost 40% or over 3,700 people were unsheltered. Population growth and regional issues of housing affordability exacerbate the problem. Studies show that every \$100 a month increase in rental rates can increase the homeless population by 155 people and by 39% in rural and suburban areas. With local rents skyrocketing in recent years, housing is becoming out of reach for many. Please support increased funding for federal housing assistance programs including rental assistance, Section 8 vouchers, and

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Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing. Please also support expansion of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

Mental Health Issues: Often those living on the streets have unaddressed mental health needs. Too often, lack of providers or available hospital beds stand in the way of those seeking treatment. The shortage of available care leaves low income patients, in particular, at risk for waiting for care in hospital emergency rooms until an acute care hospital bed opens. Changing outdated Medicaid payment policies that exacerbate this shortage can help. Reforms included in legislation such as the Mental Health Reform Act and the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, can help. Among many other reforms to the mental health system both bills would change this outdated Medicaid payment policy to allow for hospitals to have greater numbers of beds devoted to psychiatric care. Please support legislation to address the availability and affordability of mental health care.

Substance Abuse and Opioid Addiction: Ensuring adequate access to substance abuse and opioid addiction treatment programs is a critical component to keeping people employed and housed. Please support funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and implementation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act passed in the 114th Congress as well as efforts to address the growing crisis of opioid addiction in our communities.

Pass e-fairness legislation to close the online sales tax loophole and allow state and local governments to enforce their existing sales tax laws regardless of whether a purchase is made in a store, online, or through a catalog retailer.

The 1967 Supreme Court ruled it would be too much of a burden on out-of-state retailers to collect sales taxes in all the jurisdictions where they conducted businesses. In 1992, the issue resurfaced and the Court elaborated that Congress ultimately has the power to resolve the question of taxation on interstate commerce.

The growth of internet sales since that time has been unprecedented. Online merchants selling in their own states are required to collect sales tax, however sales taxes are not collected at the point of sale for sales that are out of state. By contrast, the brick and mortar businesses in our local communities are required to collect sales tax at the point of service. This puts these main street retailers at a five to ten percent competitive price disadvantage to remote sellers. Rather than putting these businesses at a competitive disadvantage, we should support these main street retailers that are valuable contributors to the vitality of our community.

Congress should provide state and local governments the option to collect the sales tax already owed under current law. Collecting sales taxes on online sales will generate an estimated \$23 billion for state and local governments that can be invested in job creation, infrastructure and economic development efforts.

The City of Auburn made smart budgeting choices to effectively manage through the downturn in the economy. However, there is a backlog of infrastructure and human services needs that could be addressed if local governments were given the ability to enforce current law with respect to sales tax. Additionally, we want to ensure a level playing field for the main street businesses that are key contributors to the vitality of our community whether through sponsoring local sports teams or participating in the chamber of commerce. Please support passage of e-fairness legislation, such as the Marketplace Fairness Act or the Remote Transactions Parity Act.

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Do not limit in any way the income tax exemption for municipal bonds.

As the Administration and Congress consider tax reform and look for revenue to reduce the deficit and fund programs, the federal income tax exemption provided to interest paid on state and municipal bonds is under threat. Past proposals to limit the tax exemption for municipal bond interest would have severely limited the ability to finance state and local infrastructure projects, potentially raising costs to state and local taxpayers by \$17 billion.

This exemption has been in place since the federal income tax was instituted in 1913. It is the primary financing mechanism for state and local infrastructure projects with three-quarters of the infrastructure projects in the U.S. built by state and local governments, and with over \$3.7 trillion in outstanding tax-exempt bonds, issued by 30,000 separate government units. Local governments save an average of twenty five to thirty percent on interest costs with tax-exempt municipal bonds as compared to taxable bonds. These savings arise because investors are willing to accept lower interest on tax-exempt bonds in conjunction with the tax benefit.

If the federal income tax exemption is eliminated or limited, states and localities will pay more to finance projects, leading to less infrastructure investment, fewer jobs, and greater burdens on citizens who will have to pay higher taxes and fees. Please preserve the income tax exemption for municipal bonds.

Support veterans support programs, including interagency partnerships that provide resources for service members, veterans, and their families.

Continue to fund programs that assist transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses to connect with career opportunities; provide access to quality, affordable education; reduce the tolls that the stress of war, multiple deployments, and frequent moves can take on veterans and their families. The City of Auburn worked closely with the Joining Forces Program and would encourage the incoming administration to continue this or a similar effort to support our veterans.

Invest in local transportation priorities.

The City supports a strong partnership with the federal government and encourages Congress to fund transportation programs that provide resources for investments in local infrastructure and transit programs to ensure everyone in our communities has access to education, training, and employment. Please fully fund the transportation and transit programs included in the FAST Act and support local funding priorities in any upcoming infrastructure investment package.

Support federal funding for local programs.

Auburn will continue to advocate on behalf of federal funding that allows the City to serve its citizens and provide services to those in need, provide for the public's safety and maintain its transportation infrastructure. Auburn also supports federal funding for programs operated in partnership with other local jurisdictions and tribes, including the Healthy Auburn for Life committee. Please support funding for programs including the Community Development Block Grant, Byrne Grant Funding through the Department of Justice, and Airport Improvement Funds, among others.



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Town of Beaux Arts Village 2017 City Legislative Agenda

The Council of the Town of Beaux Arts Village has adopted the following legislative agenda by carried motion and respectfully requests that the State Legislature add the following issues to its agenda for the 2017 legislative session:

- Eliminate all unfunded or partially funded mandates. Such mandates place an undue burden on cities in general, and especially on small cities with limited revenue streams. This burden stresses local budgets that struggle to maintain infrastructure and provide essential public services, e.g. Police and Fire Services, the cost of which continue to climb in excess of the inflation rate.
- Eliminate the prevailing-wage requirement for small cities and/or small public-works projects. The prevailing wage requirement add cost to all affected public-works projects without adding any value to the project itself. Further, municipalities are unable to benefit from contractors' willingness to perform work at lower rates in a recession economy. As a result, taxpayers ultimately pay more for public-works projects than they might otherwise in a truly competitive situation. It is counterproductive to encourage/require municipalities to use a competitive-bid process and then require prevailing wages.
- Eliminate the adverse opinion from municipalities legally allowed to use cash-basis accounting. The State Auditor's Office (SAO) recently began adding an adverse opinion to the audits of cash-basis entities solely because those entities use cash-basis accounting, which is allowed under the rules set forth in the "Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System" manual prepared by the SAO. This adverse opinion gives the casual reader of an audit report the impression that the cash-basis entity has "done something wrong" by not using GAAP reporting and may lead such readers to distrust the actions of a cash-basis entity when no such distrust is warranted.
- Eliminate urban growth requirements for small cities, including unnecessary updates of their Comprehensive Plans and Shoreline Master Plans. Small cities that exist in developed urban areas are typically fully developed (or very nearly so). Requiring such cities to plan for additional growth by updating the example documents is an exercise that costs a lot of money but has little to no real planning value for the cities that are mandated to update their plans. Eliminating the update requirement or lengthening the time between required updates would reduce some of the burden of this mandate.
- Actively pursue Public Records Act reform. The current requirements for responding to public-records requests are often onerous due to the time needed to collect, review, and copy the requested information – even more so when the request is very broad and poorly defined. For small cities with limited staff, staff must often set aside some of the city's more pressing business in order to meet the deadlines for responding to PRR inquiries. Finding the right balance between preserving transparency for constituents without consuming excessive amounts of staff time should be a priority of the legislature.

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City of Bothell™

Legislative

Priorities

2017

City of Bothell, WA—2017 Legislative Priorities

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ◆ Address Property Tax Cap Limits
- ◆ Protect Shared Revenues (liquor, marijuana, MRSC)

TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ Support T.I.B. Funding & Downtown Bothell T.I.B. Grant Funds
- ◆ Address 405/522 Interchange Structural Deficiency

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Support Model Toxics Control Act (MCTA) Funding & DOE Staffing
- ◆ Expand LIFT/Adopt Tax Increment Financing

EDUCATION

- ◆ Support Capital Funding for UW Bothell/Cascadia College
- ◆ Provide State Schools Funding WITHOUT Local Revenue Cuts/Impacts

COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE

- ◆ Support Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association Legislative Proposals
- ◆ Support Municipal Criminal Prosecution & Mental Health Funding



Public Records

Modernize the Public Records Act (PRA) so that cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to our residents

Every day, local government officials ensure transparency in government and serve as stewards of public resources by effectively implementing the PRA. However, advances in technology and the increased volume and complexity of records requests are undermining the PRA. This act must be updated to reflect 21st century realities in order to fulfill its original purpose, provide government transparency, and make wise use of taxpayer dollars.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Permit cities to charge for providing complex digital data and electronic copies of public records, similar to charges for making a paper copy.
- Develop an alternative dispute resolution system that serves government agencies and requestors to quickly resolve disagreements without costly litigation.
- Designate technical and funding assistance by restoring funding to grant programs that help local governments.



Homelessness, Housing & Human Services

Enhance efforts to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained behavioral health system

Urban and rural cities throughout the state are grappling with increasing homeless populations, lack of affordable housing, and a poorly-funded mental health and substance abuse system. Cities are struggling to solve these issues with limited resources. Together with the state, counties, and nonprofit partners, we support efforts to develop new strategies that address the issues plaguing our human service, homeless support, and affordable housing systems.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Make the document recording fee permanent and increase the fee to expand investments in homelessness assistance.
- Invest another \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund, the preeminent tool in the state to fund affordable housing construction.
- Create new local options to generate revenue for homelessness services and for affordable housing construction.
- Ensure full authority to allow the state to maximize federal Medicaid resources and provide additional resources for mental health and chemical dependency services.

In order for Washington State to be its best and attract the best, our 281 cities and towns must be strong.

- Cities are where more than 4.6 million people call home, and this number is growing quickly.
- Cities are where the majority of the state's revenues are generated, including \$1.3 billion in property taxes, and \$7.5 billion in sales tax.
- Cities contain the state's economic engines, where 69% of job-generating businesses are located.

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Local Infrastructure

Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs that support job creation, community health and safety, and quality of life

City infrastructure systems are a critical part of a larger network that serves and benefits the entire state. Diversion from programs that support basic local infrastructure means that communities cannot affordably maintain and secure new infrastructure.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Provide stable and reliable infrastructure assistance to help cities overcome the financial challenges of building and repairing local systems that support economic development and benefit the entire state.
- Commit to a proactive state partnership in key programs like the Public Works Trust Fund. If current programs are not sustainable, they need to be reformed.



Local Authority

Respect city authority to respond to local needs

With the Great Recession behind us, cities are looking for stable revenue to provide essential services to our growing population, such as public safety and infrastructure. City officials are elected and must have the authority to solve local challenges.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Respect cities' local authority for revenue, taxes, licensing, and regulation.
- Limit property tax revenue to inflation and population growth.



City-State Partnership

Preserve the city-state budget partnership

Over the last few years, the state has balanced its budget at the expense of cities. While we understand the fiscal challenges the Legislature faces, we cannot accept that sweeping critical funds from their intended uses is in the best interest of our state. AWC supports the Legislature in securing sufficient revenue to fund state programs and obligations, and therefore unilaterally eliminating or significantly reducing state funding to cities is not acceptable.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Maintain the city-state shared revenue partnership for funding key services.
- Provide adequate and sustainable funding for the Criminal Justice Training Commission to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.
- Continue the current funding from local liquor revenue distributions to the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC), which provides vital support for local government performance.

For more detailed information on each of these priorities, issue briefs are available on our website.

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CITY OF BURIEN

2017 REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

This agenda guides our work with regional, state and federal legislative bodies and agencies.

State Legislative Priorities

1. Capital Project Funding for Moshier Sports Field

Pursue \$2 million to convert existing grass sports fields into year-round, multi-purpose artificial turf fields that support baseball, football and soccer. This builds on stormwater system design funding already approved and would increase field use from 4,000 hours to 10,000 hours per year.

2. Funding for Additional Classes at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy

Support efforts to pursue additional funding for Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes. Under the current budget authorization, there is a shortage of eight classes at the Academy. The current four- to six-month wait times experienced now by cities and counties for training new officers could grow to 12 to 18 months if funding commitments are not put in place. Providing \$2.4 million in the second supplemental budget allocation for 2017, would enable the Criminal Justice Training Commission to add eight BLEA classes and prevent an increase in wait times.

3. Public Records Cost Reform

Continue to support legislation to help provide common sense reforms to the Public Records Act. Potential reforms include providing for cost recovery in the growing area of electronic records requests and for public records that are clearly for a commercial purpose, as well as providing remedies for local governments to address harassing requests.

4. Human Services and Homelessness Funding

Continue to support legislative initiatives to provide state funding for mental health services, addiction services, and resources to respond to homelessness. Support legislative action that provides resources that are consistent with King County's **All Home** strategic plan.

5. Public School Funding

Support full funding for a comprehensive basic education program, and complementary school construction program, to meet the needs of Highline School District students.

6. Domestic Violence Mandatory Arrest Procedures for Developmentally Disabled

Support legislation to provide for officer discretion regarding mandatory arrests in domestic violence situations involving developmentally disabled individuals.

7. Long-Term Air Transportation

Support legislation involving further analysis of Washington's current and future statewide aviation capacity and efforts to develop a plan to address Washington's future air transportation needs, including siting new airports.

Federal Legislative Priorities

1. FAA Reauthorization Legislation

Monitor the Congressional reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) legislation with attention to land use, noise, and aircraft emission issues. Monitor the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (Next Gen) for airport noise and emissions standards.

2. Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Traffic Mitigation Funding

Work with the federal delegation and the Port of Seattle to identify appropriate traffic mitigation funding for Burien due to impacts from the SAMP.

3. Airport Noise/Emissions

Monitor and support Congressional bills that will address reducing aircraft noise and emissions around airports.

Work with the Congressional delegation, other impacted cities, the Port and the FAA to reduce aircraft noise and emissions at SeaTac Airport.

Work with the Congressional delegation and others to insist that the FAA communicate with surrounding communities when flight paths deviate or when other changes are made that affect aircraft noise or emissions.

Determine the status of and monitor implementation of the FAA's Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions, and Noise (CLEEN) Program.

4. Identify and Advocate for New Program Opportunities

Identify and advocate for federal policy or funding programs that benefit the City of Burien. Seek opportunities similar to the FAA Pilot Program.

5. Support TIGER CUBS Legislation

Identify Congressional opportunities to support the TIGER CUBS legislation that creates federal transportation grants to mid-sized cities; work to include an amendment to the TIGER CUBS legislation changing the city upper population threshold to 60,000 from 50,000.

6. Monitor the Federal Year (FY) 2018 Appropriations Process

Monitor the FY18 appropriations process for funding opportunities for Burien.

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City of Covington

Legislative PRIORITIES

Covington's Town Center

The City of Covington respectfully requests funding to realize its vision of a thriving Town Center and a "sense of place" for the Covington community and the greater southeast King County area. The City envisions a mixed-use development with a town square and a new city hall. In order to realize this vision, the City needs the State's partnership with a \$2 million capital funding request. Additionally, the City is seeking to collaborate on future funding options to help finance the Town Center.

Higher Education Needs Assessment

Following the completion of the SE King County Higher Education Needs Assessment, the City of Covington asks that the Legislature partner with the city on the next step to bring higher education to the Covington community.

Transportation Funding

The City of Covington is thankful for the funding allocated in the Connecting Washington funding package to widen SR 516 between Jenkins Creek and 185th and the Covington Connector. The City will monitor the implementation of the Connecting Washington package to ensure timely and efficient delivery of both of these projects. Additionally, the City will collaboratively work with Maple Valley and Black Diamond to continue lobbying for the widening of SR 516 from 185th to Four Corners.

Cost Savings

The City of Covington will work with the Association of Washington Cities to advance legislation that brings cost savings to the city, including public records reform.



LEGISLATIVE POLICY DOCUMENT

In addition to the City's 2017 adopted legislative priorities, the city has adopted the following policies. The policy document provides direction to city staff and the city lobbyist. These are issues that the city will monitor and support along with AWC and other stakeholders, but are secondary to the 2017 legislative priorities of the City.

TRANSPORTATION

Covington Connector – The City of Covington supports efforts to expedite funding for the construction of the Covington Connector.

Walkways and Street Grant Policies – The City of Covington will explore and support legislative proposals to create new grant programs and/or amend existing grant programs to prioritize streets with high average daily traffic flow counts or state routes through city centers.

Councilmanic Authority – The City of Covington supports additional revenue tools that provide councilmanic authority to fund local transportation.

I-90 and State Highway 18 Improvements – Collaboratively work with applicable jurisdictions to lobby for the widening of I-90 & Highway 18 in the next transportation package.

PROPERTY TAX

The City of Covington supports lifting the 1% property tax ceiling to allow city revenues to increase with inflation/increasing costs.

STATE-SHARED REVENUES

The City of Covington requests that as the Legislature develops its 17-19 budgets that it fully fund local-state shared revenues, and further asks that the legislature restore full funding to the liquor revolving account. The City supports legislation that restores liquor profit revenues to pre-2012 levels by removing the 2011 cap, and restoring the 50/50 revenue sharing relationship over multiple biennia and dedicating the revenue to public safety..

AWC & SCA LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

Support the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and Sound Cities Association (SCA) legislative programs. Support other local government professional associations' legislative programs when consistent with the aforementioned programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Support constitutional amendments and/or legislation to create pure tax increment financing. Support funding for the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) and Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) programs. Support efforts to make LIFT and LRF simpler, more flexible, and user-friendly.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The City of Covington supports reforming and restoring the Public Works Assistance Account to meet local infrastructure needs.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Black Diamond will continue to advocate jointly for federal and state funding for State Route 169 and State Route 516 improvements and for transit alternatives in the three rapidly growing communities.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

Oppose unfunded and under-funded mandates on local government. Support funding for existing mandates including comprehensive plan updates, Shoreline Management Act updates and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.

LOCAL CONTROL

The City of Covington supports legislation that provides greater local control of city regulatory issues, particularly around fireworks, marijuana lounges, liquor establishments, etc.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOOLS

The City of Covington supports additional local option funding tools for affordable housing. Additionally, the City joins housing advocates in requesting \$200 million for the Housing Trust Fund, and extending the document recording fee.

PARKS

The City of Covington is grateful for state investments in its parks, particularly Covington Community Park. The City will work with the Washington Recreation and Parks Association to increase local park and recreation opportunities in the city, including full funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to fund SoCo Park Phase 2.

STORMWATER & CULVERT FUNDING

The City of Covington has significant stormwater and culvert funding needs. The City requests funding for current and new grant programs for local stormwater and culvert projects.

City of Des Moines

2017 Legislative Priorities

The 2017 State Legislative session will begin in January, 2017. There are several issues critical to the well-being of the City and discussed below:

- Funds to replace the north bulkhead in the Marina. This is critical to maintaining the structural integrity of the Marina. It also will shore up the north parking lot that can serve as a staging area for air, land and sea operation in an emergency situation. Appropriate capital investment in the Marina serves the public interest by continuing to provide a safe, accessible location for public access to Puget Sound, the Marina, pier and Beach Park.
- Relief from the DNR lease payment that has increased considerably in recent years. The funds that are used to pay for the DNR lease can be reinvested into the Marina and provide enhanced recreation, emergency management options, economic development activities and public access. (Attached is the DRAFT White Paper on this issue prepared by staff).
- Provide legislative language that would allow the proceeds from the surplus of SR 509 assets (right of way) to remain with the SR 509 project, as opposed to being returned to the State's general fund. Also, include language that proceeds from the surplus of SR 509 assets should be applied against the "local contribution" share of the SR 509 project.
- Several public safety items, including
 - Improving the Mental Health System: Without better resources, LE will be faced with an increasing number of violent encounters.
 - Increase DNA Testing Capacity: We needs additional funding so that the WSP Crime Lab's DNA Testing capacity can be increased and turn-around times decreased.
 - Address the Unintended Consequences of the Public Records Act: There needs to be tighter restrictions so that the abuse can be stopped.
 - Ensure Sufficient and Consistent Funding for Statewide Public Safety Training. This includes Academy Training and other programs that allow for regional information sharing and technology upgrades.
 - Increase Funding Opportunities for Small Agency Regional Partnerships: Create funding incentives that encourage LE agencies to create regional partnership models.
- Furthering issues identified in the City Council Intergovernmental Policies and Positions for 2017.
- Any additional items that come up during the Legislative Session that can further the City Council Goals and Objectives.

Legislative Priorities

Law Enforcement

Public safety is the number one priority of the City of Federal Way. The City urges the Legislature to provide adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel. In addition to this request, Federal Way seeks a capital budget funding in the sum of \$250,000 to add new and replace outdated or obsolete Safe City cameras.

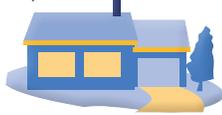


Community Development

Federal Way is seeking funding to combat the rise in opioid addiction and to address the dire conditions of persons without shelter. These monies would address homeless services, such as the Federal Way Homeless Services Encampment Initiative – a three-tiered approach which focuses on:

- Coordination of service providers from the city and region;
- Providing care, compassion, and referral of available services to those in need; and
- Initiating the cleanup of encampments to address environmental concerns and damage to public and private property.

The City of Federal Way is also seeking capital funds to help secure a center for homeless youth to be run in coordination with Auburn Youth Resources.



Public Records Reform

Federal Way supports updating the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents.



Transportation



City Center Access Project (I-5 Interchange at S 320th Street):

Scope:

Complete environmental documentation and Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for the City Center Access Project. The proposed project will incorporate one of two alternatives for modifying current access at the interchange of I-5 with South 320th Street in Federal Way.

Purpose and Need:

The environmental documentation and IJR are the first step in improving traffic flow conditions resulting from the failing safety and level of service (LOS) at the S 320th / I-5 Interchange. This will combine local city street intersection improvements with new arterials to improve poor traffic flow conditions resulting from the failing safety and level of service (LOS) at the South 320th Street/I-5 interchange.

Schedule:

Complete IJR: 2018. Start Right-of-Way Acquisition: 2019.

Budget / Funding: \$1.5 Million

Earmark Request: \$1.0 Million

The City of Federal Way supports fully funding the Public Works Trust Fund in order to keep up with the growing demand for infrastructure improvements and to support job creation, economic vitality, and enhance quality of life.

Performing Arts and Event Center

The City of Federal Way is seeking \$1 million in capital funds for a kitchen upgrade to the Performing Arts & Event Center. This upgrade will be utilized by the Native American Culinary Institute in partnership with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The new Performing Arts & Event Center will be a year-round conference & event center with a 716-seat theater hosting world-class talent, as well as art education and culinary education programs.



Legislative Priorities

University Initiative



The City of Federal Way recently completed a higher education needs assessment. This assessment shows a clear need for increased higher educational opportunities in our community. Federal Way has been in communication with the University of Washington-Tacoma and Washington State University to determine their interest in a downtown Federal Way site location. Federal Way asks the Legislature to support this endeavor and provide the necessary assistance to allow this exciting venture to come to fruition.

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 City of Federal Way 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



MRSC

The Legislature should maintain funding for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to provide vital support for local government performance.

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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.

Federal Way strongly urges the Legislature to fund basic public health in Washington State.

Education



The City of Federal Way, in partnership with Federal Way Public Schools, encourages the State Legislature to:

- Fully fund education to meet the constitutional requirements as outlined in the McCleary ruling;
- Fully fund the cost of basic education and specifically, this means compensation costs so that Federal Way Public Schools can continue to attract the best and the brightest;
- Create a fair state tax structure to lessen property tax-based public education inequities. Federal Way taxpayers pay more to raise \$1000 than most taxpayers in King County due to significant variations in assessed valuation; and
- Local levies and local effort assistance (LEA) are headed off a funding cliff. Address the Levy Cliff. If this is not addressed, FWPS will have to lay off a significant number of staff (equivalent to the number of staff it takes to run 8 elementary schools).

In order to ensure Federal Way's more than 22,000 scholars are able to learn and thrive in the competitive environment of the 21st century, the city of Federal Way strongly urges the legislature to take these requests into serious consideration.

**City of Issaquah – 2017 Legislative Agenda
Top-Priority and Key-Priority Issues at a Glance**

Top Priority Issues – Issaquah Specific

Request for 2017-19 Capital Budget Funding for Confluence Park

Issaquah will be seeking \$3 million in 2017-19 Capital Budget “local/community project” funds to continue the enhancement of Confluence Park, a premier park in the center of the city and a crown jewel within a 15.5-acre “green necklace” of parks, trails, and open space. Funds will enable the city to proceed with Phase III work on the Park, specifically involving relocation of industrial buildings and site preparation for active elements of the facility.

Transportation Needs: SR 900/12th Avenue NW Request and Expediting of SR 18/I-90 Interchange Project – Along with Critical Gap in Regional Roadway Network Funding

Issaquah is being confronted by significant – and mounting – congestion, much of it coming from regional pass-through traffic on corridors such as Issaquah-Hobart Road that ties up the local system for several hours, morning and night. The City appreciates the Legislature’s work on “Connecting Washington” to attack mobility and capacity issues on the state highway system, but sees an urgent need for regional roadway funding tools. The City will kick off a community and regional conversation about action steps with a “Transportation Summit” on Nov. 22, 2016. Additionally, Issaquah will:

- Advance a small-scale request for \$1.5 million in the 2017-19 Transportation Budget for added right-turn and left-turn capacity at the intersection of SR 900/12th Avenue NW – a part of the Interstate 90 limited-access. Added left and right turn lanes are critical to addressing mounting congestion and gridlock at an intersection that serves Costco’s world headquarters, a FedEx distribution facility, a hotel, and numerous major retail and “big box” facilities. The state request would help Issaquah fully fund an overall \$3.5 million;
- Work with a coalition to expedite the start date for \$150 million In State Route 18/Interstate 90 interchange work that is in Connecting Washington – but not due to begin until 2023-25 and 2025-27. Given massive traffic backups at the interchange, shorter-term relief is vital. As the Legislature contemplates the idea of a commission to perform a comprehensive review of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and make recommendations, Issaquah would consider supporting recommendations that would suggest expanded use of impact and mitigation fees or another revenue source to address regional traffic impacts.

2017-19 Operating Budget Seed-Funding Request – Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ)

The State of Washington designated Issaquah as a sports medicine “Innovation Partnership Zone” (IPZ) in 2015. Issaquah is now actively seeking to host a national sports-medicine conference and trade show that could enable the recruitment of new sports medicine firms and clinics to Washington State. To help with overall costs of bringing a future trade show to Issaquah, the City seeks \$50,000 in state seed funding through the Department of Commerce and would seek to match that allocation with local funds.

2017-19 Capital Budget – State Parks – Lake Sammamish State Park Picnic Area

Issaquah will strongly support a 2017-19 Capital Budget request for Lake Sammamish State Park picnic area improvements – as part and parcel of the City’s role as a partner with the state and as a signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning collaborative efforts in park operations and development. The specific Capital request is for \$2.5 million in Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds and a matching \$2.5 million in line-item funds – for a total of \$5 million. Funding would be used to redevelop the entire Sunset Beach picnic area, including constructing a large shelter, installing a new lawn and tree canopy, and establishing a paved esplanade to connect Sunset Beach to Tibbets Beach within the State Park.

2017-19 Capital Budget – WDFW – Issaquah Fish Hatchery – Expedite \$2.8M Request if possible for gravity pipeline replacement

The Issaquah Fish Hatchery is the most frequently visited Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hatchery in the state and is a featured part of the annual Issaquah Salmon Days festival. About \$2.8 million in capital funds are needed to replace a gravity pipeline at the Hatchery, but WDFW does not have a request for that project programmed until 2019-21. Issaquah asks 5th and 41st Legislative District Members to look for possible opportunities to expedite this important project to be allocated within the 2017-19 Capital Budget.

Key Priorities – Issaquah joining other cities and coalitions**Providing Affordable Housing, Addressing Homelessness**

Issaquah will actively seek out ways to extend and enhance existing funding sources and add new tools to help local communities add affordable housing units and address the growing homelessness crisis. Specifically, the City will:

- Support extending and increasing the **Document Recording Fee** on housing transactions that funds homelessness and housing programs at the local level;
- Support a \$200 million request for the **Housing Trust Fund** in the 2017-19 Capital Budget;
- Work to ensure that the “**1115 Medicaid Waiver**” funds for supportive housing are included in the 2017-19 Operating Budget;
- Support **new tools and options** to address affordable housing needs

Ensuring Safe Streets and Enhanced Public Safety

The City of Issaquah is strongly committed to public safety through a mutually respectful relationship between law enforcement and its citizens. One of the biggest challenges for the City is to hire and maintain a police force to take on a range of problems from mental health to property crime to drug addiction offenses. Issaquah will:

- Help lead efforts to ensure **Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) training funds** – at least enough to accommodate 540 slots at the Academy in Burien. Issaquah needs to move four (4) new officers through the Academy in the next year;
- Support initiatives to more adequately **fund and manage mental health** challenges, including beds and facilities that can treat and house those with mental illness.

Address Fiscal & Local Resource Needs

Issaquah urges lawmakers to look at cities and counties as partners rather than ‘stakeholders’ – particularly by collaborating with local governments on maintaining and restoring “state-shared” revenues and by giving those same local governments tools to better manage resource needs. Specifically, the City will support:

- A structural **modification in property tax statutes to tie annual growth to an inflationary index** rather than to a 1 percent limit that prevents cities and counties from keeping up with year-to-year increases in the costs of delivering services;
- **Gradually restoring liquor revolving account (“liquor profit”) revenues that were effectively capped** in statute in 2012. The City supports the idea of targeting 60 percent of restored revenues toward criminal justice/public safety needs;
- Strive to **protect state-shared revenues and existing distributions** that are vital to helping cities meet their obligations. These include liquor, marijuana, and municipal criminal justice assistance; and Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) Mitigation payments – which is a critical \$800,000-a-year+ component of the City’s general fund. Particularly with respect to rapidly growing marijuana revenues, Issaquah urges lawmakers to tie more of those to local implementation and enforcement, just as the state does with liquor revenues.

Strengthening the Public Records Act (PRA) and Making It Easier to Administer

Issaquah strongly supports transparency and open government goals that are at the heart of the Public Records Act (PRA). But in some cases, records requests are harassment-related or result in significant resource demands without cost recovery. As a result, the City will be supportive of 2017 legislation to update the PRA, particularly with respect to:

- Providing an **Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism** to settle conflicts over burdensome requests;
- Establishing a **cost recovery mechanism for processing things such as electronic records requests**;
- Making statutory changes around **what constitutes an “identifiable” record or set of records for purposes of PRA responses** – so that requests for ‘any and all’ records would not be considered a legitimate request.

City of Issaquah – 2017 Legislative Agenda “Support/Oppose” & “Track/Monitor”

Budget and Fiscal Matters

- Issaquah is prepared to **oppose** legislation that would *undermine local B&O tax collection/administration authority*, but is open to legislative initiatives growing out of the **EHB 2959** Task Force that could streamline business licensing applications. The City is a partner with the Department of Revenue in the “Business Licensing Service” (BLS);
- Issaquah will closely **track and monitor** any legislative initiatives growing out of a study by the Office of the State Actuary into *potential merging of the Law Enforcement and Firefighters’ Plan 1 (“LEOFF 1”) and the Teachers’ Retirement System Plan 1 (“TRS 1”)*. If merger legislation or budget initiatives are introduced, the City will urge that they be structured in a way that protects underlying LEOFF 1 funding and assists cities with LEOFF 1 medical costs.

Criminal Justice/Public Safety/Fire/Courts

- Issaquah will **support** legislation that *makes a fourth Driving Under the Influence offense a felony*;
- Issaquah has **strong concerns** with “Justice Reinvestment Initiative” (JRI) legislation that would put new resource and law enforcement burdens on local communities;
- Issaquah is prepared to **support** legislation that would *better enable law enforcement agencies to terminate officers for breaches of honesty and professional conduct*;
- Issaquah will closely **track and monitor** a current study of how the state could potentially implement a *statewide relicensing program for those who have committed Driving While License Suspended (DWLS) offenses*. The City will want to ensure such a program does not cancel out successful relicensing and payment plans – or absolve drivers of insurance requirements -- in individual jurisdictions;
- Issaquah will join District and Municipal Court Judges in working to **protect** *Operating Budget funding for Court Management System computer upgrades* in courts of limited jurisdiction.

Economic Development/Infrastructure

- Issaquah will strongly **support** a legislative initiative to increase per-application and overall-funding caps for the “Main Street” program;
- Issaquah is prepared to **support** proposed legislation to re-establish a statewide tourism and marketing to help Washington compete on more even footing with other states;
- Issaquah will **support** a 2017 legislative initiative to *modify and reform the Public Works Assistance Account* so that the state retains a low-interest loan program for basic infrastructure needs throughout Washington;
- Issaquah will **support** Capital Budget *funding and grants for stormwater*, including initiatives to make the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) account more sustainable and less prone to revenue spikes and reductions due to fuel prices;
- Issaquah will **support** key Capital and Transportation budget grant programs for cities such as the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Safe Routes to Schools, Bicycle-Pedestrian grants, etc.
- Issaquah is prepared to **support** 2017 legislative initiatives to re-establish state funding and partnerships for economic development incentive programs such as the Local Revitalization Financing program (LRF) or the Local Infrastructure Assistance Tools (LIFT) program.
- Issaquah will **support** a 2017 initiative to make technical *changes and enhancements to the state laws governing Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)*;
- Issaquah will **support** 2017 legislation allowing local governments *expanded use of “Small Works Rosters”* to do small-scale infrastructure and public works jobs in-house.

Environment/Natural Resources

- Issaquah will **support** legislation to *expand the “Product Stewardship” program* – specifically for prescription drugs and certain types of paints;

Land-Use/Growth Management Act (GMA)

- Issaquah will **support** 2017-19 Operating Budget requests by the Departments of Ecology and Commerce to continue providing *assistance grants for Shoreline Master Program and Growth Management Act plan updates*;
- Issaquah is supportive of the Growth Management Act in general and would oppose amendments to the GMA that weaken or undermine the statute.

Local Government in General/Miscellaneous

- Issaquah will join others in **opposing** legislation that would *impose “unfunded mandates” on local governments, or seeks to pre-empt or remove local authority*;
- Issaquah is prepared to **support** legislative initiatives that can help *reduce costs for cities and counties, or make service delivery more efficient*;
- Issaquah is prepared to **support** legislative initiatives to enhance funding for emergency management functions of local governments.

Personnel, Pension, and other Human Resource Issues

- Issaquah will join the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and other local government and business organizations in **opposing** legislation that would *add new costs and requirements to employee benefit programs without accompanying funds*;
- Issaquah will join others in **opposing** legislation that would *expand “presumptive disease” laws and definitions* in the area of Workers’ Compensation claims;
- Issaquah urges the Legislature to **refrain** from bills or budget initiatives that would *result in increased employer/employee pension rates*.

Transportation

- Issaquah **seeks to ensure** that projected and phased funding for Interstate 90 “peak-hour shoulder-use lanes” stays on schedule;
- Issaquah will **support** any effort by King County METRO to ensure “bike share” funding for Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond in the transit-capital category of Connecting Washington is completed in 2017-19.



City Of Kenmore, Washington

City of Kenmore 2017-19 Legislative Agenda

Reconnecting Kenmore's Downtown to Lake Washington

Kenmore requests that the State alleviate the impacts of the state transportation system on the local community by reconnecting the city's downtown with the Lake Washington waterfront. Despite recent improvements to State Route 522 to increase transit and vehicle capacity and improve pedestrian safety, congestion on State Route 522 continues to worsen. Regional decisions regarding the State's transportation system, including imposing tolls on SR 520, and the failure of the state system to handle daily commuter traffic, has resulted in more drivers opting to travel on State Route 522 through Kenmore. The resulting congestion makes it increasingly difficult for city residents to access local businesses, and generally move within the city.

State Route 522 divides Kenmore's downtown from its waterfront. The City asks that the State invest **\$4 million** to design a multimodal grade-separated route, above or below SR 522, to allow Kenmore residents to more easily move within the city and to connect the city's downtown to the Lake Washington waterfront.

Propel Lakepointe Development

Lakepointe is the last remaining undeveloped property of its size on Lake Washington - a 47-acre site poised to become a dynamic mixed-used transit-oriented development with housing, office and retail space, hotel, marina and nearly a mile of public shoreline public access. To make this vision a reality, the State's partnership is needed. A longstanding barrier to redeveloping the Lakepointe property stems from site conditions that are the result of a State transportation project – when Interstate-5 was built in Seattle, WSDOT used the Lakepointe site as a landfill for construction and demolition debris. As a result, deep foundation systems featuring several thousand pilings will be required in order for the property to be developed, adding substantial costs of potentially over \$90 million to any redevelopment project.

To alleviate these extraordinary costs related to the site's prior use by the State, the City of Kenmore requests that the State provide the economic development tools and incentives necessary to allow this property to overcome this hurdle and be developed. Without these incentives, the steep infrastructure and other project costs will continue to cause this vital waterfront site to languish and not redevelop. Even with the proposed incentives, the redevelopment of this site has the potential to offer a significant financial return on investment at both the state and local levels.

Boathouse on Sammamish River/Lake Washington

The City of Kenmore requests \$250,000 to construct or acquire a waterfront boathouse in partnership with local public schools. This project will result in a building that will provide for youth recreation programming and boat storage for public high school rowing programs and other waterfront programs for the public.

Local Control on Asphalt Plant Regulations

An asphalt plant is located in the City of Kenmore, near downtown, SR 522 and residential areas. The asphalt plant has been operating for decades and is a legal nonconforming use. The City asks that the State give local cities additional, local option regulatory authority over asphalt plants to ensure that the plant operates in a manner that is mindful of the surrounding urban neighborhoods.

Saint Edward Seminary Building Rehabilitation

The City of Kenmore supports the efforts of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to rehabilitate the historic Saint Edward Seminary Building in Saint Edward Park in Kenmore.



**City of Kent
2017 State Legislative Agenda**

The City of Kent's 2017 State Legislative Agenda is structured as follows:

1. The **"Top-Priority"** issues are the primary focus of Kent's advocacy efforts.
2. **"Key Issues"** will also be a top focus of the City's advocacy time and energy.
3. The **"Support/Oppose"** items, while important, will be led by others. Kent will join in strongly supporting or opposing legislative issues with potential to impact the City.

City of Kent TOP PRIORITIES

Kent urges lawmakers to protect state-shared revenues that are vital to helping cities meet their obligations. These include liquor, marijuana, and municipal criminal justice assistance revenues; and particularly ***Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) Mitigation*** payments – which is a critical \$5 million-a-year component of the City’s general fund. Kent also supports:

- ***Modification of property tax statutes to tie annual growth to an inflationary index*** rather than to a 1 percent limit that prevents cities from keeping up with year-to-year service delivery cost increases.
- ***Gradually restoring liquor revolving account (“liquor profit”) revenues that were capped*** in statute in 2012. The City supports targeting 60 percent of restored revenues toward criminal justice/public safety needs.
- ***Early Action Appropriation (\$2.4 million) for Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training***, a critical allocation in order for Kent to hire/train 16 new officers in 2017.

Capital Budget funding for an East Hill YMCA - Kent and the Greater YMCA of Seattle will request \$3 million for parks-related capital improvements associated with bringing the YMCA to Kent. This new YMCA will be the only community center on Kent’s East Hill, where about 80 percent of Kent residents live.

The site for the future YMCA is nestled between Morrill Meadows and East Hill Parks. Morrill Meadows, the larger of the parks, is extremely popular despite having several amenities that are at or near the end of their useful life. East Hill Park offers few recreational opportunities and is sorely under-utilized. The funding, if approved, will help pay for a relocated sport court, playground and off-leash dog park; parking; picnic areas; trails and other amenities. The renovation will not only accommodate the new YMCA, but will allow the two parks to function much more efficiently as one expanded and improved community park.

Floodplain, habitat and drainage improvements to reduce flooding near the corporate headquarters of Blue Origin - Kent is requesting \$5 million for a series of floodplain, habitat, and drainage enhancements in the area around 76th Avenue S. and S. 212th Street. Just as importantly, this project will stabilize a critical cross-section of the Green River Valley and prevent frequent flooding that adversely impacts the city and the region as a whole.

City of Kent – 2017 Legislative Agenda Key Issues at a Glance
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Lower Russell Road Levee improvements/park relocation/public access - Kent joins King County in support of a \$5 million request by the King County Flood Control Zone District (KCFCZD) to both improve and strengthen the Lower Russell Road Levee on the Green River and to accommodate habitat restoration, Van Doren's Landing Park relocation, and public access improvements. With an overall cost of \$44 million, state budget earmarks and grants will offset approximately one-third of the cost.

Funding for gang intervention, gang data-base training, data collection on juvenile firearms offenses - In partnership with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Kent will pursue \$750,000 for training and data-entry work associated with a statewide criminal street gang data-base (\$500,000, one-time); (\$150,000, one-time) for collecting and coordinating data associated with juvenile gang and firearm offenses; and a \$100,000 increase per year (\$1.2 million/biennium – ongoing) for the gang prevention and intervention program administered by the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.

Kent will support law enforcement, local government, and crime victim advocacy groups to advance a technical fix to RCW 9A.88.110 to enable law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to keep using an important tool in the fight against human trafficking - Specifically, Kent has used "Back Page" advertisements to establish decoy stings against perpetrators who patronize prostitutes and build human trafficking rings. The decoy stings have been very effective, but the fix in law is needed to ensure that offenders can be prosecuted based on *both* the location of where they triggered the prostitution/trafficking act and where the incident occurred.

Protect Fire Insurance Premium Tax Distributions - Kent receives Fire Insurance Premium Tax Distributions from the state's Operating Budget to assist with LEOFF 1 medical needs. These distributions, which go to 44 cities overall, represent a critical \$220,000-a-year source of funding and are important as the City addresses an overall unfunded liability of over \$25 million in the LEOFF 1 system.

**City of Kent – 2017 Legislative Agenda
“Support/Oppose” & “Track/Monitor”**

Affordable Housing/Homelessness Prevention

Kent will actively seek out ways to extend and enhance existing funding sources and add new tools to help communities add affordable housing units to address a growing homeless population. Specifically, the City will:

- **Support extending and increasing the Document Recording Fee on housing transactions that funds homelessness** and housing programs at the local level;
- **Support a \$200 million request for the Housing Trust Fund** in the 2017-19 Capital Budget;
- **Support the inclusion of “1115 Medicaid Waiver” funds** for supportive housing in the 2017-19 Operating Budget;

Budget and Fiscal Matters

- Kent will **closely track and monitor any legislative initiatives to merge the Law Enforcement and Firefighters’ Plan 1 (“LEOFF 1”) and the Teachers’ Retirement System Plan 1 (“TRS 1”)**. If merger legislation or budget initiatives are introduced, the City urges that they be structured to protect underlying LEOFF 1 funding and assist cities with LEOFF 1 medical costs.

Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement/Public Safety/Courts

- **Support initiatives to more adequately fund and manage mental health challenges**, including beds and facilities that can treat and house those with mental illness and chemical dependency issues;
- **Support legislation that makes a fourth Driving Under the Influence offense a felony**;
- **Express strong concerns with “Justice Reinvestment Initiative”** legislation that would put new resource and law enforcement burdens on local communities;
- **Oppose legislation that weakens civil forfeiture authority used by law enforcement to seize drugs and property** when/where appropriate;
- **Support legislation enabling law enforcement agencies to terminate officers for breaches of honesty and professional conduct**;
- **Kent will closely monitor a study of how the state could potentially implement a statewide relicensing program for those who have committed Driving While License Suspended offenses**, so long any program does not cancel out successful relicensing and payment plans – or absolve drivers of insurance requirements in individual jurisdictions;
- **Kent joins District and Municipal Court Judges in support of funding for Court Management System computer upgrades.**

Economic Development/Infrastructure

- Kent **supports a bill to increase per-application and overall-funding caps for the “Main Street”** program;
- Kent **supports legislation authorizing Public Facilities Districts to utilize sales tax credit financing authority in law for up to 35 years** (vs. the current 20-year limit);
- Kent is **prepared to support proposed legislation to re-establish a statewide tourism and marketing program** to help Washington compete on more even footing with other states;
- Kent **supports Capital Budget funding and grants for stormwater**, including initiatives to make the Model Toxics Control Act account more sustainable and less prone to revenue spikes and reductions;

- **Kent supports grant programs such as the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Safe Routes to Schools, Bicycle-Pedestrian grants, etc.**
- Kent is prepared to **support initiatives to re-establish state funding and partnerships for economic development incentive programs** such as the Local Revitalization Financing program or the Local Infrastructure Assistance Tools program.
- **Kent supports expanded use of “Small Works Rosters” to do small-scale infrastructure and public works jobs in-house;**
- If others bring forward pilot legislation to allow digital billboards to be placed on properties in close proximity to state highway corridor rights-of-way, Kent will support it.

Environment/Natural Resources

- Kent **supports legislation to expand the “Product Stewardship” program** – specifically for prescription drugs and certain types of paints;
- Kent supports a request by the Department of Ecology to **restore the litter prevention campaign, including the litter hotline (1-866-Litter1).**

Land-Use/Growth Management Act

- Kent will **support requests by the Departments of Ecology and Commerce to continue providing assistance grants for Shoreline Master Program and Growth Management Act plan updates.** Kent would like to see more flexible use of these dollars for plan update needs;
- Kent **supports efforts to streamline the State Environmental Policy Act,** including efforts to expand infill exemptions.

Local Government

- Kent **supports updates to the Public Records Act (PRA), particularly with respect to providing Alternative Dispute Resolution to settle conflicts over burdensome requests;** establishing a cost recovery mechanism for processing electronic records requests; and making statutory changes around what constitutes an “identifiable” record(s) for purposes of PRA responses – so that requests for ‘any and all’ records would not be considered a legitimate request.
- If others bring forth legislation to **authorize cities and counties to use the same national background check data that is already available to Parks Districts, Kent will support it.** Current law affords law enforcement the ability to use this national background check data-base, but it is not available to other city and county departments which hire people to work with youth and vulnerable adults;

Human Resource Issues

- Kent will join the Association of Washington Cities and business organizations to **oppose legislation that would add new costs and requirements to employee benefit programs** without accompanying funds;
- Kent will join others in **opposing legislation that would expand “presumptive disease” laws** and definitions in the area of Workers’ Compensation claims;
- Kent would **oppose measures that would result in increased employer/employee pension rates.**

Transportation

- In the event the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and other stakeholders submit a list of priority freight projects for the 2017-19 Transportation Budget, **Kent would support the inclusion of 212th Street/BNSF grade separation funds;**
- Kent is prepared to **oppose any “orphaned roads” legislation that would allow King County to unilaterally offload road maintenance costs onto cities.** Rather than

legislation, there should be a process between the county and affected cities on how to deal with "islands" of unincorporated areas that are surrounded by cities.



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

General Principles

Kirkland supports legislation to promote the City Council's goals and protect the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.
- Oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or counties to cities.

City of Kirkland 2017 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Restore the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to pre-recession levels
 - Add affordable housing to the list of eligible projects that can be funded by REET 1 and REET 2
 - Extend document recording fee for housing (eliminate sunset) and increase the fee
- Kirkland supports allowing Kingsgate Park and Ride to be used for an affordable housing Transit Oriented Development.
- Kirkland supports adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.
- Kirkland supports allowing local jurisdictions the option to set a lower taxing limit for a Metropolitan Park District (MPD).
- Kirkland supports capital or transportation budget funding for a multimodal safety improvement project connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor with the Redmond Central Connector.
- Kirkland supports allowing both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap, currently fixed at 1 percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.
- Kirkland supports updates to the Public Records Act that will:
 - Exempt non-appointed volunteers from records requests, except for responsive records already retained by the jurisdiction
 - Establish a nominal fee for filing records requests and a per document charge for electronic records
 - Create a path to predictability on fines for jurisdictions that make good faith efforts to comply with records requests.



City of Lake Forest Park Legislative Priorities 2017 Legislative Session

Top Priorities

Secure Culvert Funding - Lake Forest Park is the ideal suburban environment on Lake Washington for salmon to return and spawn. We have a healthy canopy and clean, cool and clear water in our creeks. Unfortunately, aging culverts, and one collapsed culvert, restrict the ability of salmon to spawn in Lake Forest Park. The City is committed to restoring its creeks. To accomplish this goal, each creek will need a series of culvert replacements. Lake Forest Park respectfully requests that the state be a key funding partner in this multi-year project. Of particular interest is a series of culverts around SR 104 on Lyon Creek. WSDOT has given high priority to replacement of the SR 104 culvert, but for there to be true creek restoration, a downstream private culvert that collapsed in 1997 and undersized public culvert also need to be replaced. The City seeks a partnership with the State to package the three culverts into one project with multiple funding partners so that this key project can be underway in the next 2 years.

Corridor Study - A corridor study of SR 522 and SR 104 is underway in Lake Forest Park with the help of state funding. Concurrently, the City is funding a safe streets study to improve arterials and neighborhood streets including their connections to the state highways. The City has also begun to build relationships with the neighboring jurisdictions of Kenmore and Shoreline and has aggressively pursued Sound Transit 3 project elements for Lake Forest Park, including a parking structure, sidewalks and bus rapid transit. The City is also committed to contributing to future projects. Once the studies are complete, the City will seek an ongoing partnership with the State to complete transportation projects over the next decade.

Other Legislative Priorities

State-Shared Revenues – The City requests that as the Legislature develops its 17-19 budgets that it fully fund local-state shared revenues, and further asks that the legislature restore full funding to the liquor revolving account. The City supports legislation that restores liquor profit revenues to pre-2012 levels by removing the 2011 cap, and restoring the 50/50 revenue sharing relationship over multiple biennia and dedicating the revenue to public safety.

Police Body Cameras –The City will monitor legislation emerging from the Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras.

Transit-Oriented Development – The City supports legislation and funding programs that support transit-oriented development in urban areas.

Infrastructure Funding – Lake Forest Park supports developing a statewide solution to local infrastructure funding needs to fill the void created with the ending of the Public Works Assistance Account.

Lake Forest Park supports those elements of the Association of Washington Cities' Legislative Agenda and Sound Cities Association Agenda that best serve the interests of the City.

Maple Valley Recent Recognitions

2015 & 2016
SafeWise
"Among 20 Safest Cities in the State"

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June 2015
Niche
"3rd Best Suburbs to Buy a House in WA"
"6th Best Suburbs to Raise a Family
in WA"

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December 2014
NerdWallet.com
"3rd Best WA City for Young Families"

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July 2013
CBS MoneyWatch.com
"Top 10 Hottest Suburbs in the U.S."

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June 2013
Coldwell Banker
"Top Booming Suburbs in America"

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2017 Legislative Priorities



*View of Mt. Rainier from
Lake Wilderness Park & Lodge*

Dear Washington State Legislators:

The City of Maple Valley values the strong working relationship we have with the State Legislature. Over the past few years, you have supported several of Maple Valley's legislative requests:

- The State Legislature funded a Kent-Covington-Maple Valley SR 516 Corridor Study through the WSDOT. The first improvement identified in this study will commence in 2016-2017 in Covington as part of the Connecting Washington transportation package.
- The City of Maple Valley appreciates the State Legislator's support for improvements to I-90, SR18 and SR 167 included in the 2015 Connecting Washington transportation package. All of these project will enhance economic development opportunities in Southeast King County.
- In 2015, the State Legislature funded an important water project in its capital budget. The partnership between the City of Maple Valley and the Cedar River Water & Sewer District was finished in 2016.

Thank you for supporting our requests. We look forward to working with you to build a strong and vibrant State of Washington!

Transportation: SR169

The City of Maple Valley is pursuing funding to improve State Route 169 within the City of Maple Valley limits. There are two projects identified on the City's 6-year Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, there are serious capacity and safety deficiencies outside the city limits that need to be addressed long term. State Route 169 is a highway of statewide significance (HSS). It is the main commute route for the cities of Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw and portions of unincorporated King County. With the projected growth within Black Diamond, things are projected to continue to decline. The City is seeking \$6M in State funding for T-36 and T-39.

- T-36: State Route 169 widening from 228th Avenue SE to SE 244th Street
- T-39: State Route 169 widening from Witte Road SE to SE 240th Street
- Outside City Limits: From Maple Valley City Limits to Jones Road

State Highway Maintenance Responsibilities

Once the population of a city reaches 25,000, they have three (3) years to take over certain maintenance and operation of (non-limited access) state routes that are within city limits. This would mean that the City of Maple Valley is likely to take on the responsibility of maintaining the following items along SR 169 and SR 516 in the near future:

- Satiability of cut and fill slopes
- Crosswalks
- Striping
- Regulatory signs
- Traffic signals

The City is interested in the State increasing the threshold to a population of 30,000 or providing funding to assist with the maintenance of a state route.

AWC Legislative Priorities

The City of Maple Valley strongly encourages the State Legislature to support the legislative initiatives identified by the Association of Washington Cities.

- Public Records
- Homelessness, Housing & Human Services
- Local Infrastructure
- City-State Partnership
- Local Authority

Sound Cities Association Legislative Priorities

Maple Valley also strongly encourages the support of Sound Cities Association legislative priorities.

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

Ellie Wilson-Jones

From: Michael Sauerwein <msauerwein@medina-wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 8:41 AM
To: Ellie Wilson-Jones
Cc: Alex Morcos
Subject: Re: Last Call: Request for city legislative agendas

Thanks Ellie:

Please add the City of Medina's top legislative priority:

“Address noise generated by Expansion Joints on State Route 520 in urban and suburban neighborhoods.”

Thanks again.

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From: Ellie Wilson-Jones <Ellie@SoundCities.org>
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM
To: Ellie Wilson-Jones <Ellie@SoundCities.org>
Subject: Last Call: Request for city legislative agendas

Dear SCA Members,

We are in the process of finalizing packet materials for the January Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting. Please provide me your cities legislative agenda ASAP if you would like it to be included in the January PIC packet.

I have already received copies of the following cities' legislative agendas:

- Beaux Arts Village
- Bothell
- Burien
- Covington
- Des Moines
- Federal Way
- Issaquah
- Kenmore
- Kent
- Kirkland
- Lake Forest Park
- Normandy Park
- Redmond
- SeaTac



NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The City of Newcastle urges state leaders to move with expediency in adding additional lanes to the I-405 corridor between Bellevue and Renton, and that not more than one lane in each direction in this corridor be designated for HOV and/or tolling purposes.

City of Normandy Park Legislative Agenda 2017

Adopted by the City Council November 22, 2016



*Allied to Sound Cities Association
**Shared with AWC

FEDERAL

- Advocate for criteria favorable to federal road support for small urban jurisdictions.
- Lobby for design and construction support for 1st Avenue road improvements.

STATE

- Encourage State investment in core public health services.*
- Request State funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Recreation Center and City Hall construction.
- Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs, particularly the Public Works Assistance Account.**
- Enhance local city authority with respect to taxes, revenue, licensing and home rule.**
- Increase the Property Tax cap from 1% to a rate that reflects inflation and the rate of growth.*
- Update the Public Records Act, so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services.**
- Maintain city-state partnership for shared revenues to fund key services.**
- Maintain adequate and sustainable funding for law enforcement training.**

- Maintain funding for Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC).**
- Support Sound Cities homelessness and affordable housing legislative initiative.*
- Support funding for maintenance of local streets.
- Increase gas tax distribution to local jurisdictions.
- Advance completion timeline for SR 509 SeaTac to Federal Way.

LOCAL

- Work with Burien and Des Moines to develop interlocal understanding for an initiative to connect residents of Normandy Park and other areas enroute to the Angle Lake Light Rail Station.
- Enhance communication and cooperation between local governmental entities, especially in terms of environmental improvement and police service.
- Work with the Puget Sound Regional Council and granting agencies to improve road funding criteria for smaller jurisdictions.
- Work with South King County municipal entities through the Highline Forum and Soundside Alliance to improve the well-being of South King County.

CITY OF REDMOND
2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Top Priority Issues

- **Connecting Washington Transportation Projects:**

- ***Expedite Funding for the Overlake Access Ramp - \$68M***

Connecting Washington funding for this project does not begin until 2019 and is spread out over 3 biennia. In 2012, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5M for preliminary engineering, which is scheduled for completion in June 2017.

The City is seeking to expedite project funding as follows:

- 2017-2019: Final Engineering and Right-of-Way (ROW), \$40.7M
- 2019-2021: Construction, \$27.3M

- ***Expedite Funding for the SR 520 Regional Trail Grade Separation at 40th Street - \$8.6M***

Connecting Washington provided \$2.4M in 2015-2017 and \$8.6M in “future biennia” for this project. The City is seeking this funding in the 2017-2019 Transportation Budget. Preliminary engineering is anticipated to be substantially complete and Right-of-Way acquired by June 2017, and the remainder of the funding is needed to complete the project.

- **Affordable Housing:** Redmond will actively work with the Association of Washington Cities, and other jurisdictions and stakeholders to increase the supply of affordable housing and the level of affordability in communities across the Puget Sound Region. Towards this end, the City will actively seek options to increase supply and increase funding, including:

- State Housing Trust Fund: Significantly increase funding in the 2017-2019 Capital Budget.
 - Document Recording Fee: Extend and increase the surcharge for affordable housing.

- **Fund and Safeguard State Revenues to Better Enable Cities to Address Community Needs:** Redmond will join the Association of Washington Cities, cities, counties and others to:

- Property Tax Limitation: Adjust the 1% annual growth limitation on property tax under Initiative 747 to an inflationary index that better allows governments to keep pace with their costs.
 - Liquor Profit Revenues: Remove the statutory cap on liquor revolving account (“liquor profit”) revenues distributed to cities and counties, with a set-aside of restored funds for criminal justice and public safety.
 - FAST Act Revenue: Revise the distribution of federal *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act* funding from 64% for state highways and 34% for local transportation (roads, bridges, transit, ferries & non-motorized) to a more equitable distribution between state and local governments.
 - Infrastructure Funding: Develop proposals for financing basic infrastructure in local communities, including water, sewer, stormwater, and transportation (Public Works Assistance Account, Model Toxics Control Act, and WA Wildlife and Recreation Program and others).
 - “State-Shared” Revenues and Operating/Capital Budgets: Protect “state-shared” revenues and fund programs that are critical for Redmond and other local governments:
 - Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training (BLEA)
 - Municipal Services Research Center (MSRC)
 - Fraud/Identity Theft Prevention Task Forces
 - Auto Theft Prevention Program
 - Capital Improvements to the Fire Training Academy in North Bend

Support/Oppose Issues

General Government

- Human services, mental health and homelessness: Support initiatives to add services, shelters, and beds to help local communities address growing mental health and homelessness problems. Advance the Redmond Community Homelessness Task Force recommendations, including DSHS/Workforce Development Council job training/placement, mental health system funding, easier access to Community Housing Grant (CHG) and Housing Support Program (HSP) funds, and preserving the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program. In addition, Redmond supports the Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF) legislative agenda.
- Public Records Act (PRA): Redmond is committed to public records openness and transparency. Redmond, along with the AWC and others, supports modest reforms of the PRA to:
 - Provide an alternative dispute resolution option for resolving conflicts over burdensome requests.
 - Enable cost recovery for requests of electronic records and for records that will be used for a commercial purpose.
 - Ensure a request for “all” or “substantially all” of an Agency’s data-base or records does not constitute an identifiable record.
 - Incentivize public agencies to use web-based and open-portal tools to provide public records
- Hi-Tech Industry: The City and the Washington Tech Cities Coalition (WTC²) support initiatives that enhance competitiveness and invest in education and infrastructure to support hi-tech. These initiatives include, but are not limited to targeted Research and Development (R&D) tax incentives that can help our state keep growing sectors such as space, bio-medical and life sciences.
- Pension enhancements and system mergers: Redmond opposes pension enhancements or mergers of pension systems that would add new costs to local government.

Environment

- State “Product Stewardship” program: Support adding new elements to the program, which uses manufacturer-financed initiatives to encourage environmentally responsible recycling of items.
- “Waters of the State” proposal: Ensure that any proposed infrastructure investment package for water supply, stormwater, and flood control ensures equity between where taxes and fees are collected and where they are invested.
- WRIA 8 and Related Funding: Support funding for habitat, floodplain and watershed projects.

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

- Property crimes: Address the rapid rise in property crimes occurring in the City and state by providing a comprehensive legislative approach that blends increased penalties with better support services for low-level repeat offenders.
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI): Support legislation to make the fourth DUI offense a felony. Under current state law, DUI offenses are not a felony until the fifth offense has been committed.
- Statewide re-licensing program for Driving While License Suspended (DWLS) offenders: Support a statewide re-licensing program to enable repeat offenders to pay back their fines over time, while allowing local jurisdictions that already have a re-licensing program to maintain their program.

CITY OF REDMOND
2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Guiding Principles:

The City has adopted the following principles to guide the City's Legislative Agenda:

- **Protect home rule and local authority:** The Legislature should refrain from pre-empting the authority of local cities and communities which are closest to the citizens they serve.
- **Refrain from imposing unfunded or "under-funded" mandates:** It is important that the Legislature refrain from imposing new unfunded or "under-funded" mandates upon local jurisdictions unless there is adequate funding provided to implement them.
- **The state should not erode local revenues and local taxing authority:** As "creatures of the state," cities in Washington have only the taxing and revenue authority directly provided to them by the State Legislature. It is vital that lawmakers refrain from making decisions that erode or eliminate those revenues and the local taxing authority that is given to cities.
- **The state should preserve Operating, Capital, and Transportation budget funding that flows to cities:** Redmond urges the Legislature to refrain from cutting or eliminating operational and infrastructure funding for Redmond and other cities.
- **The Legislature should reward jurisdictions that step up to implement the policy goals developed by the state, as it exercises its decision-making, particularly in grant and loan programs:** Redmond is an example of a city doing the right things to implement the Growth Management Act (GMA), accommodate density, ensure the urban centers of downtown and Overlake are conducive to "transit-oriented" and pedestrian-friendly development, embrace "green building", climate-change and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) strategies, etc. As it makes funding and policy decisions regarding grant and loan programs, the state should find ways to reward jurisdictions, such as Redmond, that carry out and embrace these policy objectives.

2017 CITY OF RENTON Legislative Agenda

Renton's Key Priorities at a Glance

Address Public Safety— Fund Critical Needs

Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA): Renton will strongly support a \$2.4 million supplemental operating budget appropriation to address a severe backlog at the BLEA.

Enhance Quality of Life

Sunset Neighborhood Park: Renton will seek \$3.05 million in the 2017-19 Capital Budget for the construction of Phase II and Phase III of the 3.1-acre Sunset Neighborhood Park for the Sunset Area, an area with low income levels and socio-economic challenges. The gateway park will be a catalyst for transforming the neighborhood and bringing the community together.

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Prevention, Mental Health: Renton will strongly support funding initiatives and options to help local communities tackle affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and mental health/chemical dependency programs.

- » Support efforts to extend and increase the document recording fee for homelessness prevention.
- » Support a \$200 million capital budget request for the Housing Trust Fund.
- » Support operating budget allocation to use "1115 Medicaid Waiver" for supportive housing services.
- » Support legislation to provide local funding options and tools to add affordable housing.
- » Support legislation to place a statewide prohibition on source of income discrimination in housing.

Invest in Transportation

Ensure that Interstate 405 project savings are re-invested back into the corridor: Renton will strongly support a transportation budget proviso to continue the practice of designating I-405 savings back into the corridor, specifically preserving Washington State Department of Transportation authority to

- » Invest \$25 to \$30 million on 405 peak-use shoulder lanes on 405 between State Route 167 and State Route 169.
- » Improve two freeway bridge structures.
- » Build a multi-modal direct-access entrance onto I-405/44th Street near the Seahawks training facility.

Promote Fiscal Stability

Protect state-shared revenues, fund key programs, make structural changes to help local agencies, support legislative changes to enhance efficiency:

- » Support legislation to restructure the 1 percent property cap on local governments and instead use a growth and inflation factor that helps revenues maintain pace with annual inflation.
- » Support legislation to remove the cap on and restore liquor "profit" account revenues to cities and counties and support a provision dedicating 60 percent of restored funds to public safety.
- » Protect Fire Insurance Premium Tax distributions to cities such as Renton that continue to incur significant LEOFF 1 medical costs.
- » Support modifications to the Public Records Act to make it more efficient and less susceptible to abuse.

Budget and Fiscal Matters

Track and monitor legislation on the potential merging of the Law Enforcement and Firefighters' Plan 1 (LEOFF 1) and Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 (TRS 1); encourage options that protect LEOFF 1 funding and assist cities with LEOFF 1 medical costs.

Oppose legislation that would undermine local B&O tax collection/administration authority but **support** EHB 2959 Task Force recommendations to streamline the business licensing process.

Oppose legislation that undermines hotel-motel tax revenue authority.

Criminal Justice / Public Safety / Fire / Courts

Strongly support legislation to reinstate the Public Safety Enhancement Account (PSEA) discontinued in 2009. Approximately \$52 million/biennium was collected in PSEA for local governments for public safety that is now absorbed into the state's General Fund.

Support legislation that makes a fourth Driving Under the Influence offense a felony.

Support "Use of Force" legislation that increases officers' accountability while still allowing them to protect themselves in life-threatening, crisis settings.

Support funding for gang intervention grants and gang database training for officers.

Support legislation allowing Regional Fire Authorities (RFAs) to renew benefit service charge levies on a majority vote.

Support funding to upgrade the Fire Training Academy in North Bend.

Support protecting funds for Court Management System computer upgrades in courts of limited jurisdiction.

Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from using data on traffic citations to help evaluate officers.

Oppose legislation that would weaken current "civil forfeiture" authority.

Oppose "Justice Reinvestment Initiative" (JRI) legislation unless it is accompanied by significant funding and does not place new burdens on local law enforcement.

Environment / Natural Resources

Oppose initiatives to extend Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife fee authority for Hydraulic Permit Approvals (HPAs), unless it is paired up with assurances that the Agency is not unduly expanding its jurisdictional authority.

Land-Use/Growth Management Act / Shoreline Management Act

Support initiatives to streamline the State Environmental Policy Act including expansion of the use of infill exemptions.

Support funding to assist cities and counties with required shoreline management program updates.

Economic Development / Infrastructure

Support Capital Budget programs that invest in key infrastructure including stormwater grants, Model Toxics Control Act, Public Works Assistance Account, Floodplains by Design program, Washington Wildlife and Recreation program, and the Youth Athletic Facilities program.

Support legislation to expand per-project and annual caps on the "Main Street" program utilized by downtown partnerships.

Support initiatives to re-establish state funding and partnerships for economic development incentive programs such as the Local Revitalization Financing program or the Local Infrastructure Assistance Tools program.

Support legislation allowing local governments' expanded use of "Small Works Rosters" for infrastructure and public works jobs in-house.

Local Government in General / Miscellaneous

Support initiatives that help reduce costs for cities and counties or make service delivery more efficient.

Oppose legislation that imposes unfunded mandates on local governments or seek to pre-empt or remove local authority.

Personnel, Pension, and other Human Resource Issues

Oppose legislation that would add new costs and requirements to employee benefit programs without funds.

Oppose legislation that would expand "presumptive disease" laws and definitions in the area of Workers' Compensation claims.

Oppose bills or budget initiatives that would result in increased employer/employee pension rates.

Transportation

Support I-405 High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes as a key component of "Bus Rapid Transit" (BRT) service along the 405 corridor with stations on the north and south ends of Renton consistent with the current plan that there is no reduction in the number of free general purpose lanes, and two-person carpools are admitted free into the HOT lanes for as many hours per day as possible. While the city sees HOT lanes as a way to accommodate BRT, manage congestion, and save travel time for some, Renton is also aware of concerns regarding the toll lanes. The city wants ongoing evaluation to ensure the lanes provide equity, lane capacity, rewards for carpooling, and daily performance that minimizes bottlenecks and backups while ensuring they provide the speed capability to support the fast BRT that Renton citizens are paying for with their Sound Transit 3 taxes.

Support changes to federal formula funding distributions under the "FAST Act" that enables a higher percentage of new dollars to be directed to local governments vis-à-vis state programs.



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CITY OF SEATAC 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Sea-Tac International Airport:** Because the airport is one of the state's primary economic engines, the City of SeaTac requests mechanisms to sufficiently fund ongoing services necessary to keep the City a safe, welcoming location for travelers and for efficient movement of cargo into and out of Washington State.
- **Complete SR 509 Extension to I-5:** SeaTac will advocate for the efficient and on-time completion of SR 509 with adequate access to the City, which was fully funded in the Connecting Washington transportation package.
- **Foreclosed Homes:** SeaTac supports legislation that requires notification to cities identifying foreclosed homes and the maintenance of tax- and bank-foreclosed properties.
- **Mobile Home Parks:** SeaTac supports increased funding to ensure adequate relocation assistance for displaced residents of redeveloped mobile home parks, and legislation that provides greater rights to mobile home park tenants.
- **Public Records Reform:** SeaTac supports efforts to responsibly reform the Public Records Act. The city supports the efforts of the legislator-led interim work group that has sought to develop legislative proposals that integrate feedback from a large and diverse stakeholder group.
- **Economic Development and Infrastructure:** SeaTac supports legislation to enhance State funding, tools and programs for local economic development and infrastructure that further the economic development and growth of the city through investments that attract, retain and expand business and create living wage jobs.
- **Funding for Public Defense:** SeaTac supports additional state funding for the provision of public defense services in order to meet the requirements of the Court-adopted public defense standards and caseload limits.
- **State Agency Rulemaking:** SeaTac supports legislation requiring statutorily mandated agency rules be ratified by legislative action prior to their effective date(s) and require that rules drafted to implement legislation include an analysis and description of potential impacts to local businesses and economic development.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** SeaTac recognizes that jurisdictions have limited fiscal capacity and opposes unfunded and under-funded mandates.

2017 Legislative Session
City of SeaTac Internal Legislative Agenda:
 (Additional direction to City staff and lobbyists only—not for distribution)

- **Animal Control:** SeaTac will oppose any state law that preempts local animal control authority, including cities' authority to choose whether to ban specific dog breeds or reduce the amount of liability insurance required of owners of potentially dangerous dogs.
- **Business Licenses and Taxes:** SeaTac will monitor the recommendations of the Department of Revenue led task force on business licenses and taxes.
- **Gang Prevention:** SeaTac supports legislation that will provide a comprehensive approach to the growing gang problem including increased prevention and intervention efforts and sentencing enhancements for some types of gang-related crime.
- **Housing Choice:** SeaTac supports legislation that provides tools for the preservation, maintenance and development of a range of housing options.
- **Human Services:** SeaTac will encourage full participation by the State and counties in a comprehensive approach to complex social issues such as public health, mental health, substance abuse, health care, emergency and transitional housing, at-risk youth and immigration.
- **Initiative Process:** SeaTac supports the Legislature's consideration of limiting the consecutive filing of identical petitions without some mandated intervening time period.
- **Legal Challenges to State Agency Mandates:** SeaTac supports establishing criteria that require equal judicial consideration of testimony and evidence provided by outside experts on the same basis as testimony provided by public agency staff or their consultants.
- **Local Control:** SeaTac supports legislation providing cities with local control over regulations, finances, planning, etc. Similarly, the city opposes legislation that pre-empts local control.
- **Lodging Tax and Tourism Promotion Area Administration:** SeaTac will work with the Legislature to ensure lodging tax revenues diverted from stadium bonds are allocated to the city's priority projects and programs, particularly that a portion of lodging tax revenues continue to be available for tourism operations.
- **Plumbing Codes:** SeaTac supports legislation adding the International Plumbing Code as an optional alternative plumbing code of the state building code.
- **Product Stewardship:** SeaTac supports product stewardship proposals including legislation creating a privately-funded pharmaceutical disposal program and a paint stewardship program.
- **State-Shared Revenues:** SeaTac supports maintaining funding for state-shared revenues. These funds include the Criminal Justice Assistance account, the Liquor Excise Tax account, and Liquor Profit Revenues. Additionally, the City opposes any cuts to state-funded programs that would negatively impact the city's ability to deliver services to its citizens.
- **Telecommunications:** SeaTac opposes bills that restrict local authority to franchise cable television providers.

ATTACHMENT A



2017 Shoreline Legislative Priorities

1. Support Local Government Financial Sustainability and Flexibility:
 - a. Revise 1% Property Tax Limitation
 - b. Increase flexibility on existing revenues
2. Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system.
3. Support stable, permanent funding for Public Health
4. Revise Public Records Act to address changing technology, reduce frivolous requests, and allow for cities to charge a reasonable fee for electronic or commercial requests.
5. Support increasing state revenue from non-regressive revenue sources to support education and to maintain the human services safety net.
6. Restore funding infrastructure programs that support basic local infrastructure.

Legislative Issues the City Supports:

1. If the state is going to utilize a 'levy swap' to fund basic education, it cannot come at the expense of the social safety net or by offloading state responsibilities to local government.
2. Advocate for city tools, such as funding and regulatory authority, to support Transit Communities.
3. Support continued efforts to explore new watershed-based funding authorities to support multiple-benefit projects that address salmon habitat protection and restoration, water quality, stormwater management, and flood management.



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January 3, 2017

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Dear Ms. Wilson-Jones:

I understand from City Administrator Bob Larson that the Sound Cities Association has offered to incorporate cities' legislative agendas into the agenda packet for the January, 2017 Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting.

In addition to supporting the various city positions advocated by the Association of Washington Cities, the City of Snoqualmie has the following legislative agenda:

1. Acceleration of Work on I-90 / SR 18 Flyover Improvement Project.

The City's primary legislative priority is to accelerate funding for design and then construction work on the I-90 / SR 18 "flyover ramp" improvement project. In 2015, the Legislature appropriate \$150 million towards this project, but the City was informed after the close of that legislative session that funding for design work was not available until 2023 at the earliest. In the meantime, dangerous backups and congestion persist, caused in large part by the truck traffic (18% of the Puget Sound region's

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total) attempting to turn southbound on SR 18. Another large contributing cause are commuters coming from / returning to south King County, who are unable to use SR 169 and/or I-405 due to existing congestion on those routes. A number of other SCA member cities (or their residents) will directly benefit from acceleration of this project's funding, including North Bend, Issaquah, Maple Valley, Covington, Kent and Renton.

2. Limitation of Metropolitan Planning Organization / Regional Transportation Organization Certification Actions.

The City supports legislation that would limit the ability of a metropolitan planning organization ("MPO") and/or Regional Transportation Planning Organization ("RTPO") to condition or deny certification of cities' comprehensive plan transportation elements on the grounds that a city has exceeded a "cap" or "limit" on growth.

This legislation would address the Puget Sound Regional Council's recent actions overstepping its authority and purporting to limit access to federal transportation funding for the Cities of Snoqualmie, Carnation, Covington, North Bend and Duvall, on the grounds that those cities' comprehensive plans contemplate more growth than the "targets" adopted in the King County Countywide Planning Policies. Longstanding precedent from the Growth Management Hearings Board clearly establishes that the "targets" are "floors" – and not "ceilings." Therefore, there is no legal authority for the PSRC or other MPO/RTPO to conditionally certify, or to deny certification, to a city that plans to grow (or has already grown beyond) its growth targets

This issue potentially affects cities beyond just Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation and Duvall. Several other cities (e.g., Shoreline, Kirkland) are planning for or already zoned to accommodate more growth than provided by their adopted targets. If PSRC is successful in limiting transportation funding to the smaller cities on the basis that growth targets ("floors") are now actually "ceilings," larger cities can expect to be next.

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SCA should support Snoqualmie, North Bend, Covington, Carnation and Duvall.

3. Clarification of Urban Growth Boundary Amendment Process.

The City of Snoqualmie supports legislation that would clarify that consideration must be given regularly to amendment of the urban growth area boundary, that the UGA boundary-setting process must take into account the input of affected cities and provide for those cities' respective commercial, retail and industrial needs to support their residential growth, that the UGA must and that boundaries must be based on objective, neutral factors similar to those considered by boundary review boards in ruling on annexations.

The reason for the need for legislation is King County's continued refusal to consider amendments to the UGA boundary on the basis that any change, no matter how reasonable or limited, small, will set a precedent for other requests, and that therefore such requests should always be denied. Snoqualmie has been detrimentally affected by this at the I-90/SR 18 interchange. Sammamish has likewise been blocked in its attempt to add the Duthie Hill "notch" -- which is surrounded by Sammamish on three sides -- into the Sammamish UGA.

This issue affects any city near to or adjacent to the UGA boundary. It likewise deserves the support of the SCA.

Thank you for your consideration of Snoqualmie's legislative agenda.

Sincerely,

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Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

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c: Bob Larson, City Administrator
Mark Hofman, Community Development Director



City of Tukwila,
Washington

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Join the US DOT, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, the City of Tukwila and other partners in **funding the Strander Extension project to increase freight mobility** and remove 55,000 vehicles per day from I-405, SR 167 and other nearby roadways.
- Create **stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding** for cities to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development.

Housing & Human Services

- Provide future stable funding for homelessness by **eliminating the sunset and increasing the document recording fee**.
- Create **new local options** to generate revenue for housing and human services and for capital construction of affordable housing.

We strongly encourage the State to **adequately fund human services** programs for the health of the safety net.

Shared Revenue

- The State must continue its role as a **partner with cities** and fully fund the MRSC.
- Maintaining existing programs such as **Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation** Payments, which provides Tukwila over **\$1.1 million** annually, is part of this partnership.
- In addition, the State must **retain the local share of liquor taxes** to allow jurisdictions to address impacts – such as public safety – of privatized liquor in our cities.

Revenue Reform

- Allow cities the **authority and flexibility** to address the fact that growth in the cost of services continue to outstrip revenues.
- The State should **amend the law** that limits annual property tax growth to 1%, and work with cities to authorize additional funding flexibility and opportunities at the local level.

Public Records

- Provide cities with **additional tools to address public disclosure requests** that are voluminous, overly broad, commercially-driven or retaliatory in nature.
- The City of Tukwila is committed to – and has a long history of – **making public documents as accessible as possible**; however, many of the more onerous public disclosure requests require an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars, particularly when subsidizing requests tied to commercial or personal gain.

Education

- Implement **needs-based funding** for allocation of social emotional student support resources, and **expand funding for learning opportunities** for summer school students.
- Increase **funding for homeless students** and secondary ELL students.
- Incorporate early learning for low-income students as a part of **Basic Education**.

Law Enforcement

- **Increase funding for law enforcement** training to ensure that all police officers have access to key resources that save lives.

Environment

- **Support policies and budget appropriations that improve the Green and Duwamish rivers** in areas of high equity and social justice need, including tree planting and shade to address the rivers' temperatures, and acquisition of priority properties along the riverbanks for habitat, floodplain, and other conservation purposes.

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City of Woodinville

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Item 1—

PROJECT—LITTLE BEAR CREEK FISH BARRIER



Little Bear Creek passes under 134th Avenue NE in Woodinville through three (3) large culverts. **These culverts impede fish passage** and prevent salmon from reaching Little Bear Creek Basin. Little Bear Creek is considered one of the best salmon habitat spawning grounds in Snohomish County.

WSDOT is currently removing a fish barrier culvert downstream of Woodinville’s three culverts.

The City of Woodinville seeks \$1 million in joint funding from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to replace these culverts with a one-lane bridge.



THREE CULVERTS PREVENT SALMON PASSAGE



Item 2—

PROJECT—SR 202 GATEWAY TO DOWNTOWN WOODINVILLE



The City of Woodinville is developing a project to widen SR 202 (131st Ave NE) from SR 522 to downtown Woodinville. This is the city’s main entrance to the highway system.

The current 4-lane highway is undersized; infrastructure studies show that up to 8 lanes in some areas would provide the capacity needed to serve the city’s retail core, commercial and industrial areas, pass-through traffic and new construction.

The City of Woodinville is proposing, in its 2017-2018 budget, an initial \$500,000 for construction design, but anticipates needing additional construction funds in the future. This project would significantly reduce regional traffic congestion.



GATEWAY TRAFFIC CONGESTION





Item 3—

POSITION—OPPOSE EXPANDING DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES

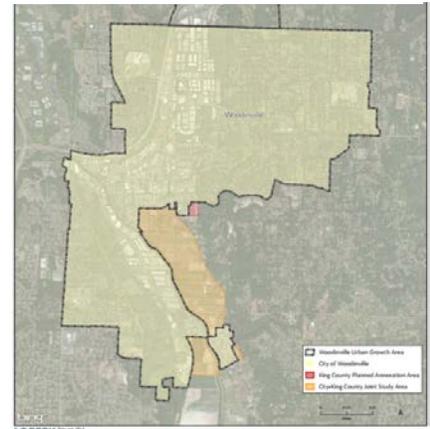


The City of Woodinville is in strong opposition to any legislation which would expand the definition of Essential Public Facilities to include urban-serving school facilities.

This position is due to the difficulties that arise out of the need to provide urban levels of service for facilities located outside of the city urban growth area (UGA). Additionally, allowing urban-serving schools to be located outside the UGA is antithetical to a fundamental GMA principle – avoiding spilling over of urban services into designated rural areas, creating pressure for altering the UGA itself and inducing urban development.

There is a strong desire to ensure that traffic and utility impacts are properly addressed for those facilities which directly serve our children and could have potential safety implications.

CITY OF WOODINVILLE
URBAN GROWTH AREA



Item 4—

POSITION—PROTECT SHARED REVENUES WITH CITIES



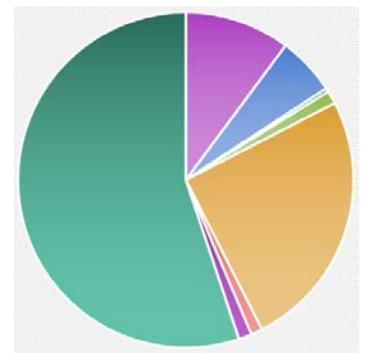
The City of Woodinville requests that state shared revenues with cities remain protected and continue at current funding levels.

The State of Washington has a long and mutually beneficial history of sharing certain state-assessed revenues with cities (e.g., liquor taxes, gas taxes and certain criminal justice funds).

The rationale behind state/city shared revenues is that cities incur costs directly for these business activities. Reducing or eliminating shared revenues would force cities to entirely absorb costs without financial offsets.

One area in which the city would like to see state funding remain is the **streamlined sales tax (SST) mitigation dollars** the city receives as a result of Washington’s policy change to switch from origin-based to destination-based sales tax for delivered goods.

*ESTIMATED 2017 STATE-SHARED REVENUES FOR WOODINVILLE
Total \$961,331



- Liquor Profits – 10.2% or \$97,767
- Liquor Tax – 5.6% or \$54,032
- Criminal Justice – Population Based 0.4% or \$3,587
- Criminal Justice – Special Programs 1.3% or \$12,033
- Gas Tax – 25.1% or \$241,119
- Increased Gas Tax – 1.1% or \$10,644
- Multi-Modal Distribution – 1.3% or \$12,149
- Marijuana Excise Tax – 0% or \$0
- Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) Mitigation – 55.1% or \$530,000

Summary of City Legislative Priorities re: Public Records Act Reform

Public Records Act reform was identified as a priority by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and 19 of the 24 SCA Member Cities that provided their 2017 state legislative agendas to SCA staff as of January 3, 2016. The language used by AWC and each city is included below.

AWC:

Modernize the Public Records Act (PRA) so that cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to our residents

Every day, local government officials ensure transparency in government and serve as stewards of public resources by effectively implementing the PRA. However, advances in technology and the increased volume and complexity of records requests are undermining the PRA. This act must be updated to reflect 21st century realities in order to fulfill its original purpose, provide government transparency, and make wise use of taxpayer dollars.

Cities ask the Legislature to:

- Permit cities to charge for providing complex digital data and electronic copies of public records, similar to charges for making a paper copy.
- Develop an alternative dispute resolution system that serves government agencies and requestors to quickly resolve disagreements without costly litigation.
- Designate technical and funding assistance by restoring funding to grant programs that help local governments.

Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, and Snoqualmie adopted the AWC Legislative Priorities—which include the above Public Records language—by reference.

Auburn – DRAFT:

Auburn supports open and transparent government and continue to seek the best ways to meet this commitment. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of requestors who monopolize resources with broad, voluminous, commercially driven, or retaliatory requests that do not provide a public benefit proportionate to the taxpayer dollars needed to fulfill these requests. Cities like Auburn need additional tools to resolve conflicts outside the courtroom and the authority to charge a reasonable fee for electronic and commercial requests. We also need to address the impact changing technology has on public records.

Beaux Arts Village:

Actively pursue Public Records Act reform. The current requirements for responding to public-records requests are often onerous due to the time needed to collect, review, and copy the requested information – even more so when the request is very broad and poorly defined. For small cities with limited staff, staff must often set aside some of the city’s more pressing business in order to meet the deadlines for responding to PRR inquiries. Finding the right balance between preserving transparency for constituents without consuming excessive amounts of staff time should be a priority of the legislature.

Burien:

Public Records Cost Reform

Continue to support legislation to help provide common sense reforms to the Public Records Act. Potential reforms include providing for cost recovery in the growing area of electronic records requests and for public records that are clearly for a commercial purpose, as well as providing remedies for local governments to address harassing requests.

Covington:

The City of Covington will work with the Association of Washington Cities to advance legislation that brings cost savings to the city, including public records reform.

Des Moines:

Address the Unintended Consequences of the Public Records Act: There needs to be tighter restrictions so that the abuse can be stopped.

Federal Way:

Federal Way supports updating the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents.

Issaquah:

Strengthening the Public Records Act (PRA) and Making It Easier to Administer

Issaquah strongly supports transparency and open government goals that are at the heart of the Public Records Act (PRA). But in some cases, records requests are harassment-related or result in significant resource demands without cost recovery. As a result, the City will be supportive of 2017 legislation to update the PRA, particularly with respect to:

- Providing an Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism to settle conflicts over burdensome requests;
- Establishing a cost recovery mechanism for processing things such as electronic records requests;
- Making statutory changes around what constitutes an “identifiable” record or set of records for purposes of PRA responses – so that requests for ‘any and all’ records would not be considered a legitimate request.

Kent:

Kent supports updates to the Public Records Act (PRA), particularly with respect to providing Alternative Dispute Resolution to settle conflicts over burdensome requests; establishing a cost recovery mechanism for processing electronic records requests; and making statutory changes around what constitutes an “identifiable” record(s) for purposes of PRA responses – so that requests for ‘any and all’ records would not be considered a legitimate request.

Kirkland:

Kirkland supports updates to the Public Records Act that will:

- Exempt non-appointed volunteers from records requests, except for responsive records already retained by the jurisdiction
- Establish a nominal fee for filing records requests and a per document charge for electronic records

- Create a path to predictability on fines for jurisdictions that make good faith efforts to comply with records requests.

Normandy Park:

Update the Public Records Act, so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services. **

**Shared with AWC

Redmond:

Public Records Act (PRA): Redmond is committed to public records openness and transparency. Redmond, along with the AWC and others, supports modest reforms of the PRA to:

- Provide an alternative dispute resolution option for resolving conflicts over burdensome requests.
- Enable cost recovery for requests of electronic records and for records that will be used for a commercial purpose.
- Ensure a request for “all” or “substantially all” of an Agency’s data-base or records does not constitute an identifiable record.
- Incentivize public agencies to use web-based and open-portal tools to provide public records

Renton:

Support modifications to the Public Records Act to make it more efficient and less susceptible to abuse.

SeaTac:

Public Records Reform: SeaTac supports efforts to responsibly reform the Public Records Act. The city supports the efforts of the legislator-led interim work group that has sought to develop legislative proposals that integrate feedback from a large and diverse stakeholder group.

Shoreline:

Revise Public Records Act to address changing technology, reduce frivolous requests, and allow for cities to charge a reasonable fee for electronic or commercial requests.

Tukwila:

Public Records

- Provide cities with additional tools to address public disclosure requests that are voluminous, overly broad, commercially-driven or retaliatory in nature.
- The City of Tukwila is committed to – and has a long history of – making public documents as accessible as possible; however, many of the more onerous public disclosure requests require an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars, particularly when subsidizing requests tied to commercial or personal gain.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 10:
Regional E-911 Strategic Plan
UPDATE

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E-911 Strategic Plan – SCA Representatives

Leadership Group

Mayor Denis Law, Renton; Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah; Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue; Mayor Liz Reynolds, Enumclaw

Planning Group

Marilynne Beard, Kirkland; Chad Barnes, Bellevue

Task Forces

Finance: Marilynne Beard, Kirkland (Co-Chair); Krystal Hackmeister, Bellevue

Technology and Operations: Chelo Picardal, Bellevue (Co-Chair); Dee Hathaway, North East King County Regional Public Safety Communication Agency (NORCOM)

Governance: Jane Christianson, Redmond; Chad Barnes, Bellevue

Update

A collaborative effort to develop a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan launched in September 2016 after the Regional E-911 Scoping Committee completed its work. The Scoping Committee’s Strategic Plan Progress Report identified key questions and issues to be addressed and set out a process and timeline for the development of a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan. PIC members will be briefed on the current status of the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan. Members are encouraged to provide feedback to SCA’s Leadership Group members on issues that should be addressed during the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan development.

Background

King County’s Enhanced 911 (E-911) system provides emergency call-taking and dispatch services to the more than two million residents in King County. The E-911 system consists of the King County Enhanced 911 Program Office (currently housed within the King County Office of Emergency Management) and 12 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

For several years, this region has been exploring ways to enhance the E-911 system. These include but are not limited to looking at moving to “Next Generation 911” (NG911), which would allow digital information (such as text messages, photos, and videos) to be sent by the public to the PSAPs (the 911 call taking and dispatch agencies), and on to first responders. But

Regional E-911 funding and governance policies are at issue. The system is funded by excise taxes levied on landlines, wireless, and voice-over-internet phones. E-911 tax revenue has been flat due to the elimination of land lines while the system is experiencing an increase in calls for service. These funding limitations will have impacts on King County's E-911 operations and on the PSAPs and will limit the ability to implement NG911 system enhancements without an additional revenue source. There is also a need to clarify the relative roles of the King County E-911 Office and the 12 PSAPs in decisions about funding, system investments, and priorities for maintaining dependable and sustainable call-taking and dispatch services.

In October 2015, the King County Council approved Ordinance 18139 establishing a planning framework and process to develop a King County Regional E-911 Strategic Plan, including the creation of a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan Scoping Committee. Additional background can be found in materials from the [September 9, 2015](#) (see page 102); [October 14, 2015](#) (see page 45) and [April 13, 2016](#) (see page 57) PIC meetings.

Strategic Plan Development

The Scoping Committee submitted a [Strategic Plan Progress Report](#) (Progress Report) to the King County Council on May 31, 2016. The Progress Report recommended a strategic planning structure, timeline and milestones, and key questions and issues to be considered in the development of the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan. The Progress Report also noted what is off the table for consideration: "The evolving number and configuration of Public Safety Answering Points (that are locally governed and largely locally funded) is an ongoing process of local decisions by individual PSAPs and/or groups of PSAPs. This plan will not include a top-down PSAP consolidation."

The Strategic Plan Progress Report recommended that a series of [work groups](#) be established.

The Leadership Group, composed of elected officials and stakeholders representing cities, PSAPs, a fire district, the King County Sheriff, and the King County Executive, will recommend a Strategic Plan to the King County Executive and the King County Council. A Staff Planning Group supports the Leadership Group. The Leadership Group met in September 2016 and launched the King County E-911 Strategic Plan development process. Briefing materials from that meeting can be found [here](#) and include an overview of the process the Planning Group and Task Forces will use to develop a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan. Also at the September Leadership Group meeting, the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan – Timeline and Milestones ([Attachment A](#)) were set out.

Three task forces were identified in the Progress Report, as well as initial focus areas for each task force and strategic questions for each to consider. The Governance Task Force will consider the following strategic questions:

1. What is the definition of the King County Regional E-911 System?

2. What is the management structure for the King County Regional E-911 System, in terms of authority, oversight, operations, accountability, responsibility, and performance monitoring?
3. What is the major decision-making structure for the King County Regional E-911 System, including process management, research, input, and authority?
4. What is the conflict resolution process for the King County Regional E-911 System?
5. What is the stakeholder engagement structure for the King County Regional E-911 System, including input into decisions, reporting, and performance monitoring?

The Technology and Operations Task Force will consider the following strategic questions:

1. What is the technology vision for the King County Regional E-911 System, in terms of the technology's purpose, evolution, and investment approach?
2. What are the technology requirements for integrating with the state's E-911 system, and for local jurisdictions to connect to the regional E-911 system?
3. What is the ongoing decision process for technology investments, including options, tradeoffs, priorities, budgets, and schedules?
4. What are the ongoing performance metrics for technology in the King County Regional E-911 System, including the performance of the system, vendors, and local partners?
5. What are the security requirements for the King County Regional E-911 System, including protection of the system, individual privacy, and proprietary information?

The Finance Task Force will recommend a 10-Year Sustainable Financial Plan for the Regional E-911 System and will consider the following strategic questions:

1. What are the procedures and processes for forecasting, reporting, auditing, and operations related to King County Regional E-911 System revenue and expenditures?
2. What are the funding needs and revenue strategies for the King County Regional E-911 System, including NG911 upgrades and keeping the system up to date over time?
3. What are the stakeholder reporting requirements related to the King County Regional E-911 System finances, including revenue, expenditures, efficiency, and effectiveness?
4. What are the investment management policies for the King County Regional E-911 System related to forecasting, investments, reserves, and contingencies?

The three Task Forces began meeting in the second half of 2016 – work programs for each task force can be found [here](#) (page 8). The focus of work in the first quarter of 2017 will be the development of a draft report detailing technological and operational needs, which must first be defined in order to develop a 10-Year Financial Plan. The development of this Technology and Operational Report will be an iterative process, with the Finance Task Force reviewing and commenting on a draft and the Technology and Operations Task Force then revising the report further.

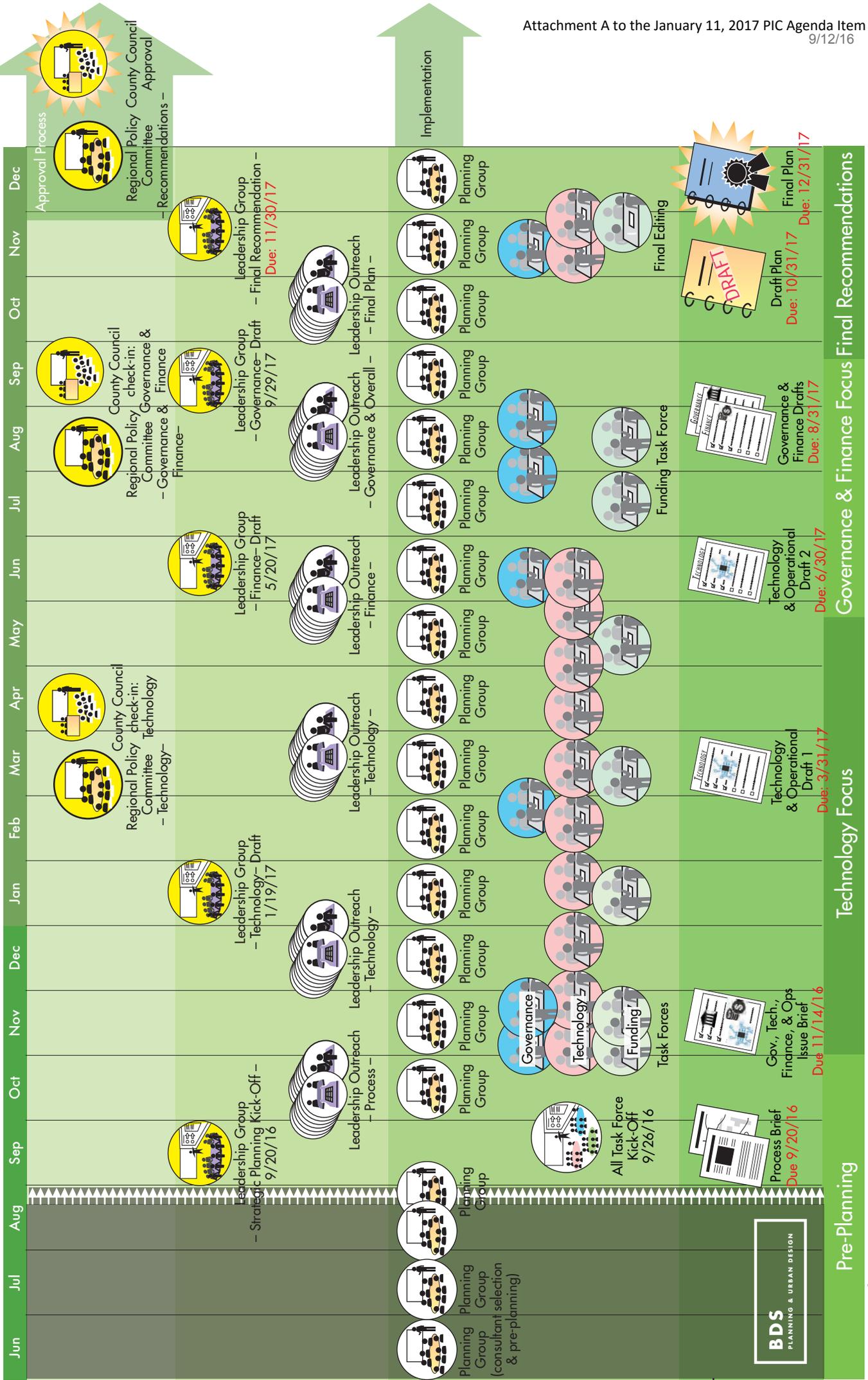
Next Steps

The Leadership Group will meet on January 19, 2017 to review Task Force briefing papers and

to have a detailed discussion about system technology. The Regional Policy Committee (RPC) has a role in reviewing the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan at key milestones and will make a recommendation on the final plan to the King County Council. The RPC is scheduled to be briefed in February or March 2017 on the progress on the development of the Regional E-911 Strategic Plan, specifically as it relates to system technology.

Attachment

- A. [Regional E-911 Strategic Plan – Timeline and Milestones](#)



Ultimate Authority

Leadership

Staff Leadership & Task Forces

Milestones & Deliverables

Interim Advisory Group (monthly meetings and regular briefings of Strategic Planning participants)





January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 11:

All Home Strategic Plan Implementation

UPDATE

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SCA All Home Coordinating Board Members

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue

SCA All Home Funder Alignment Committee Members

Rob Beem, Shoreline; Brooke Buckingham, Redmond; Merina Hanson, Kent

Update

All Home – the regional body charged with leading work to address homelessness – adopted a new governance structure and Strategic Plan in mid-2015. Efforts to implement the new Strategic Plan have been underway ever since, but new consultants’ reports have suggested that efforts to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time could be accelerated with a more action-oriented governing structure at the helm. In response, All Home has adopted another slate of governance changes in late 2016 and is preparing to hand off leadership to a new Coordinating Board. The new Board will be roughly half the size of the last board but will retain two seats for SCA appointees.

Additionally, All Home is preparing for the annual point in time count, which assesses how many people are experiencing homelessness on a given night. This year’s count will take place January 27, 2017, and substantial changes to the methodology are being made to improve the count accuracy.

Background

In 2015, more than 500 stakeholders—including Sound Cities Association (SCA) members—came together to develop a new plan for addressing homelessness in King County. What resulted was a [four-year Strategic Plan](#) meant to address the goals of making homelessness rare and brief when it does occur, and ensuring that those who do experience homelessness do so no more than once in their lives—or put more succinctly, to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time. The plan also set out to address the overrepresentation of people of color in the homeless population and to engage a broader community in responding to and preventing homelessness. The Public Issues Committee (PIC) was briefed extensively on the development of the Strategic Plan during the first half of 2015, and SCA member cities were instrumental in shaping the final plan language. The Strategic Plan was endorsed by SCA and officially adopted by All Home, then called the Committee to End Homelessness, in mid-2015. Efforts to implement that new Strategic Plan are ongoing.

All Home Governance

Concurrent with the adoption of the Strategic Plan in mid-2015, a new governance structure was also implemented for All Home, with the intention of jumpstarting implementation activities. Under that governance structure, decision-making was vested in three separate bodies: a Coordinating Board, an Executive Committee, and a Funder Alignment Committee. The structure was the result of efforts to condense down what had previously been an even more expansive governing structure, but there were still 50 members across the three committees. All Home staff and members ultimately came to the conclusion that the structure was too-process oriented and not conducive to taking decisive action to address the ongoing homelessness crisis. Additionally, national consultants [Barbara Poppe and Associates](#) (hired by the City of Seattle to focus on Seattle investments) and [Focus Strategies](#) (hired by United Way, the City of Seattle, and King County to review the county-wide system) issued reports in mid-2016 recommending governance changes to streamline decision-making, address potential conflicts of interest, and increase the role of public funders (local government elected officials and senior staff).

In response to the consultants' reports, the former 28-member All Home Coordinating Board (the body charged with adopting governance changes) adopted a revised [Charter](#) on November 2, 2016 that consolidates decision-making into a new, smaller 15-member Coordinating Board, eliminates the old Executive Committee, and moves the Funder Alignment Committee into an advising and implementing role.

Charter amendments initially proposed by All Home staff would have cut the number of SCA member seats on the new Coordinating Board to one, down from two on the former Coordinating Board. However, SCA appointees and other member city appointees on the former Coordinating Board voiced concern about the loss of subregional perspectives and successfully lobbied for the addition of a second SCA seat. The former All Home Executive Committee, of which SCA President and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus was a member, was charged with selecting the membership for the new Coordinating Board, which will be as follows:

- **Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus** – Appointed by SCA
- **Bellevue Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak** – Appointed by SCA
- **Sheila Sebron**, Community Member – Representing People with Lived Experience
- **Jean Paul Yafali**, Community Member – Representing People with Lived Experience
- **Catherine Lester**, City of Seattle Human Services Department – Representing Seattle
- **Steve Walker**, City of Seattle Office of Housing – Representing Seattle
- **King County Council President Joe McDermott** – Representing King County
- **Adrienne Quinn**, King County Department of Community and Human Services – Representing King County
- **Andrew Lofton**, Seattle Housing Authority – Representing Housing Authorities
- **Meghan Deal**, United States Veterans Administration – Representing the Federal Government
- **Sara Levin**, United Way of King County – Representing Philanthropy
- **Gordon McHenry, Jr.**, Solid Ground – Representing Providers

- **Hamdi Abdulle**, Somali Youth and Family Club – Representing Providers
- **Melinda Giovengo**, YouthCare – Representing Providers
- **Daniel Malone**, Downtown Emergency Services Center – Representing Providers

The first meeting of this new All Home Coordinating Board is January 4, 2017, and the Board will continue to meet monthly thereafter.

“Count Us In” – King County’s Point In Time Count

The magnitude of the work before the new Coordinating Board will become clearer following this year’s point in time count. Each year, volunteers conduct a point in time count to estimate how many people are experiencing homelessness on a given night in King County. In 2016, the count—then called the “One Night Count” and now dubbed “Count Us In” – identified 4,505 men, women, and children without shelter, a 19 percent increase from 2015. The 2017 point in time count will take place on Friday, January 27, 2017.

The 2017 count will be conducted in partnership with [Applied Survey Research](#), which has done other work in King County and which has extensive experience conducting point in time counts in other communities. The Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, which has conducted prior counts in King County, was awarded funding to partner with Applied Survey Research but eventually declined to participate. The 2017 count will include several new features, including a new count methodology under which all county census tracts will be covered, rather than the “known area” approach utilized in prior years. Under this new methodology, count teams are planned to fan out across every community in King County to identify the number of people experiencing homelessness. It is anticipated that this will result in identifying homelessness in cities and unincorporated areas not surveyed in prior years counts. Because of these significant changes to the count methodology, the 2017 results will not be considered to be comparable to prior years’ count totals but are expected to be more accurate.

Those anticipating the results of the 2017 count should also note that the unsheltered count total will not be available the morning of the count, as had previously been the practice. Instead, Applied Survey Research will be compiling a fuller report of the data collected throughout all count activities, including the number of people experiencing homelessness and a range of descriptive characteristics, which will be available in spring of 2017.

Elected officials and staff from many SCA member cities regularly participate in the annual count and assistance is needed more than ever in 2017, with more communities to cover. Volunteers can sign up [here](#), and frequently asked questions about volunteering are posted [here](#). More extensive information about the count methodology, past years’ results, and preparations for the 2017 count are available on the All Home Count Us In webpage [here](#).

Data from the 2016 count as well as other sources is available on the All Home website [here](#). SCA members may be interested in utilizing the interactive map posted to the website that

shows the number of people per subregion and zip code who accessed homeless services and reported their last permanent zip code.

Next Steps

PIC members will be briefed further as the new Coordinating Board embarks on the work of implementing the All Home Strategic Plan and on the results of Count Us In, King County’s point in time count of people experiencing homelessness. Those who wish to participate in the January 27, 2017 count are encouraged to visit the links above to sign up as soon as possible.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 12:
Secure Medicine Return Implementation
UPDATE

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SCA Board of Health Members

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Councilmember Susan Honda, Federal Way (alternate); Councilmember Angela Birney,
Redmond (alternate)

SCA Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee Member

Councilmember Hank Myers, Redmond (Vice Chair)

Update

On June 20, 2013, the King County Board of Health passed regulations to create a drug take-back program (“Secure Medicine Return”) for King County residents. The soon-to-be launched program will promote the safe and free disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medicines by residents, and is generally funded and operated by the drug manufacturers. While implementation of the program has taken longer than expected, the program will have an official launch on January 17, 2017. The purpose of this memo is to ensure cities are aware of the program as well as opportunities to participate in press events for the program launch.

Background

Local champions for a take-back program for the safe disposal of unwanted medicines originally began their advocacy at the state level. King County and other stakeholders made several unsuccessful attempts to pass a statewide drug take-back program utilizing an industry-funded product stewardship model under which drug producers would be charged with financing and operating a take-back system for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted household medicines. SCA supported those statewide efforts with a policy position in July 2010:

SCA supports a product stewardship program that provides a safe and effective means of disposal of pharmaceutical products.

After those unsuccessful efforts at passing a statewide program, Public Health – Seattle and King County proposed the development of a King County program to the Board of Health. SCA supported those efforts with a policy position in October 2012:

SCA supports a King County product stewardship program that provides a safe and effective means of disposal of pharmaceutical products.

The King County Board of Health approved [regulations](#) on June 20, 2013 to create a drug take-back program, known as Secure Medicine Return. The King County program will serve as a collection system for residents to dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical and over-the-counter drugs for free. The goal of Secure Medicine Return is to protect public health and the environment by reducing the amount of medicines available for misuse and keeping waste medicines out of waterways and water supplies.

Implementation was originally anticipated by 2015, but those efforts were put on hold pending the results of a legal challenge by pharmaceutical manufacturers against a similar program in Alameda County, California. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld Alameda's program in September 2014, clearing the way for implementation of King County's program. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to Alameda's program in May 2015, upholding the Ninth Circuit's opinion.

King County's Secure Medicine Return Program utilizes a product stewardship model that requires drug producers to develop, finance, and participate in a plan for the collection, transportation, and disposal of unwanted drugs. The purchase of secure medicine return boxes will be funded from Local Hazardous Waste Management funds. The Board of Health regulations detail the necessary components of the plan and give the Public Health Director authority to approve producers' proposed plan or plans. Initial plan submissions were deemed unacceptable, delaying implementation further. A [plan](#) submitted by King County Med-Project LLC (MED-Project), an organization formed by drug producers, has now been approved by the Public Health Director.

Under the approved plan, MED-Project is required to conduct substantial outreach to pharmacies and law enforcement agencies to secure the placement of medicine return boxes. MED-Project is responsible for the costs of installing, operating and maintaining the medicine return boxes and for collecting unwanted medicines during regularly scheduled pickups. MED-Project is also responsible for all costs for transporting and destroying unwanted medicines and for providing all of the documentation required for each step of the process. While MED-Project has responsibility for providing information about collection locations to residents, the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program will also be doing substantial outreach about the program to King County residents and is responsible for the Secure Medicine Return Program implementation and for long-term oversight of the Program.

Secure Medicine Return Program Launch Details

The King County Secure Medicine Program will launch on January 17, 2017. At that time, there are expected to be 92-100 medicine return drop boxes installed across King County. A complete list of all locations will not be available until January 17. To be notified of locations near you, you can click on the "notify" link on the [King County Secure Medicine website](#).

Board of Health regulations require a medicine return drop box in every city, town and unincorporated community service area that has a pharmacy and/or law enforcement agency and an additional medicine return drop box per 30,000 residents. For areas not served by medicine return boxes, service will be provided through take-back events or through mail-back services organized by Med-Project. Medicine return drop boxes will be installed in pharmacies and/or police departments in every city in King County except Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Carnation, Hunts Point, and Yarrow Point. These cities will be served by adjacent cities and/or mail-back services.

King County staff is planning on extensive outreach beginning on January 17 including at least one event per city where a medicine return drop box is located. Events could range from a picture of a city's medicine return box and a press release for the local paper to a ribbon cutting or more elaborate event. City officials are invited to contact Taylor Watson, Secure Medicine Program Implementation Manager, at taylor.watson@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-3072 if they are interested in participating in a press event or in other community outreach efforts in their city.

Potential Statewide Action

Rep. Strom Peterson (D-Edmonds) will be introducing a statewide drug take-back bill in 2017. The draft bill would create a statewide program very similar to King County's Secure Medicine Return Program. The draft bill states that counties are not preempted from enforcing local ordinances in effect by January 1, 2017. This would include King County's program, as the ordinance to create the program was adopted in 2013. In addition to King County, Pierce County, Kitsap County and Snohomish County each have programs that would be grandfathered in under the proposed bill.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 13:
Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County
UPDATE

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Update

Members will have an opportunity to update the PIC in regards to 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.



January 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 14:
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.

Item 15a:

EMS Advisory Task Force

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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SCA Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force Members

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Informational Item

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force was reestablished in 2016 with the express purpose of reviewing scopes of work and final recommendations for two independent studies called for by the [Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Strategic Plan](#). The Task Force recently completed this charge having reviewed the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Study and also having reviewed planning and implementation efforts for new initiatives; Basic Life Support (BLS) Training and Quality Improvement, and a Regional Records Management System.

King County Medic One/EMS System Overview

The King County Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system of King County is a regional system that provides essential life-saving services to King County residents and visitors. Medic One/EMS services are provided through two avenues: Advanced Life Support (ALS) services—which are provided by paramedics who provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care—and Basic Life Support (BLS) services—which are provided by first responders to an incident, generally firefighters who have trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The system is tiered based on medical necessity between BLS and ALS providers.

Fire departments and fire agencies provide BLS at the jurisdictional level. Six ALS providers provide services countywide:

- Shoreline Fire District
- Bellevue Fire Department
- Redmond Fire Department
- Seattle Fire Department

- Vashon Island Fire & Rescue (Vashon Island Fire & Rescue has requested to relinquish its ALS agency, and ALS services for Vashon Island will be merged with King County Medic One in 2017.)
- King County Medic One/South King County.

ALS providers (with the exception of the Medic One/South King County units) also provide BLS services at the jurisdictional level with their ALS staff.

EMS Levy and Strategic Plan

Medic One/EMS is funded through the EMS Levy which generates approximately \$75 million in revenue annually outside of Seattle. (The City of Seattle receives all levy funds raised within the city limits while funds raised outside of Seattle are managed regionally.) The levy is on a six-year cycle. The current levy was renewed in 2013 to run from 2014-2019, and the next levy renewal is proposed to be on the ballot in 2019 for the 2020-2025 levy period. The regionally pooled EMS levy proceeds provide funding for five areas of the Medic One/EMS system: full funding for ALS services; partial funding for BLS services provided by local agencies with funding based on a combination of call volume and assessed property value; regional support services; strategic initiatives; and reserves.

In preparation for the renewal of the current levy, the [Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Strategic Plan](#) was completed in April 2013 with input from an EMS Advisory Task Force. The EMS Advisory Task Force includes representation from those who oversee, authorize, and are served by the system—including cities. The Strategic Plan recommended two studies be conducted, and charged the EMS Advisory Task Force with review of scopes of work for the studies and final study recommendations. Specifically, the [Strategic Plan](#) (Recommendation 9, page 42) called for an independent study to examine the delivery of ALS services to include an analysis of the appropriate number of ALS providers, governance, and cost impacts of any change in the number of ALS providers on the EMS system (“ALS Study”). Additionally, the [Strategic Plan](#) (Recommendation 10, page 42) called for a second independent study related to planned new programs (the BLS Lead Agency Program and the Records Management System).

ALS Study

An EMS Advisory Task Force is generally established every six years to prepare for the renewal of the EMS levy and is then disbanded once the next levy is in place. However, an EMS Advisory Task Force was reestablished in 2015 to complete the specific tasks of reviewing and approving the scope of work for both independent studies described above and to review the independent studies when completed.

The ALS study was undertaken to address two questions: First, to determine the optimal number of paramedic agencies in King County and how many medic units are appropriate for each to operate. Second, to develop a regional process for responding to any changes to the current ALS agency configuration.

On November 17, 2016, The Paramedic Foundation presented the ALS Study Findings to the EMS Advisory Task Force. The ALS Study finds:

- The agencies demonstrate an adequate number of medic units and personnel are in place today.
- From an efficiency and financial perspective, the optimal number of ALS agencies is one.
- Recognizing an expressed concern that consolidation into one agency is not likely to be politically feasible in the near future, partners may want to consider a more intermediate approach such as moving toward consolidating agencies in Zone 1 (Northeast King County).
- The EMS Division should consider opportunities to improve the operations, finances and performance of the system, by increasing standardization, reducing duplication and facilitating the portability of paramedics for one agency or area to another.
- The EMS Division should continue to periodically and proactively review the system's medic units and capacity. Evaluation and realignment should be conducted as situations arise, such as provider relinquishment or need for system realignment.
- Prior to initiating formal changes to support a new ALS agency in taking over an existing ALS medic unit or coverage area, a business case must be made for such provision.
 - The process should include interagency communication and coordination.
 - The process should demonstrate a clear determination of community need, impartial facilitation and consensus.
 - Proposals must include a business case outlining costs, impacts, public value and how the change would either improve the system or fix an existing problem.

EMS Advisory Task Force members offered comments on the ALS Study's final report at that meeting and in writing subsequent to the meeting. Revisions based on those comments were approved by the EMS Advisory Task Force and have now been incorporated into the [Final ALS Study](#).

At the November Task Force meeting, a Sammamish representative also expressed concerns about drive time coverage to Sammamish. Medic One/EMS has a goal of 10 minute drive time for average response times and drive time maps show parts of Sammamish outside that window. Sammamish representatives will be meeting with the EMS Division to discuss response times.

BLS Training and Quality Improvement

The EMS Advisory Task Force was briefed on a strategic initiative launched upon the renewal of the current levy, the BLS Training and Quality Improvement Initiative. Under this initiative, the EMS Division worked with stakeholder BLS agencies for 13 months to develop strategies to better provide uniform and consistent patient care across the EMS system, which is key to the system's excellent outcomes. There are four strategies that came out of this stakeholder process that will be implemented in 2017:

1. The EMS Division will provide funding to all agencies for a consistent evaluation program to review medical incidents. These evaluations, known as “run reviews,” use training instructors or paramedics to evaluate medical performance, decision making, and EMT understanding of current education concepts by reviewing specific BLS medical incidents. The cases are then reviewed with the EMTs. Run reviews are critical to improving EMT performance but are expensive to perform and are not performed uniformly across BLS agencies. Beginning in 2017, agencies will be provided with a base amount of \$5,000 plus an additional funding amount based on call volume to conduct an expected level of run reviews.

2. The EMS Division will coordinate, fund and provide oversight of supplemental Emergency Medical Technician training. Supplemental training is now at the discretion of the BLS agency, in terms of both subject matter and trainer qualifications. The implementation of this strategy is an effort to ensure all BLS agencies receive supplemental EMT training led by trainers with a recognized level of expertise and to ensure all agencies focus such training on the same topics or trends. The EMS Levy proceeds will provide funding to agencies for such supplemental training. The level of such funding has not yet been determined.

3. The EMS Division will work with agencies in a systematic manner to provide more targeted, data driven reports that compare requested information across the EMS System. Currently the EMS Division runs data reports for specific parameters by request from a specific agency. Agencies have proposed that comparable information across the EMS System be provided when a report is requested. In addition to providing information system wide, the EMS Division will work with agencies to identify a set list of reports that are produced on a predetermined schedule. Information gleaned from these reports will be used to improve the EMS System through training or other interventions.

4. The EMS Division will use information developed during run reviews (Strategy 1) and identified in data driven reports (Strategy 3) to improve initial BLS training provided system wide for Emergency Management Technicians and supplemental training. The EMS Division will continue to fully fund initial Emergency Management Technician training across the EMS System. This ensures that needed changes to training are implemented as issues are identified.

Regional Records Management System

Medic One/EMS launched a strategic initiative in late 2014 to reduce costs incurred by BLS agencies and to improve EMS system effectiveness. BLS agencies create a patient care record for every BLS contact with a customer, or patient; some BLS agencies use a paper record system while others use one of seven different software programs. Such patient records have to be managed by the BLS agency and are important collectively to provide oversight over the EMS system. In an effort to reduce costs and ultimately, to provide better medical care to patients, the EMS Division entered into a contract for a single records management software program system wide. The benefits of such a regional records management system is at least two fold:

that all EMS partners (including hospitals) will have access to more complete patient data which can lead to improved medical care, and an expectation that BLS agency costs for records management will decrease. It is expected that 23 of the 30 King County BLS providers will have migrated to the new system by the end of 2016.

Next Steps

The EMS Task Force has completed its work and has been disbanded. The RPC was briefed on the ALS Study on December 15, 2016. The ALS Study will inform the 2020-2025 Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan. It is anticipated that renewal planning for the 2020-2025 Medic One/EMS Strategic Plan will begin in 2018 and that an EMS Advisory Task Force will be reestablished in late 2017 to guide those efforts.



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SCA PIC Meeting

Item 15b:

Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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Informational Item

On November 8, 2016, mayors from 18 King County cities gathered for a roundtable meeting convened by SCA and Mayors Denis Law of Renton and Nancy Backus of Auburn to discuss the heroin and prescription opiate addiction crisis in King County. This Mayors' Roundtable featured a presentation from Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Co-chairs Brad Finegood and Dr. Jeff Duchin on the Task Force's recommendations. The Mayors' Roundtable also gave mayors the opportunity to discuss challenges and actions taken to address the crisis in their communities as well an opportunity to commit to additional actions in the future.

Background

King County, like many places across the country, is seeing sharp increases in the use and abuse of heroin and prescription opiates. The rate of addiction is high and availability of treatment is not keeping pace with the need. In response, King County Executive Dow Constantine announced the formation of a Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force on March 1, 2016. Also serving as co-conveners of the Task Force were Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Renton Mayor Denis Law, and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray. The [Task Force](#), comprised of individuals from across many disciplines, came together over a period of six months to develop both short and long-term strategies to prevent abuse and addiction, prevent overdose, and improve access to different types of treatment for opioid addiction. The Task Force was co-chaired by King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Assistant Division Director Brad Finegood and Public Health Officer Dr. Jeff Duchin. On September 15, 2016 the Task Force issued its [Final Report and Recommendations](#).

Task Force recommendations centered around three areas: Primary Prevention, Treatment Expansion and Enhancement, and User Health and Overdose Prevention. A summary of the recommendations in each of those three areas—taken from the [report](#)—follows:

Primary Prevention

- Raise awareness and knowledge of the possible adverse effects of opioid use, including overdose and opioid use disorder;
- Promote safe storage and disposal of medications; and
- Leverage and augment existing screening practices in schools and health care settings to prevent and identify opioid use disorder.

Treatment Expansion and Enhancement

- Create access to buprenorphine in low-barrier modalities close to where individuals live for all people in need of services;
- Develop treatment on demand for all modalities of substance use disorder treatment services; and
- Alleviate barriers placed upon opioid treatment programs, including the number of clients served and siting of clinics.

User Health and Overdose Prevention

- Expand distribution of naloxone in King County; and
- Establish, on a pilot program basis, at least two Community Health Engagement Locations (CHEL sites) where supervised consumption occurs for adults with substance use disorders in the Seattle and King County region. Given the distribution of drug use across King County, one of the CHEL sites should be located outside of Seattle.

Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Recap

A Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction was held November 8, 2016 at the Tukwila Community Center. Mayors from 18 King County cities (Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Covington, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, and Shoreline) participated.

Task Force Co-Chairs Brad Finegood and Dr. Jeff Duchin gave a [presentation](#) outlining heroin and opioid use trends and the Task Force recommendations. The presentation specifically addressed actions cities could take to address the crisis by partnering with schools, the community, and health care systems and through city policies. Mayors discussed challenges they are facing in their communities around the heroin and opiate crisis and described actions their cities have taken to address the crisis. Mayors then committed to taking specific actions, which can be found in [Attachment A](#).

Among the commitments made by mayors were the following:

- Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Bellevue Mayor John Stokes agreed to take the lead on drafting an op-ed piece, for signature for other mayors in attendance at the Roundtable and others wishing to sign on.
- Several mayors pledged to meet with their school boards and library system representatives to discuss the issue of heroin and prescription opiate addiction, and mayors also agreed to hold community conversations about opioid issues.
- Some mayors agreed to include a request for funding for behavioral health treatment in their cities' legislative agendas.
- Many mayors agreed to work to establish drug take-back boxes at city facilities.
- Several mayors committed to providing their police and/or other first responders with Narcan/Naloxone, a nasal spray used to reverse opioid overdoses.

Mayors in attendance at the Roundtable also requested that the Task Force co-chairs provide materials to SCA mayors for outreach, including social media materials, presentation materials, and a video for broadcasting on local public access channels.

Next Steps

Mayors from additional cities are welcome to submit commitments they are willing to make to address the heroin and prescription opiate addiction crisis in their cities. SCA will keep members updated on the commitments, and progress.

Attachment

- A. [SCA Mayors' Commitments to Address Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction](#)

Online Materials

- [Mayors' Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Presentation](#)
- [Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Final Report and Recommendations](#)
- [Heroin and Prescription Opiate Task Force website](#)



SCA Mayors' Commitments to Address Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction

Sound Cities Association Mayors gathered for a roundtable meeting on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction November 8, 2016. They discussed the challenges their communities are facing and committed to take additional actions listed below to address this crisis.

Algona Mayor Dave Hill commits to:

- Build relationships with library and school district
- Explore having a drug take-back box at a city facility
- Provide first responders with Naloxone

Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Host a community conversation
- Convene a meeting with local health care providers and encourage them to increase buprenorphine access
- Include a request for funding for behavioral health treatment in city legislative agenda

Bellevue Mayor John Stokes commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Host a community conversation
- Use social media and other outreach materials to build awareness of opioid disorders and treatment
- Draft an op-ed with other mayors
- Work with battalion chief on City Council meeting presentation
- Work with health care systems/providers, and take steps that include convening a meeting with local health care providers about buprenorphine access and use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Include a request for funding for behavioral health treatment in city legislative agenda
- Research whether city code poses barriers to siting substance use treatment in the city

Black Diamond Mayor Carol Benson commits to:

- Together with other cities served by the same school districts, meet with school boards to discuss the issue
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Host a community conversation

Bothell Mayor Andy Rheaume commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Explore having a drug take-back box at a city facility
- Use social media to build awareness of opioid disorders and treatment
- Present to the City Council

Burien Mayor Lucy Krakowiak commits to:

- Work with school district and parks department to define community need
- Strengthen relationship with school district

Carnation Mayor Jim Berger commits to:

- Host a meeting with Mayor Ibershof to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Host a community conversation
- Work to raise awareness of drug take-back site in Duvall
- Draft an op-ed in conjunction with other mayors
- Present to the City Council

Covington Mayor Jeff Wagner commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Use city outreach to build awareness of opioid disorders and treatment
- Develop an op-ed in conjunction with other mayors

Duvall Mayor Will Ibershof commits to:

- Host a meeting with Mayor Berger to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Present to the City Council

Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell commits to:

- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Follow up on having a drug take-back location at a city facility
- Draft an op-ed in conjunction with other mayors

Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler commits to:

- Host a community meeting
- Encourage more use of existing drug take-back location
- Consider providing Narcan to police

Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Hold a community conversation
- Explore having a drug take-back box at a city facility

Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Draft an op-ed for local newspaper
- Work with Evergreen Hospital to develop a plan to convene a meeting with local health care providers about buprenorphine access and use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Research whether city code poses barriers to siting substance use treatment in the city
- Entertain a local initiative to assess siting a community health engagement location site

Mercer Island Mayor Bruce Bassett commits to:

- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Explore having a drug take-back box at a city facility
- Use social media to build awareness of opioid disorders and treatment
- Provide first responders with Naloxone

Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier commits to:

- Participate in a meeting with Mayor Backus to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Host a community conversation
- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Draft op-ed with other mayors

Redmond Mayor John Marchione commits to:

- Meet with King County Library System
- Install permanent drug take-back box in the next year

Renton Mayor Denis Law commits to:

- Equip all police units with Narcan
- Use social media, local public access channel and other outreach methods to build public awareness
- Work with regional partners to explore other solutions
- Work with the Renton School District to coordinate outreach and information to the students
- Use contacts from the Mayor's Inclusive Task Force to ensure information is provided to residents in multiple languages
- Install drug disposal box at Renton City Hall - installed
- Work with King County to open 2nd Renton methadone clinic - opened

Sammamish Mayor Don Gerend commits to:

- Host a meeting to discuss the issue with local school board
- Encourage local schools to implement screening and referral protocols
- Encourage local schools to implement opioid education programs
- Broadcast an opioid presentation on local public access channel
- Work on an op-ed in conjunction with Mayor Butler

Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts commits to:

- Work with City Council and City Manager on additional opportunities
- Work on an op-ed in conjunction with other mayors