



SCA Public Issues Committee

AGENDA

October 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 – September 13, 2017 meeting](#) 2 minutes
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, Chair 5 minutes
5. **SCA Staff Report** – Brian Parry, Senior Policy Analyst 10 minutes
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Brian Parry, Senior Policy Analyst
(5 minute staff report, 10 minute discussion)
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Cynthia Foley, Policy Analyst
(5 minute staff report, 5 minute Q and A)

10. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

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Brian Parry, Senior Policy Analyst

(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

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Ellie Wilson-Jones, Senior Policy Analyst

(2 minute staff report, 3 minute discussion)

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13. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM (6:00 Pre-PIC Workshop) – Renton City Hall
- b. SCA Annual Meeting and Networking Dinner – Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- c. South and South Valley Caucus Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM – Auburn Community & Event Center
- d. North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus Meeting – Thursday, December 7, 2017 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM – Redmond Senior Center
- e. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall

14. For the Good of the Order

15. Adjourn

Did You Know?

In 1902 with a population of 793 people, Kent became King County's second city to incorporate—just six months after the founding of Washington State. Today, Kent is the sixth largest city in Washington with approximately 127,000 residents. Kent was named 2017's 10th Most Culturally Diverse City in the United States in a study from the leading personal finance outlet WalletHub.com. With 138 languages spoken, Kent's diversity brings cultural fluency and a worldwide perspective to this growing community.

The Kent Valley is an economic engine that generates 1/8 of the state's Gross Domestic Product to the tune of about \$49 billion annually. From the first lunar rover developed at Boeing's Space Center to the creation of next-generation rockets at Blue Origin, brilliant scientists and engineers in the city are developing the world's most advanced vehicles, and at Kent-based LaserMotive, former NASA scientists are working on technology to refuel drones in mid-flight using lasers.

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.

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DRAFT MINUTES

September 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 22 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember John Holman, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Mayor Bob Keller, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Carol Simpson, Newcastle (PIC Alternate); Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Michelle Hogg, Duvall; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish staff; Danielle Butsick, City of Kent staff; Diane Carlson, King County Executive Office staff; and Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff.

2. Public Comment

Chair Marts asked if any member of the public had any public comment.

Danielle Butsick, City of Kent Economic and Community Development staff, reported that the Mayor of Kent was preparing to send a comment letter ([Attachment B](#)) to the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) regarding the proposed updates to regional centers policies under consideration by the GMPB. Butsick said the regional centers policies support many of the goals of the City of Kent, which has both a Regional Growth Center and a Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center (MIC). Areas of agreement include concentration of jobs and plans for growth of MICs as well as walkability, mixed uses, and improved access to transit in Regional Growth Centers. She said a commitment to compact, transit-oriented development and contributions to the local economy are more important than size and shape or other prescriptive designation criteria and should be the basis for allocation of regional funding for centers. She said MIC standards should be more flexible and encourage retail, services, and housing when appropriate to support employees who work in the MIC and that these amenities are necessary to compete globally with advanced manufacturing parks and industrial innovation hubs.

3. Approval of the July 12, 2017 Minutes

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, to approve the July 12, 2017 PIC minutes. Chair Marts noted that the draft minutes included in the PIC packet incorporate changes requested by members in advance of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Marts reported that he would be appointing members to serve on the 2018 PIC Nominating Committee during the October PIC meeting. Marts noted his intention to reappoint the current members of the PIC Nominating Committee to continue serving. Marts also reported that the PIC will elect a 2018 PIC Chair and Vice Chair during the December PIC meeting. The current PIC Vice Chair, Councilmember Ed Prince of Renton, has expressed interest in serving as PIC Chair in 2018. Other members interested in serving as PIC Chair or Vice Chair can contact SCA Senior Policy Analyst Ellie Wilson-Jones at ellie@soundcities.org for more information about the role and process.

5. SCA Staff Report

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that he would be giving the staff report while SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson is on maternity leave. Parry reported that there will be a pre-PIC workshop in October with Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament. The focus of the workshop will be best practices to make the most of public comment and how to avoid or deal with difficult situations. Parry also encouraged members to submit the names of any individuals that should be considered to be honored as an SCA “member emeritus” at this year’s SCA annual meeting in November. Per the SCA Board policies, the criteria for member emeritus status are that the individual be retiring from their elected position with an SCA member city after at least eight years in office, the individual must have provided distinguished service on behalf of member cities in King County, and the individual must have actively participated in SCA, as evidenced by service on the SCA Board or an SCA committee or task force for a minimum of two years. Parry reminded members that in October SCA staff will be sending a call for nominations for all expiring annual appointments and open seats on regional boards and committees. The application deadline will likely be around the first week of November, but responses are encouraged as soon as possible. The PIC Nominating Committee will meet in November, and recommendations will be brought to the PIC for action in December. Application requirements and additional information will be included in the forthcoming call for nominations.

6. Children & Youth Advisory Board and Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointments

PIC Nominating Committee Chair Leanne Guier gave a report from the September 5, 2017 and September 11, 2017 meetings of the PIC Nominating Committee. The PIC Nominating Committee first met September 5 to consider applications for one vacancy on the Children and Youth Advisory Board, created by the resignation of the member from the South, and two upcoming vacancies on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. During the September 5 meeting, the PIC Nominating Committee voted to recommend Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, be appointed as a member to the Children and Youth Advisory Board.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, be appointed as a member to the Children and Youth Advisory Board. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Guier further reported that at the September 5 meeting of the PIC Nominating Committee, members also considered applications for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Having only received applications from the North, the PIC Nominating Committee directed SCA staff to

extend the call for nominations for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to September 8 and to conduct additional outreach to members from other parts of the county. PIC Nominating Committee Members and SCA staff conducted additional outreach to members, seeking an applicant pool that would allow for broader geographic representation. No additional applications were received during the extended call for nominations period.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that Councilmember Penny Sweet, Kirkland and Councilmember Philippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park, be appointed to fill two member seats on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Guier noted that the PIC Nominating Committee seeks to ensure geographic balance in recommending appointments and encouraged PIC Members to speak with their fellow councilmembers and mayors about the upcoming annual appointment process and to encourage them to apply for committees for which they have relevant experience and interest.

7. Regional Centers

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on regional centers policy changes under consideration by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB). Parry reported that since the last update to the PIC, the GMPB has continued to work on revisions to the criteria used to designate Regional Growth Centers and Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers. Designation as a Regional Center through PSRC requires jurisdictions to do extra planning and meet certain standards, and, in exchange, those jurisdictions qualify to compete for an additional slice of the federal transportation funding allocated through PSRC. Parry noted that various centers originally self-selected before any standards were set by the region and that in many respects updating the minimum criteria will bring the other three counties into better alignment with what is already required of King County cities that want to plan for large growth centers.

Parry said some of the key discussion points for the GMPB relate to how much population is being planned for, the level of existing housing and jobs, and whether military facilities should qualify. Based on prior discussions of the SCA GMPB caucus and by the PIC, staff have developed a draft outline of “guiding principles” to clarify the caucus position as they work through a number of technical decisions that have to be made about planning goals and centers criteria. These “guiding principles” are included in the September PIC packet beginning on page 24.

Parry highlighted some of the overall themes from the draft guiding principles, including: support for centers planning generally to maximize the efficiency of our transportation investments, support major job centers, protect resource lands, and encourage healthy communities; support for cities as the proper location for growth in the region; support for predictable standards that respect the investments made by cities to accommodate growth; and support for flexibility and time for cities that need to do any additional planning due to the new criteria.

Parry reported that during the GMPB meeting in September, PSRC staff provided an updated draft outline of the proposed changes to Regional Centers criteria. He said the outline discussed during the September GMPB meeting has several important changes from what was earlier discussed, including: elimination of “tiers” of regionally designated centers that raised concerns about prioritizing transportation funding; flexibility for currently designated centers to update their policies, including possibly a five-year grace period that would allow cities to update their plans and any other policy changes that come out of the update to VISION; minimum existing jobs criteria for Manufacturing/Industrial Centers; joint planning requirements and minimum criteria addressing how military installations are addressed in planning for growth centers; and new requirements to address social equity concerns including displacement and affordable housing in centers plans.

Parry said a more detailed version of the PSRC staff outline will be presented and discussed during the October 5 GMPB meeting. The GMPB may then release a full draft for public comment in October and November. Parry said the SCA GMPB caucus is requesting feedback from the PIC and member cities about the new proposal and the “guiding principles” prior to the October 5 meeting.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, said that Danielle Butsick spoke well on behalf of Kent’s interests during the public comment portion of the meeting. Boyce said that he spoke with the Mayor of Kent and that the city would be sending a comment letter ([Attachment B](#)) to the GMPB regarding centers. Kent has both a Regional Growth Center and a Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center (MIC) that they have supported while waiting for the market to catch up to the city’s planning efforts. The Kent MIC is the fourth largest industrial area in the nation and had been hard hit by revenue loss from the implementation of Streamlined Sales Tax in Washington State. Boyce said a commitment to compact, transit-oriented development in regional centers is more important than consistency in designation criteria. He said commitment to a concentration of industrial growth, contributions to the regional economy, and support for quality jobs are more important than the size and shape of a MIC. He said that in order to compete globally with advanced manufacturing parks MIC policies should allow for a mix of uses, and that this should be prioritized over identifying specific mixes of uses at the regional level. He said the GMPB should re-examine the purpose and goals of Regional MICs and Regional Growth Centers before making changes.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that he was interested in seeing the letter from Kent in more detail before directly addressing issues raised by Council President Boyce. Margeson said that the position the GMPB is coming to is a compromise approach that reflects the interests of other counties and cities in the region in addition to SCA member cities. He said that significant progress had been made in adding minimum job criteria for MICs and that moving away from the concept of “tiers” of Regional Growth Centers removed a major roadblock to updating the policies. He said that the update would hold jurisdictions planning centers to certain standards that reward them for development that is compact and supports regional planning goals. He said the addition of social equity planning to the centers criteria was important, especially in light of historical actions that directed investment to areas based on race. He noted the GMPB representative from the City of Tacoma identifying the need to address “redlining” in the City’s past that left a legacy that negatively impacts communities up

to present day. He said the discussion of new criteria for designating centers at the countywide level is important because King County doesn't currently have a "countywide center" designation, and that creating one could help SCA cities compete for regional transportation funding. He said that another major issue for the GMPB is how to address the transportation infrastructure impacts of military facilities as part of planning for regional centers. He said debate on criteria was ongoing, but the discussion was moving in a positive direction.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, asked about the proposal for a grace period for jurisdictions to update their centers plans and ongoing monitoring. Margeson responded that the current expectation is that plan updates would coincide with the next round of required updates to local comprehensive plans expected over the next five years or so. He said that ongoing monitoring would likely occur sometime after growth targets are updated. Parry added that most if not all cities in King County are required to update their comprehensive plans in 2023, and that deferring requirements to update plans until then would allow cities to update their comprehensive plans one time to address changes to VISION 2040 expected in the next two years and the proposed changes to regional centers policies. Margeson added that this was important for cities because of the staffing resources and the costs of adjusting comprehensive plans.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, asked whether what was being discussed by PIC members was consistent with ongoing discussions with the King County Executive Office about regional centers. Parry responded that the SCA guiding principles document is closely aligned with the position expressed by the Executive in a letter recently sent to the GMPB. He noted that there are ongoing discussions with the Executive Office to continue to find areas of agreement that can be brought before to the GMPB.

8. Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the proposal to replace the expiring Veterans and Human Services Levy with an expanded Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy. The Regional Policy Committee and King County Council each acted unanimously on July 20 to place the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy on the ballot in November.

If approved by voters, the replacement six-year property tax would be levied at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The current and original Veterans and Human Services Levies were passed at a rate of \$0.05 per \$1,000 in assessed value. For comparison, the current levy is expected to generate \$18.6 million in 2017, whereas the replacement levy would be anticipated to generate \$52.4 million in levy proceeds in 2018. The \$0.10 rate included in the levy ballot measure is a reduction from the \$0.12 rate originally proposed by the King County Executive for this replacement levy.

After set asides for technical assistance and capacity building and to mitigate prorationing, proceeds from the proposed levy would be split one-third each to services focused on veterans, military service members and their families; seniors; and vulnerable populations, a broader human services category. There would be a substantial housing focus under the levy, with at least half of first year proceeds in each service area being dedicated to housing stability and at least one-quarter thereafter. Additionally, at least half of the funding for seniors would be

dedicated to seniors who are also veterans or military service members until one of two benchmarks related to veterans' homelessness are met.

Detailed implementation planning is forthcoming. Transition, Implementation, and Governance Plans are to be developed and submitted to the Regional Policy Committee and King County Council for approval. The first of those plans, a Governance Plan, has been transmitted and is expected to be considered next month by the Regional Policy Committee. As transmitted by the Executive, the Governance Plan would direct that the boards overseeing the existing Veterans and Human Services Levy be reworked and replaced. In their place, would be three new boards to oversee the three service areas of the levy. Two of these boards—the Seniors Levy and Healthy Aging Advisory Board and the Human Services Levy Advisory Board—would include one seat each for SCA. These would be staff appointments as elected officials would be ineligible for membership on any of the levy oversight boards, a continuation of current policy. SCA is not represented on the oversight boards for the existing Veterans and Human Services Levy.

Wilson-Jones invited feedback from members regarding oversight for the proposed Veterans and Human Services Levy, to be forwarded to the SCA members of the Regional Policy Committee, and noted that cities that wish to schedule an informational briefing on the levy proposal can contact Leo Flor with the King County Department of Community and Human Services at leonardo.flor@kingcounty.gov or (206) 477-4384.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, asked whether the decision to place the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy on the November ballot had taken into account actions by the Legislature to address *McCleary* school funding obligations with a new property tax, which will disproportionately impact many King County cities.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, stated that the SCA Board leadership met with the King County Executive earlier in the day and discussed the disproportionate impacts of the statewide property tax for schools on local taxpayers. Baker noted the importance of the proposed levy as a source of funding for veterans and seniors.

9. Metro Flat Fare Proposal

Cynthia Foley, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that Metro has proposed changes to its current fare structure, and that three related pieces of legislation will come before the Regional Transit Committee on September 27. Metro's proposal would implement a flat rate of \$2.75 for all adults paying a full fare. Fares for riders using the senior/disabled permit (RRFP), Human Services Tickets, ORCA Lift, and youth would not change. Under the current fare structure, riders are charged greater fares during peak commute times and for trips crossing the Seattle city line. Metro's proposal would eliminate peak and zone charges and is intended to simplify the development of a new ORCA card system, which will be implemented in 2021 when the current ORCA contract expires.

Foley outlined changes to rates under the proposal. At a flat rate of \$2.75, off-peak trips would increase by \$0.25, and two-zone trips during peak hours would decrease by \$0.50. Peak trips within a single zone would stay the same. Metro expects to see benefits from the proposal, including: reduced costs for trips that cross Seattle's borders during typical commuting hours,

fares that are easier to understand, reduced fare disputes between operators and customers, better coordination of fares with regional partners in preparation for the new ORCA card system, and reduced travel time due to faster fare payment. Revenues would increase by \$3.5 million dollars annually under the proposal, or 2.2 percent of the Metro operating budget.

Foley summarized additional proposed changes to the fare program. Metro has proposed using \$1.2 million of this revenue to fund additional fare program changes. These include eliminating the administrative fee for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) for senior and disabled riders, reducing adult and youth ORCA card fees from \$5 to \$3, and increasing human services subsidies. With these changes, Metro does not anticipate the need to increase fares through 2020.

Foley stated that the proposal will be considered by the Regional Transit Committee on September 27. The SeaShore Transportation Forum agreed to support the proposal unanimously and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Eastside Transportation Partnership signed on to a letter of support. Others in ETP may have signed on as well.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, stated that he expects that this will be a tremendous boon to the Eastside and those who currently pay extra fares during peak hours.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked who the proposal would negatively impact and noted that the projected revenue increase is indicative of some riders paying higher fees. Kruller asked for clarification on how the proposal would impact those who travel during off-peak hours, such as those traveling to night shift jobs and school. Foley described reduced fares currently available through the ORCA LIFT program. She noted that off-peak riders paying full fares will see increased fares under the proposal.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the change to a flat rate is overdue. Many riders now must pay higher fares to get to Seattle. He said that there are other benefits as well. A single fee would end confusion over pricing whereas the current system slows boarding and frustrates riders, particularly infrequent users. He noted that cost savings are expected due to more efficient operations.

10. 2017 State Legislative Session

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the Legislature adjourned after a 105-day regular session and three special sessions without passing a capital budget for the biennium that began July 1. Action on the capital budget was held-up when lawmakers deadlocked on water management issues related to the *Hirst* state Supreme Court decision. As reported to the PIC in July, SCA's three 2017 Legislative Priorities—adjusting the property tax cap, investing in public health services, and addressing the housing and homelessness crisis—remain largely unresolved. Without a capital budget in place for the biennium, investments in the Housing Trust Fund and our state's behavioral health system remain on hold and many other projects throughout King County cities remain in limbo.

In preparation for the 2018 legislative session, the SCA Board is anticipated to act this month to form a 2018 SCA Legislative Committee. The Committee is anticipated to make

recommendations to the PIC this fall for SCA's 2018 Legislative Agenda. Wilson-Jones invited any initial member feedback, to be carried forward to the Committee to help shape SCA's 2018 legislative priorities.

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is also preparing their 2018 legislative priorities. AWC's Legislative Priorities Committee will meet September 18 to develop recommendations for the AWC Board. Additionally, cities will also be developing their own legislative agendas over the coming months, and members are encouraged to share those with SCA staff.

Wilson-Jones concluded her report by highlighting the SCA Networking Event, held September 6, which featured a panel of seven legislators moderated by SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker. The panelists spoke to the most significant takeaways for cities from the 2017 session and previewed the 2018 session. Passing a capital budget, addressing the opioid epidemic and the housing and homelessness crisis, and adjourning on time were listed as their top priorities for 2018.

Chair Marts asked whether other cities had seen increased staffing costs related to recent changes in Public Records Act requirements. The City of Issaquah recently decided to add a new FTE to comply with reporting requirements related to the Public Records Act.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, stated that the City of Duvall has not recently seen increased staffing costs, but has continued to receive a large volume of public records requests. The city has updated its policy related to charging for electronic records in response to the recent changes to state law. Ockerlander noted that the city anticipates the changes in state law to have a positive impact overall.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, said that the City of Shoreline also has not experienced additional staffing needs related to the recent changes in state law, but did add additional public records staff capacity some time ago and anticipates needing to continue and possibly expand that staffing.

Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland, reported that the state Attorney General Bob Ferguson recently [proposed an update to the Public Records Act Model Rules](#).

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, shared that the City of Tukwila is working to make records available online. The city presented at the September 6 SCA Networking Event about efforts to provide free, self-serve, searchable access to public records.

Councilmember Erin Sitterley, SeaTac, noted that the City of SeaTac has been making operational changes meant to improve access to public records, including placing more records online.

Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, requested additional information about how the City of Tukwila has made records digitally available. Kruller noted that there have been upfront costs, including staff time to scan documents to create digital files.

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the list of potential levies and ballot measures in the PIC Packet and results from the August 2017 primary election. If members have updates to the list, they can be provided to SCA at brian@soundcities.org. Parry encouraged members to share observations from the August primary or upcoming elections.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, reported that there would be a recall election on December 5 concerning one of the Black Diamond councilmembers.

Chair Marts reported that two sitting councilmembers, Mary Lou Pauly and Paul Winterstein, are running for mayor in Issaquah. Marts said there is a lot of enthusiasm for both candidates in the city and that it was good to have two candidates who are able to talk about issues important to Issaquah.

Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend, noted that every seat in the City of Snoqualmie is up for election in November.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, said that five of the seven Duvall council seats are up for election in November and that it was possible the city could see as many as six new councilmembers depending on the outcome of council and mayoral races.

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that this is a recurring monthly agenda item providing a list of potential issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Wilson-Jones noted that a pre-PIC workshop on the Local Law Enforcement Perspective on the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Crisis was held prior to the PIC meeting, and the potential upcoming issues list has been updated to reflect that. Members are asked to provide her with any updates to the list via email at ellie@soundcities.org.

13. Upcoming Events

Chair Marts reported that the next PIC meeting will be held October 11, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall with a 6:00 PM pre-PIC workshop with Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament that will focus on public comment.

14. For the Good of the Order

Chair Marts noted that Yarrow Point is now the newest member of SCA, increasing the membership to all 38 cities in King County outside of Seattle. Marts highlighted the month's "Did You Know" on the PIC agenda, which features Yarrow Point. Chair Marts requested a volunteer for the October "Did You Know." Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, volunteered. Chair Marts asked if any member wished to offer further comments.

Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland, reported that Kirkland Councilmember Doreen Marchione will be retiring at the end of the year and that a celebration of her service, which includes time on both the Kirkland City Council and previously as Redmond Mayor, will be held December 14 in Kirkland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Public Issues Committee Meeting September 13, 2017

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

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



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September 13, 2017

Ryan Mello, Chair
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RE: Centers Framework Report

Dear Chair Mello:

As you continue your review of the February 2017 report from the stakeholder working group pertaining to regional centers, I offer the following comments for your consideration. These comments provide perspective from a community with both a Regional Growth Center (RGC) and a Manufacturing/Industrial Center (MIC); a community who has waited for the market to catch up to its planning initiatives; and a community who is affected by decisions beyond its control that affect its sustainability. Kent's RGC is experiencing significant downtown residential housing after 40 years of planning for it. Our MIC is included in the 4th largest industrial area in the nation, and is affected by an annual \$13 million loss as a result of the state implementing Streamlined Sales Tax (local sales tax revenue based on the goods' destination versus origin.)

The centers framework report captures many key elements of centers with which Kent is in agreement – for MIC: jobs, plans for growth, infrastructure; and for RGC: walkability, transit service and mix of uses. However, I would like the GMPB to consider the following comments where Kent's perspective diverges from the report:

- A commitment to compact, transit-oriented development in an RGC is more important than consistency in designation criteria. It's not a threat to the urban growth boundaries to have multiple centers in varying contexts and with varying market timing. Boundary size and shape do not necessarily equate to a well-functioning center.

- Although increasing the number of centers means broader distribution of available funds, allocation of funds should be based on justification of need and economic contributions rather than center type or scale.
- Similarly with an MIC, commitment to concentration of industrial growth, contributions to the regional economy and support for good quality jobs are more important than size and shape of an MIC.
- MICs should encourage retail, service amenities, and even housing when appropriate, to support industrial employees in an MIC. Manufacturing and warehousing uses are becoming more automated and less dirty, with a larger proportion of workers having advanced skills, training and demands for services.
- Our MICs must compete globally with advanced manufacturing parks and industrial innovation hubs that allow mixed uses. Indeed, our Kent Industrial Valley built up around an advanced manufacturing research and development park (Boeing Space, Security and Defense Campus) that included offices, recreation and internal eateries. To be competitive in the 21st century means this region's MICs should update to economic and technological realities and not be purely about preservation of heritage land use zones. Fostering supportive uses for the people who work in MICs is a better determinant of a well-functioning industrial area than isolation of those uses or an arbitrary percentage for the mix of uses.
- Transit, training centers, and other types of infrastructure in MICs are important ingredients for a well-functioning MIC.
- A growing Puget Sound population is demanding more consumer goods—from cars to produce—and the pressures of fast delivery to population centers is placing a premium on close-in warehouse space. Therefore, Kent's industrial real estate is becoming much more expensive. Manufacturers are competing with distribution and wholesaling—a type of use presumed directly supportive of local advanced manufacturing—for valuable space in MICs. For instance, the 63 acres of open-air car auction in Kent's MIC is not supporting advanced manufacturing (and all sales tax goes to other jurisdictions), yet it's protected by an MIC.
- Closer evaluation of MICs around the percentage of key industrial cluster businesses and distribution of important regional occupations should be included in determining the value and functions of an MIC.

In general, Kent is questioning whether preservation of industrial land as currently defined accomplishes the MIC goals of family-wage jobs when each MIC has its own economic context, and MICs together provide the sector diversity and competitiveness needed by the region. Rather, the region needs to work on creative ways to invest in all of the MICs.

Kent suggests the region not move forward with the centers designation criteria. For MICs, we recommend re-examining the objectives and tools in light of overarching goals of quality manufacturing jobs, not seeking to protect and count only certain kinds of land use. For RGCs, Kent recommends re-examining the purpose of the new designations against the goals of an RGC.

Kent looks forward to the regional discussion on centers, and we appreciate the time and effort that goes into updating Vision 2040.

Respectfully,

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Suzette Cooke
Mayor, City of Kent

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October 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 6:

Appointment of 2018 PIC Nominating Committee Members

ACTION ITEM

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2017 PIC Nominating Committee

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

Action

The Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair will appoint members to the 2018 PIC Nominating Committee.
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Background

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

PIC Chair Tola Marts has indicated his intent to reappoint the four current members of the SCA PIC Nominating Committee for an additional year as follows Leanne Guier, Mayor of Pacific (representing the South Valley Caucus); Amy Ockerlander, Duvall Councilmember (Snoqualmie Valley Caucus); Ed Prince, Renton Councilmember (South Caucus); and Chris Roberts, Mayor of Shoreline (North Caucus).

The 2018 PIC Nominating Committee will meet on December 1, 2017 to make recommendations for 2018 regional board and committee appointments, and will continue to meet as needed in 2018 to fill vacancies that arise during the course of the year.

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Item 7:

SCA 2018 Legislative Agenda

POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTION ITEM

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2017-2018 SCA Legislative Committee Members

SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker (Chair); Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park

Potential Future Action

To bring the following policy position back to the next PIC meeting for possible action:

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the Washington State Legislature to take the following actions in 2018:

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 increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth.*

Invest in Public Health Services

- *The Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to fund the core public health services provided by local health jurisdictions.*

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 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.*

Background

During the 2016 SCA Board of Directors retreat, the Board developed a strategy to “increase SCA influence in State and County government,” and adopted action items including identifying strategic legislative priorities and forming a Legislative Committee. The Board then appointed a

Legislative Committee consisting of members from each geographic caucus, which developed a recommended SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. The PIC reviewed and recommended that proposed Legislative Agenda to the SCA Board, by which it was formally adopted. The SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda is included here as [Attachment A](#).

During each PIC meeting this year, SCA staff have reported on progress toward the priorities outlined in SCA's 2017 Legislative Agenda: adjusting the property tax cap, investing in public health services, and addressing the housing and homelessness crisis (see the January [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#), February [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#), March [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#), May [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#), June [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#), and July [PIC Packet](#) and [Meeting Minutes](#)).

Finally, in September, after the conclusion of the regular legislative session and three special sessions, SCA staff reported to the PIC on the final status of SCA's legislative priorities, all of which remained largely unresolved (see the September [PIC Packet](#) and [draft Meeting Minutes](#)). In September, SCA staff also invited PIC member input into potential SCA legislative priorities for the coming 2018 session.

SCA Legislative Committee Recommendation

On September 20, 2017, the SCA Board of Directors appointed a 2017-18 SCA Legislative Committee, again made up of members from each geographic caucus. This SCA Legislative Committee met September 27, 2017 to consider progress toward SCA's 2017 legislative priorities, newly emerging issues, and the outlook for the 2018 legislative session.

Members agreed that the three priorities contained in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda remain unresolved after the 2017 legislative session and continue to be issues of importance to the region. Members discussed the need to maintain consistent messaging year-to-year and pursue a longer-term advocacy strategy to achieve the adopted priorities. The SCA Legislative Committee agreed to recommend to the PIC and the SCA Board of Directors that the 2017 areas of focus be continued for 2018 as follows:

- Adjusting the Property Tax Cap,
- Investing in Public Health Services, and
- Addressing the Housing and Homelessness Crisis

The SCA Legislative Committee also discussed emerging issues and weighed the benefit of including additional items on the SCA 2018 Legislative Agenda and determined that the existing areas of focus already encapsulate issues such as the heroin and opiate crisis and the need for swift passage of a 2017-19 biennial capital budget.

Members discussed the relative role of the SCA Legislative Agenda and their individual city and Association of Washington Cities (AWC) legislative strategies and concurred with last year's Legislative Committee recommendation that 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. Furthermore, this year's SCA Legislative Committee concurred that SCA should again develop an agenda that is high level to allow SCA to be nimble in responding to issues as they arise during the legislative session.

Members agreed that a draft SCA 2018 Legislative Agenda ([Attachment B](#)) should be brought to the Public Issues Committee for review and potential initial action on October 11, 2017 with a potential final PIC recommendation on November 8, 2017.

Proposed SCA 2018 Legislative Priorities

As noted above, the SCA Legislative Committee has developed a recommended SCA 2018 Legislative Agenda that would carry forward previously adopted priorities, each of which remains largely unresolved after the 2017 session as described below.

Adjusting the Property Tax Cap

For 2017, SCA joined a coalition urging the Legislature to give local governments the option to replace the arbitrary one percent property tax cap with a new cap that takes into account inflation and population growth ([HB 1764/SB 5772](#)). This year, the Legislature exempted itself from the one percent property tax cap for purposes of new school funding but did not adjust the cap for local governments. It's not expected that the state will act to adjust the property tax cap before 2021, when its own exemption is due to sunset, but continued advocacy on this issue is anticipated. King County Executive Office staff indicate the County will continue pursuing this priority in 2018, and that the Washington State Association of Counties is also anticipated to include this as a 2018 priority.

Investing in Public Health Services

SCA urged the Legislature this year to fund core public health services through added investment in local public health jurisdictions. There was a statewide funding increase of \$12 million, with approximately \$2 million of that going to Public Health – Seattle & King County. This was far short of the \$54 million requested for local public health jurisdictions and even further short of the \$400 million projected to be needed, meaning gaps remain in disease prevention and response. Public Health – Seattle & King County staff indicate that public health jurisdictions will continue to make a push for increased investment, with a specific request of \$7 million for King County.

Addressing the Housing and Homelessness Crisis

Amidst the ongoing affordable housing and homelessness crisis, SCA supported work to expand and make permanent the document recording fee, increase investment in the housing trust fund, and add optional local tools for creating and preserving affordable housing.

This year, the document recording fee was extended at its current rate of \$40 through 2023 as part of [SB 5254](#), which also allows a portion of REET II funding to be used for homeless housing development through June 30, 2019 under certain conditions, among other changes. However, broader legislation to add optional local tools for creating and preserving affordable housing did not advance. State investment in the Housing Trust Fund has been held up by the failure to pass a biennial capital budget. Swift passage of a capital budget will be key to expanding the supply of affordable housing and addressing underlying causes of homelessness.

Many legislators remain committed to doing something to address the ongoing housing and homelessness crisis in the current biennium. Work is still underway to determine what legislation will come forward in 2018, but key proposals under discussion include a local options

bill ([HB 1797](#)), which in its most recent iteration would make the optional 0.10 percent sales tax for mental health services and affordable housing councilmanic for King County, allow for sales tax reimbursement to cities for the construction of affordable housing and accompanying infrastructure, and allow REET flexibility; and [HB 1570](#), which would expand and make permanent the document recording fee. Housing advocates also intend to proceed with advocacy on Source of Income Discrimination ([HB 1633/SB 5407](#)).

AWC and Member City Preparations for 2018

City finances and housing and human services needs will be a focus for AWC in 2018. Late last month, AWC adopted four priorities for the 2018 session as follows:

- Strengthen city tools to address housing conditions in our communities
- Direct funds to mental health, chemical dependency, and social safety net programs
- Enhance economic development tools and programs that foster business development in cities
- Preserve state-shared revenues with cities and increase law enforcement training funds

A fact sheet summarizing each of these issues is attached here as [Attachment C](#). AWC will be holding Regional Meetings to share these 2018 priorities with members. PIC members should take note that the November 8 AWC Regional Meeting in Federal Way will conflict with a PIC meeting during which the PIC may choose to act on SCA 2018 legislative priorities.

SCA member cities will also be developing 2018 legislative priorities in the coming months and members are encouraged to share their legislative priorities with SCA staff.

Next Steps

At the October 11, 2017 PIC meeting, the PIC will discuss whether to support the recommendations of the SCA Legislative Committee and to bring back to the next meeting a policy position for final action.

Attachments

- [SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda](#)
- [Draft SCA 2018 Legislative Agenda](#)
- [AWC 2018 Legislative Priorities](#)



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

SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda

Adjust the Property Tax Cap

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

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

Invest in Public Health Services

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

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

Address the Housing and Homelessness Crisis

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

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



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Invest in Public Health Services

The most basic services for keeping communities safe and healthy are at risk due to declining state investment in public health—down 40% per capita since 2000 when adjusted for inflation. The Legislature made an initial investment of \$12 million in 2017 toward the roughly \$400 million statewide funding gap, but core public health needs remain unmet. For Public Health – Seattle & King County, there's a \$7 million gap in the next county budget cycle that jeopardizes the tracking, response, and prevention of disease outbreaks and other crucial services.

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2018 Legislative Priorities

The key to growing strong cities and towns in Washington starts with addressing housing shortages and affordability, helping individuals with mental health and drug addiction issues, and providing tools to enhance local economic vitality.

The 2017 legislative session was the longest in history and yielded numerous helpful policy and budget actions for Washington's 281 cities and towns. However, critical issues remain unresolved and need to be addressed in the 2018 legislative session. The Legislature needs to swiftly adopt a capital budget so that critical community projects can move forward, and take action on the following city priorities to help our communities and state thrive.



Strengthen city tools to address housing conditions in our communities

Cities large and small are experiencing challenges with housing in their community—from shortages of affordable housing, to a lack of workforce housing, to neighborhood impacts of abandoned foreclosed properties. Cities need a variety of local option tools to address the problems of their specific local circumstances. AWC urges the Legislature to adopt:

- 1) A new construction sales tax reimbursement pilot program to attract new multi-family housing in cities outside of our urban core;
- 2) A means for cities to mitigate the impacts of abandoned and bank-owned foreclosed homes; and
- 3) Additional flexibility with existing tools such as making the optional sales tax authority for affordable housing a council decision.



Direct funds to mental health, chemical dependency, and social safety net programs

Although cities are not frontline service providers, many of the problems associated with mental health and chemical dependency show up in our communities and on our streets. Increasingly, local public safety personnel play an expanding role in addressing these impacts. AWC actively supports and will engage with those seeking to direct resources to address these challenges and will collaborate with the state, counties, and providers to find ways to deliver support services in the most effective manner.



Enhance economic development tools and programs that foster business development in cities

Economic development opportunities vary greatly across the state. Some communities have commercial or industrial areas that have deteriorated or lack the needed infrastructure for critical development, and others lack access to adequate broadband services. AWC supports expansion of current programs and funding, and will engage key legislators and stakeholders to identify tools that can help foster vital economies in all corners of our state.



Preserve state-shared revenues with cities and increase law enforcement training funds

The 2017-19 state operating budget continued to fund traditional shared revenues such as liquor revenues and municipal criminal justice assistance at the levels provided in recent years. As the Legislature considers a supplemental budget, AWC will encourage the provision of additional funding for four additional Basic Law Enforcement Academy classes during the biennium to ensure that new recruits receive training as quickly as possible.

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Item 8:**Regional Affordable Housing Task Force*****DISCUSSION***

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SCA Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Members

Mayor David Baker (Task Force Co-Chair), Kenmore; Mayor John Stokes, Bellevue; Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend

Discussion

In May of 2017, the King County Council approved Motion 14873 to form a Regional Affordable Housing Task Force to bring leaders from across the county together to collaboratively develop a countywide affordable housing strategy. Thirteen Task Force members have been appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council, including four SCA representatives. The Task Force met on July 14 and September 22, and is reviewing a draft work plan for expected adoption at the next Task Force meeting on October 31. At the October meeting of the PIC, members are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft work plan, included here as [Attachment A](#). This feedback will be carried forward to the SCA representatives on the Task Force.

Background

The King County Council passed [Motion 14754](#) in November 2016 requesting the convening of a regional planning effort with cities, nonprofit agencies, and private partners to develop a plan for affordable housing. In response to Motion 14754, King County Executive Dow Constantine transmitted a [Regional Affordable Housing Strategy Status Report](#) to the King County Council in March 2017. This Status Report, together with [Motion 14873](#) approved by the Council in May, formally established the [Regional Affordable Housing Task Force](#) ("Task Force") to recommend a countywide affordable housing strategy to the County Executive and County Council by December 2018.

The Task Force is composed of the following members:

- King County Executive Dow Constantine;
- King County Councilmembers Balducci, Dembowski, Gossett, Kohl-Welles, and von Reichbauer;
- Kenmore Mayor David Baker, representing North King County (recommended by SCA);
- Bellevue Mayor John Stokes, representing East King County (recommended by SCA);
- North Bend Mayor Ken Hearing, representing cities in the rural area (recommended by SCA);

- Renton Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, representing South King County (recommended by SCA);
- The Seattle Mayor;
- Seattle Councilmember Rob Johnson; and,
- The Director of King County Department of Community & Human Services, Adrienne Quinn (ex officio member).

The Task Force will be co-chaired by SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker and King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci. The work of the Task Force will be aided by a [Standing Advisory Panel](#) consisting of members representing local housing authorities, for-profit and non-profit housing developers, tenants and landlord organizations, homeowners, communities of color, unincorporated housing issues, and an affordable housing advocacy group.

The Task Force held its first two meetings on July 14 and September 22, and is reviewing a draft work plan, [Attachment A](#), for possible adoption at its next meeting on October 31. At the July PIC meeting, PIC members provided input on local and regional affordable housing issues to help guide SCA representatives in shaping the Task Force's work plan. Details of that feedback were included in the [July PIC minutes](#) and shared with SCA's representatives on the Task Force.

PIC members expressed continuing concern about the growing housing affordability crisis throughout the county. Many PIC members expressed concerns about the ability of seniors to afford to stay in their homes and a lack of available affordable options to downsize and stay in the same community. PIC members encouraged the Task Force to identify best practices to diversify housing stock and emphasized that affordability is a problem for everyone from first time homebuyers to seniors and vulnerable populations. PIC members also noted that many people are being forced to look farther from their workplace to find homes they can afford. Some noted that their communities have relatively affordable housing available, but the transit and transportation infrastructure isn't in place to move people from their homes to current job centers. Members also spoke to the need to improve and maintain the quality of existing affordable housing, where it does exist.

PIC members highlighted many ongoing activities, regulatory changes, and affordable housing action plans being developed by cities and encouraged the Task Force to highlight best practices and work toward greater information sharing among local jurisdictions. PIC members also encouraged the Task Force to develop messaging and strategies to help educate community members about the need for affordable housing and the different strategies that need to be implemented to address the challenge.

Task Force Work Plan

During its October 31 meeting, the Task Force is anticipated to adopt a work plan outlining work to be completed in 2017 and 2018. This work plan is driven by the Task Force objectives outlined in Council Motion 14754, which launched this process,. Those objectives are as follows:

- Assess the current state of regional housing affordability in King County, including ongoing efforts by jurisdictions;

- Develop a recommended statement of intent to address the regional affordable housing crisis in King County;
- Identify collective tools and actions that can be taken at the regional level to create more affordable options where needed and preserve affordable housing where it exists today, which could include a recommended plan for new partnerships, local strategies, regulatory reform, and funding approaches that could include, but is not limited to, evaluating a countywide sales tax levy under RCW 82.14.530¹;
- Develop and recommend a state legislative strategy to address issues relating to affordable housing and homelessness; and
- Develop a dashboard to display regional progress in achieving the affordability goals of the Countywide Planning Policies.

In working toward these outcomes the work of the Task Force will be divided into three complimentary phases as described in the draft Work Plan:

- *Phase 1. Problem Definition and Gap Analysis*

The first few meetings (July through November 2017) is underway and focuses on defining the problem of housing affordability and understanding the policy context. This first phase will include data presentations, case studies, and presentations from housing professionals to explore the magnitude of the problem. At the initial Task Force meeting, members reviewed [maps](#) showing the current supply of housing stock throughout King County and accompanying conditions like employment opportunity and rental and ownership costs. Subsequently, at the second Task Force meeting, members moved into further consideration of population, job, and housing growth in King County and the relationship between income growth and housing costs. The data presented, available [here](#), shows that rents have been growing at nearly three times the rate of household income, and that 276,000 households in King County are spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent. More than one in ten households spends more than half their income on rent.

This phase, now ongoing, will also include a review of existing laws and regional and local policies, such as a survey of existing plans, tools, and initiatives that address the housing affordability challenge. These two efforts will enable a conversation about the gap between the problem and what the policies accomplish. Public comment, gathered through meeting participation and an online survey tool, will help the Task Force hear from the community about the impact of the affordable housing crisis on people and communities from a variety of perspectives.

- *Phase 2. Regional Solutions Exploration*

In January through April 2018, the Task Force will work in earnest to explore policies,

¹ State legislation approved in 2015 allows counties to seek voter approval for a sales tax of up to 0.1 percent for affordable housing, mental and behavioral health-related facilities, or associated services (see [RCW 82.14.530](#)).

programs, and initiatives that address the challenge in the region. This will include learning about what initiatives, programs, and best practices are in use that might be applicable to the regional context. These conversations should begin to produce ideas for areas to explore for recommendations.

- *Phase 3. Recommendations*

The final phase will be in May and June 2018 and will focus on specific recommendations and strategies to address housing affordability in the region and the preparation of a final Task Force report.

The Task Force is expected to conclude with recommendations to be implemented by many stakeholders, including the county, cities, the state, and private sector.

Next Steps

The Regional Affordable Housing Task Force will hold its next meeting on October 31 . At this meeting, the Task Force is expected to adopt a work plan to span through 2018. PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback at the October PIC meeting regarding the draft work plan, [Attachment A](#).

In future months, the Task Force plans to [hold a series of broad community meetings](#) to ensure the Task Force receives broader input from other city representatives and community stakeholders. Additionally, SCA will be working with County staff to seek feedback throughout the process from each subregion to help inform the work of the Task Force members.

The Task Force is scheduled to recommend a final Regional Affordable Housing Strategy to the County Executive and Council no later than December 2018. The Regional Policy Committee will serve as the policy committee for recommendations from the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force for any region-wide policy or plan.

Attachment

- A. [Draft Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Work Plan](#)



Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

Work Plan

Working Draft, September 19, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Regional Affordable Housing (RAH) Task Force was created by King County to bring leaders from across the county together to collaboratively develop a countywide affordable housing strategy. King County Motion 14873 created the Task Force and defines its structure and objectives. The RAH Task Force will build upon previous and ongoing work of jurisdictions and non-profits to identify ideas and solutions that can be implemented at the regional level. This Work Plan provides an overview of work related to the RAH Task Force throughout 2017 and 2018. This will be a “living document”, evolving with the Task Force’s needs and direction throughout the project.

Part 1 of the Work Plan presents the content areas, tasks, and stakeholder roles. Part 2 provides a working draft schedule and preliminary understanding of meeting topics throughout the project. Both will be updated as work progresses.

The end work product for the Task Force is a report with a recommended regional affordable housing strategy that is actionable and will be sent to the King County Executive and Council no later than December 2018. This work plan is designed to complete the work in the summer of 2018, well in advance of the deadline set by the County.

MEETING ORGANIZATION AND FRAMEWORK

Work will proceed through three overlapping phases, as summarized in the calendar graphic. Because of the complexity of the issue and the variety of voices the Task Force will hear from, ideas for solutions and recommendations will emerge throughout the process. The RAH Task Force will meet at least 10 times over the course of a year.

Phase 1. Problem Definition and Gap Analysis

The first few meetings (July through November) will focus on defining the problem of housing affordability and understanding the policy context. This first phase will include data presentations, case studies and presentations from housing professionals to explore the magnitude of the problem. It will also include a review of existing

laws and regional and local policies, such as a survey of existing plans, tools and initiatives that address the housing affordability challenge. These two efforts will enable a conversation about the gap between the problem and what the policies accomplish.

Public comment, gathered through meeting participation and an on-line survey tool, will help the Task Force hear from the community about the impact of the affordable housing crisis on people and communities from a variety of perspectives.

Phase 2. Regional Solutions Exploration

In January through April, the Task Force will work in earnest to explore policies, programs, and initiatives that address the challenge in the region. This will include learning about what initiatives, programs and best practices are in use that might be applicable to the regional context. These conversations should begin to produce ideas for areas to explore for recommendations.

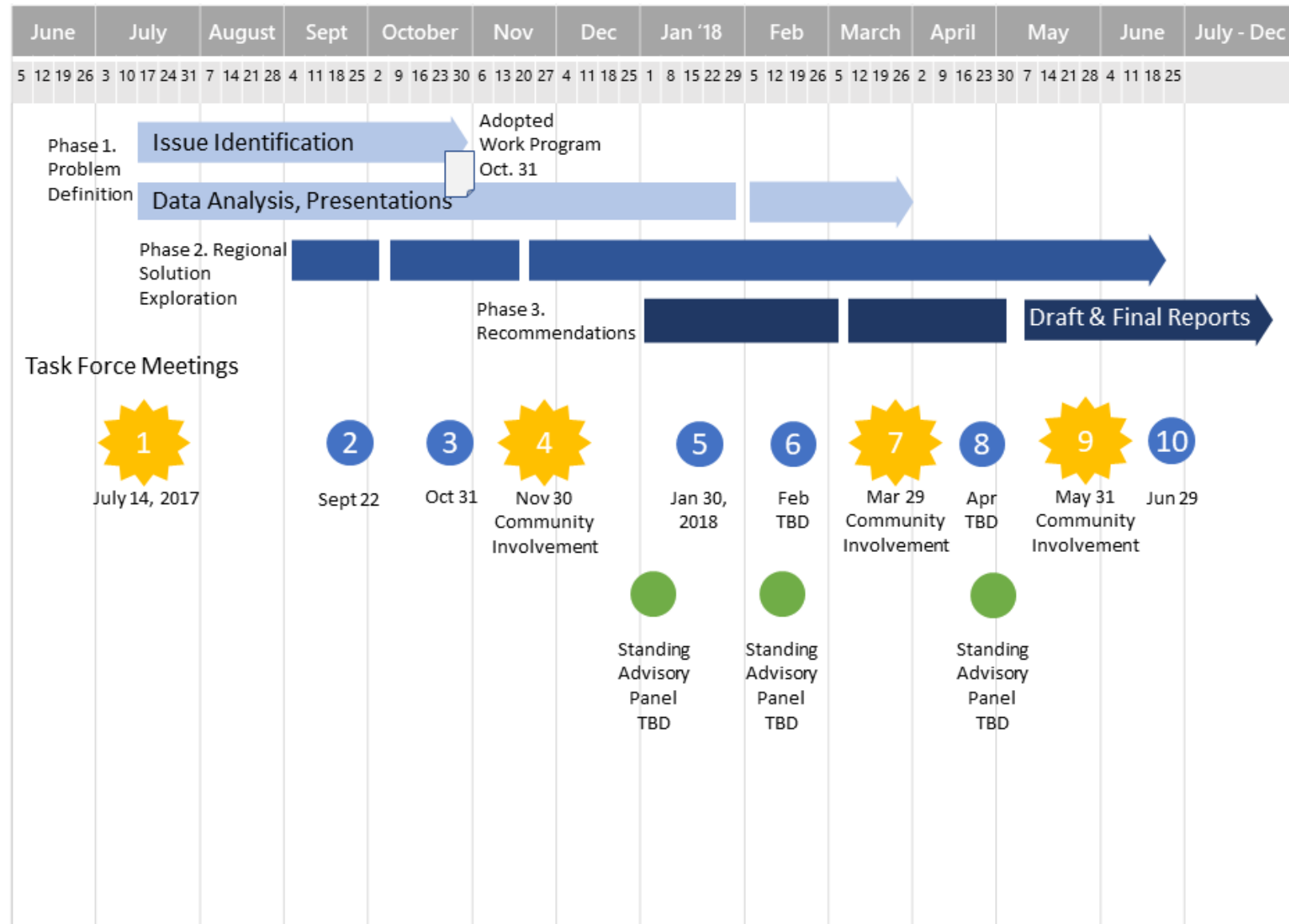
Phase 3. Recommendations

The final phase will be in May and June and will focus on specific recommendations and strategies to address housing affordability in the region and the preparation of a final Task Force report.



King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

Working Project Schedule



TASK FORCE SUPPORT

Throughout the project, the Task Force will receive support from several groups and organizations, as well as the community.

Standing Advisory Panel

The Task Force will appoint and meet with a group of diverse housing experts. On occasion, the Standing Advisory Panel will meet independently to develop guidance and recommendations for the Task Force. They will provide the Task Force with independent perspectives on the causes of the affordable housing challenge and approaches to meet that challenge.

King County Staff

A project team of King County staff representing both the Council and the Executive's Office will work together to provide full support to the Task Force.

Staff Working Group

Housing and planning experts from local jurisdictions and non-profit organizations will meet periodically to provide content area expertise to help answer questions posed by the Task Force and inform agendas. This expertise will include identifying relevant local plans and data sources to be brought to the Task Force's attention, as well as other topics as they emerge.

Consultant Support

King County has retained Community Attributes Inc. (CAI) to lead meeting facilitation, organization of data analysis and meeting support.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stakeholder Engagement

The Task Force Kick Off (held in July 2017) included more than 100 affordable housing

stakeholders. Three additional Task Force meetings will also include broader community participation.

In addition, the County staff team will coordinate with Sound Cities Association to explore sub-regional issues and ideas.

Public Participation

All Task Force meetings will be open to the public and comply with Open Public Meeting Act

requirements. In addition to participating in community meetings, the public will be able to provide comments via a public comment tool provided on the King County project's web site. This tool will be tailored to identify specific local opportunities and challenges related to housing affordability. All meeting materials will be posted to the site as well.

PROBLEM DEFINITION AND GAP ANALYSIS

Addressing housing affordability is both imperative for action and audacious in its complexity. This section presents a working list of topics and issues to understand to define and address the problem.

In addition to data and analytics, the Task Force will consider related policies and strategies employed across King County. The project will include a gap analysis to identify current policy shortcomings to address needs, as well as a quantitative assessment of housing supply shortfalls. The gap analysis will help the Task Force explore regional solutions for recommendations in the latter phases of the project.

The County staff team, along with CAI, will collect content provided by CAI, the Staff Working Group

and other stakeholders into a working knowledge base that aggregates and assembles maps, data, and frames the issues for the Task Force. CAI will compile and aggregate analysis from county staff and stakeholders, and will lend its own analysis.

The Task Force will receive analysis in the form of documents distributed in advance of Task Force meetings, as well as presentations and discussion at Task Force meetings.

The following topics represent the subject areas identified for understanding. All topics will be addressed at varying levels of depth. This list is by no means exhaustive or formal in its representation. The project team may amend this list as a dynamic gathering place of important concepts.

The Task Force may wish to refer to this list, and make requests of specific issues to discuss at the next meeting or future meetings.

1. Quantifying Housing Needs

- Units required to meet population projections – quantity and price
- Living wages / income
- Households by income, size, service needs
- Families, family composition
- Seniors' housing
- Market rents, price, and vacancy
- Location of jobs and transportation
- Homeless
- Displacement
- Unemployed labor force
- Institutional housing
- Short term rentals (less than 30 days)

2. Geographies of Interest

- Cities
- Rural areas
- Regional growth centers
- School districts
- Legislative boundaries
- Transit station areas
- Employment centers
- Sub-regions within King County
- Environmentally sensitive areas

3. Demographic Segments

- Race, Ethnicity
- Age
- Families
- Students and young adults (millennials)
- Immigration status
- People with disabilities
- LGBTQ considerations
- Income levels
- Justice system involvement
- Other demographics

4. Current Political & Legal Framework

- Local zoning regulations
- State & Federal law
- Role of communities in decision-making
- Role of private developers
- Jurisdictional planning and coordination
- Lessons learned: HALA, HART

5. Promoting Greater Housing Diversity

- Need variety of housing stock
- Workforce housing
- Housing models (ADU)
- Culturally appropriate solutions
- Private market production of all housing types
- Expanding home ownership opportunities

6. Serving Vulnerable Populations

- Assessing and addressing displacement

- Homelessness
 - Mental health and chemical dependency
 - Immigrants and refugees
 - Equity race/class
 - Accessibility
 - Landlord-tenant issues/barrier to obtaining housing
 - Living wage
 - Young adults exiting foster care
7. Location
- Access to opportunity
 - Transportation system
 - Transit oriented development (TOD)
 - Costs of commuting
 - Required density (and political will)
8. Market Rate Housing
- Market incentives
 - Role of large employers
 - Zoning incentives
 - Incentives for the private market
 - Market impediments (condo liability)
 - Property tax burden
- Investment properties (and related vacant homes)
 - Assessing the impact of foreign investment
9. Funding and Fiscal Review
- Housing providers and major funding sources
 - Revenue 101
 - New housing funding strategies
 - Housing funding partnerships
 - Enhancing coordination between housing funders
 - Public subsidy & nonprofit subsidy
10. Expanding the Supply of Subsidized Housing
- Housing on government owned land
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Preserving existing affordable housing (both subsidized and market rate)
 - State legislative strategy on affordable housing and homelessness
 - Role of large employers

REGIONAL SOLUTIONS EXPLORATION

The Phase I gap analysis and review of current state, regional, and local policies will provide a foundation for the Task Force to explore new solutions well suited for a regional approach in Phase II. These phases will no doubt overlap in discussion.

To ensure that the project leverages past and current housing affordability efforts and studies, County staff and CAI will conduct a review and inventory of these materials to inform the initial phase of Task Force meetings. The Staff Working Group will assist with gathering these examples for review.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REGIONAL STRATEGY

The Task Force's work will conclude with recommendations to be implemented across many stakeholders in King County, included County government, local city governments and state governments, as well as private sector stakeholders. As the Task Force begins to explore solutions, recommendations may emerge, and by Spring 2018, the Task Force should be focused primarily on recommending programs and initiatives for adoption.

In January, the Task Force may wish to set goals for its recommendations, such as committing to produce a specific number of action items in key policy categories. The Task Force's work will culminate in a recommendation regional affordable housing strategy. Motion 14873 defines some strategy components, including:

- An assessment of the current state of regional housing affordability in King County, including ongoing efforts by jurisdictions;
- A statement of intent to address the regional affordable housing crisis;
- Identify collective tools and actions that can be taken at the regional level;
- Develop a recommended state legislative strategy; and
- Develop a dashboard for displaying region-wide progress in implementing the Countywide Planning Policies.

The Task Force may develop recommendations in addition to the categories defined in the motion.

TASK FORCE MEETINGS

The Task Force meetings will consist of two formats: Task Force focused meetings and broader community engagement meetings. The Task Force may be requested to review materials in advance of meetings.

Task Force focused meetings will generally include the following agenda items:

- Task Force business
- Presentation and discussion of topical areas (data analysis, best practices, policy considerations)

- Guest speakers with specific expertise to lend (including staff from local jurisdictions, developers, affordable housing advocates, and others).

Community engagement meetings will be opportunities for the Task Force to hear community and stakeholder input and response to its work and potential recommendations. They will usually include small group activities as a tool to learn from the expertise of everyone in attendance.

TOPICAL WORK PLAN

The following schedule provides a plan for when key themes and issues may be addressed at Task Force meetings, along with some specific topics anticipated for a deeper exploration. The topical work plan is meant to provide Task Force members and the public with a preliminary sense of what issues the Task Force will address and when. As the work of the Task Force unfolds, adjustments to specific items on the work plan may be made and this should be considered a draft that will evolve to meet the needs of the Task Force as they emerge. The analytical themes of equity and social justice, subregional differences, and the differences between renting and owning will run throughout discussions of all the topics noted below.

September <i>Problem Definition</i>	October <i>Policy Context</i>	November Community Meeting <i>Impact on people</i>	January <i>Land Use Strategies</i>	February <i>Non-Profits and Public/Private Partnerships</i>
Problem Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth forecasts and implications • Data review to define the problem and order of magnitude size of the problem (housing units, tenants, and home-ownership) • Equity considerations • Overview of the distribution of jobs, housing units by type, and demographic variation within the county 	Problem Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subregional focus and related discussions (transit, access to jobs) • Funding and fiscal overview Current Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation best practices • Review adopted city plans • Countywide Planning Policies • <i>Task Force identifies solutions to explore</i> 	Gap Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Key Findings by Task Force to date • Understanding how affordable housing challenges affect people and families, with a focus on displacement and equity. 	Regional Solution Exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices in land use review: new regional land use strategies; • Best practices, locally, globally • Role of private developers • <i>Guidance to the Standing Advisory Panel before developing recommendations for consideration</i> 	Regional Solution Exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review solutions identified to date • Nonprofit and for-profit affordable housing development models by targeted income segment • Public Private Partnerships and other active government roles • <i>Standing Advisory Panel report out</i> • <i>Task Force identifies solutions to explore</i>

March Community Meeting <i>Review Priorities</i>	April <i>Gather Solutions</i>	May Community Meeting <i>Make Initial Recommendations</i>	June <i>Review Recommendations</i>	July - Dec <i>Report Review and Implementation</i>
Solution Exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force responds to input from Standing Advisory Panel on identified solutions • <i>Standing Advisory Panel report out</i> • <i>Community responds to solutions identified so far</i> 	Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force reviews solutions generated by all groups • Task Force makes working draft recommendations for placeholders • <i>Standing Advisory Panel report out</i> 	Working Task Force meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force makes working draft recommendations • Review refined versions of prior recommendations Community Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future scenarios and visioning exercises 	Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force makes working draft recommendations for placeholders • Review refined versions of prior recommendations • Review Draft Plan 	<i>Meetings TBD</i> Draft and Final Reports reviewed

Item 9:
Flood Control District Update
UPDATE

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SCA King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) Members

Mayor Leanne Guier (Caucus Chair), Councilmember Erika Morgan, Black Diamond; Councilmember Byron Shutz, Redmond; Councilmember Henry Sladek, Skykomish; Councilmember James McNeal (alternate), Bothell; Councilmember Tom Odell (alternate), Sammamish; Councilmember Marilla Mhoon (alternate), Covington; Councilmember Kathryn Campbell (alternate), SeaTac

Update

The King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) met four times over the summer of 2017. They made recommendations to approve the Flood Control District budget and improve program planning. This update provides a summary of their recent work, highlights the availability of funds for municipal flood prevention projects, and shares the results of a new study of emergency planning for dam hazards.

Background

In 2007, the King County Flood Control District was established to provide a regional approach to flooding as well as funding to improve the county's nearly 500 aging and inadequate flood protection facilities. The Flood Control District is overseen by a Board of Supervisors, which is made up of the King County Council and chaired by Councilmember Reagan Dunn. The King County Flood Control Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) makes recommendations to the Board on the District's annual budget, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels.

The KCFCDAC met four times over the summer of 2017. They recommended approval of the budget, and provided several other planning and programmatic recommendations for the Flood Control District. These included involving the KCFCDAC in the creation of a new flood hazard management plan in 2018, setting aside sufficient funds for maintenance and repairs, and sharing the results of a study of dam hazard planning with appropriate authorities. The Advisory Committee also recommended strategies for increasing the ability of municipalities to access funding for flood prevention projects. These funds are allocated through the Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund, as discussed below.

Flood Prevention Funding Available to Municipalities

Funding for the Flood Control District comes from a county-wide property tax levy of 12.9 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value. Slightly more than 10 percent of this funding goes to the Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund, which is dedicated to support capital projects in municipalities. These funds can be used for the implementation of stormwater, watershed management (including habitat conservation), and other flood prevention projects.

Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund revenue is allocated proportionally according to the share taxpayers in each municipality contribute to Flood Control District levy revenues, with a \$10,000 minimum allocated per municipality annually. The Fund currently has \$13.4 million available for projects, and is projected to take in another \$5.7 million in 2018. [Attachment A](#) provides the estimated funding available to each SCA municipality. It shows both the remaining balance from prior years and projected 2018 allocations. Projects can be sponsored by a partnership of two or more municipalities.

Currently, roughly 35 percent of the Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund is spent every year. The King County Flood Control Advisory Committee has recommended that the administration of this fund be examined to determine if barriers to accessing this funding can be removed to encourage greater utilization.

The Flood Control District is now accepting applications for the 2018 Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund. Application information is available on the Flood Control District [website](#). This process is non-competitive, and the application is used to verify that projects meet eligibility criteria. The deadline to apply for Sub-Regional Opportunity funds is October 19, 2017.

King County Dam Safety Emergency Planning Gap Analysis Report

In February 2017, the Oroville Dam in California showed issues with stability, and this hazard revealed evacuation challenges. In response to this event, the King County Council requested a review of the existing Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for major dams in King County and a prioritized list of actions necessary to update or create plans for evacuation and shelter for those who would be affected by potential dam failures. Funding for the collaborative review was allocated by the Flood Control District. This independent evaluation, conducted by Tetra Tech, was released in August and is available online [here](#) (page 125).

Findings

Emergency Action Plans (EAP) identify potential emergency conditions and actions required to minimize property damage and loss of life. The study found that many existing EAPs are out of date. For instance, only 18 of 82 EAPs studied had been updated within the last year, and over half had not been revised within five years. To prepare for an emergency, administrative and procedural information such as names and phone numbers must be current. The study also found deficits in simulating hazard events and evaluating the effectiveness of EAPs. Only three of the 60 high hazard dams had been subject to simulated emergency exercises.

The study also found issues with maps developed to show which areas would be inundated by floodwater in the event of a dam failure. Inundation maps have not been routinely updated as new structures are built. This means that emergency managers will not have essential information if they need to evacuate new buildings. Finally, the warning system relies too

heavily on a single point of contact to initiate a response. This individual may be unavailable, or suffer a communications failure during an emergency event.

The study also examined plans for providing shelter, food, and medical assistance in case of a dam failure. The report notes that planning for sheltering is well-developed, but mass care plans for feeding, distribution of supplies, and family reunification have not been addressed in current EAPs to the same level of detail.

Summary of High Priority Recommendations

The report made several high priority recommendations for maintaining effective EAPs. These include:

- EAPs must be revised and kept up-to-date. The report recommends active monitoring by King County. Monitoring these plans is the duty of the King County Dam Safety Officer.
- Inundation maps must be developed for 12 dams that do not have them. It is recommended that these maps be updated, at minimum, every five years.
- All high hazard dams should conduct simulated emergency exercises every five years, or when significant changes occur at the dam or in the surrounding area.

Sheltering and mass care recommendations include:

- Using existing analysis to evaluate the worst-case-scenario impacts;
- And conducting a formal shelter needs assessment.

The analysis also identified the need to increase public awareness by posting information about dam safety hazards on several public websites, conducting workshops, and other measures. The report suggests conducting a regular survey of public awareness of dam hazards.

Report Response

King County Councilmembers have reviewed this report. Many dams in King County are privately owned, and others are owned by utilities and municipalities. The responsibility to develop and update EAPs lies with dam owners. The cost of implementing recommended safety planning for specific dams are identified throughout the [report](#). The role for the County in implementing report recommendations may be limited to oversight functions and public education.

Attachment

- A. [Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund Allocations by Municipality](#)

Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund Allocations by Municipality

Municipality	Remaining Balance - September 2017	Projected Funding Allocation 2018
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Carnation	\$43,049	\$10,000
Clyde Hill	\$92,586	\$28,624
Covington	\$26,894	\$27,160
Des Moines	\$79,534	\$39,335
Duvall	\$61,877	\$12,973
Enumclaw	\$130,923	\$15,023
Federal Way	\$118,982	\$115,754
Hunts Point	\$42,500	\$13,089
Issaquah	\$245,362	\$109,667
Kenmore	\$217,071	\$47,939
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Item 10:
Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County
UPDATE

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Update

This is a monthly item on the PIC agenda to share information on upcoming local levies and ballot measures in King County.

November 2017 Levies and Ballot Measures in King County	
Jurisdiction	Measure
King County	Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy, \$0.10 per \$1,000 assessed value, totaling a projected \$52.4 million in 2018 and \$354.3 million over the life of the levy
Federal Way SD #210	Proposition No. 1, Construction Bonds Property Tax of no more than \$450 million
King County Fire Protection District # 20	Proposition No. 1, Levy of General Tax for Maintenance and Operations, \$0.41 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2018 and 2019, increasing to \$0.53 in 2020 and 2021
King County Fire Protection District #43	Proposition No. 1, Restoring Levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value
Si View Metropolitan Park District	Proposition No. 1, Concerning Protecting a Portion of the Existing Property Tax Levy from being Reallocated to Other Taxing Districts, \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value
East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation	Proposition No. 1, Continuation of Community Municipal Corporation through January 2022
Houghton Community Municipal Corporation	Proposition No. 1, Continuation of Community Municipal Corporation through December 2021

Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2018	Dec	Black Diamond	Recall of Councilmember Pat Pepper

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2018		Renton	Parks Levy

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
2018		King County	Affordable Housing and Related Services Sales Tax
2018		King County	AFIS Levy (renewal)
2019		King County	Medic One (renewal)
2019		King County	Regional Parks Levy (renewal)
2018-19		King County	Land Conservation
2021		King County	Best Starts for Kids (renewal)

Potential Future Ballot Measures – School & Special Purpose Districts		
Year	Month	Measure
2018		Shoreline School District Operations Levy
2018		Shoreline School District Capital Levy
2018		Lake Washington School District Bond Measure (\$288 million, no tax rate increase)
2018		Issaquah School District Levies (Maintenance and Operations, Capital, and/or Transportation)

Next Steps

Please share this information with your city and provide information on upcoming elections in your city to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry.



October 11, 2017
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 11:
Potential Upcoming SCA Issues
UPDATE

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Update

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

Potential Issues

- 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 the PIC for discussion
 - An upcoming pre-PIC workshop is also anticipated on this topic
- 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 Ellie Wilson-Jones, ellie@soundcities.org.

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Item 12a:

Regional Centers

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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SCA Appointees to PSRC Growth Management Policy Board

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond (Caucus Chair); Councilmember John Holman, Auburn (Caucus Vice Chair); Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland; Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila; Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend; Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah

Additional SCA Member City Representatives on PSRC Growth Management Policy Board

Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue

Background

As has been discussed at previous meetings of the PIC over the past year, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) is considering updates to the region's criteria for accommodating growth in Regional Growth Centers and Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs).¹ These potential changes help guide expectations for growth planning as well as how PSRC-managed transportation investments are prioritized.

As noted previously, key discussion points at GMPB can be categorized into three primary areas: how large military installations should be incorporated into planning for centers; minimum eligibility criteria for MICs; and reviewing and standardizing Regional Growth Center designation criteria both at the regional and county level.

The SCA GMPB caucus has developed a series of high-level guiding principles that address each of these key discussion points that was included in the Regional Centers staff report in the [September 13 PIC Packet](#). Additional information was provided to the PIC through a pre-PIC

¹ *Regional Growth Centers* are designated areas where jurisdictions are planning for compact, walkable communities with job and housing densities needed to support efficient transit service. *Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs)* are locations of intensive manufacturing and industrial activity that are served by major regional transportation infrastructure, including rail, major highways, and port facilities. Designation of an area as a Regional Growth Center or a MIC is a requirement to compete for a portion of the federal funding allocated through PSRC that is earmarked for projects located in designated Regional Centers and the corridors that serve them.

workshop held in March that included a presentation from PSRC staff as well as briefings and discussion at the [May](#), [June](#), and [July](#) meetings of the PIC.

At its October 5 meeting, the GMPB voted to release a draft Regional Centers Framework update for public comment to further inform the board's deliberations. The full draft is expected to be released the week of October 9, and will be available to PIC members as a handout if available prior to the October 11 PIC meeting and included in the PIC minutes.

The comment period will run for 30-days and is expected to close the week of November 6. In addition to written comments, in-person public comments can be provided at the November 2 meeting of the GMPB.

The GMPB will review comments received at a special meeting scheduled for November 30 and make its recommendation to the PSRC Executive Board. The Executive Board will then review the recommendations of the GMPB for final adoption.

Draft Proposal

In September, the PIC was briefed on a draft update proposal prepared by PSRC staff. At its October 5 meeting, the GMPB authorized releasing for public comment a full draft of the Regional Centers Framework consistent with the materials provided to the PIC in September.

The policy changes under consideration are expected to increase planning requirements for all centers, likely allow for several additional new centers in the region, and establish performance standards to gauge how well centers are meeting goals under VISION and the regional growth strategy. SCA members on the GMPB have provided input on earlier versions of the centers policies update that shaped the latest draft proposal in important ways and continue to seek additional guidance from the PIC before any final recommendations are made.

As discussed in September, the current proposal under consideration contains several important changes from options considered previously, including:

- *Removal of tiers:* The draft proposal eliminates creating separate tiers of Regional Growth Centers that are prioritized for regional transportation funding based on size or other planning criteria. The proposal does include different *types* of centers that are meant to guide future population allocation, but does not propose creating funding priority between the types.
- *Implementation flexibility:* The draft proposal includes options to address instances where an existing Regional Growth Center may not currently meet all of the proposed changes to designation criteria. This could include allowing a "grace period" to come into alignment with the new criteria or flexibility to retain designation as a Regional Center based on evidence of planning activities and infrastructure commitment by the jurisdiction. This grace period would allow a city to address changes to centers policies and upcoming revisions to VISION 2040 as part of the same planning process.

- *Minimum jobs requirement for MIC's:* Options previously under consideration included those that would allow designation of areas as MIC's based on acreage alone, which could lead to dedicating limited resources to greenfield development. The draft proposal addresses this issue by requiring a minimum of 2,000 acres and 4,000 existing jobs in order to be considered for designation as a MIC.
- *Minimum criteria for recognizing military installations:* The draft proposal includes minimum criteria and performance expectations requiring jurisdictions to jointly plan with military installations in order to qualify for regional designation within the centers framework.
- *Social Equity:* The draft proposal includes recommendation for PSRC staff to provide analysis and guidance on best practices to address affordable housing and displacement, transit-dependent populations, access to employment opportunities, and equitable community engagement as part of centers planning.

Next Steps

The draft Regional Centers Framework is anticipated to be released the week of October 9 for a 30-day comment period that would then close the week of November 6. In addition to written comments, in-person public comments can be provided at the November 2 meeting of the GMPB.

As noted in September, the SCA GMPB caucus has developed a series of draft high-level "guiding principles" to guide feedback at GMPB, a copy of which was included in the Regional Centers staff report in the [September 13 PIC Packet](#). SCA members are encouraged to send any feedback for the SCA GMPB caucus to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or (206) 499-4159.

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