



## **SCA Public Issues Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**February 10, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

**Renton City Hall**

**1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057**

#### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

PIC Chair Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 33 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Tamie Deady, Black Diamond Council; John Stilin, Redmond Council; Bob Baggett, Auburn Council; Dana Hinman, City of Auburn; Shelley Kloba, Kirkland Council; David Storaasli, Pacific Council; Christie Malchow, Sammamish Council; Peter Troedsson, City of Bothell; Robert Back, Des Moines Council; Erin Sitterly, SeaTac Council; Pam Fernald, SeaTac Council; Carol Simpson, Newcastle Council.

#### **2. Public Comment**

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

#### **3. Approval of the January 13, 2016, 2015 Minutes**

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the January 13, 2016 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Chair Mhoon reported that there was strong attendance at the pre-PIC workshop. She asked that members attend meetings prepared to discuss, and potentially vote on, agenda items. If there is an action item, members will have time in between PIC meetings to discuss with their city councils and staff, as well as SCA staff, prior to participating in the vote on that issue.

Chair Mhoon gave a report on the 2016 SCA Board Retreat, which took place at the Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore. The Board looked into the future, and came up with "headlines" they would like to read about SCA in five years, and discussed strategies to undertake in the next three years to achieve these longer range goals. The top priorities that the Board identified for 2016 include: transportation, economic development, human services (with a significant focus for 2016 on homelessness), and affordable housing.

Chair Mhoon reported that the SCA Board of Directors was invited to have breakfast with Governor Inslee on February 4, 2016 at the Executive Residence. The Governor shared his

priorities: affordable housing, homelessness and education. Board members shared SCA strategies and goals. In addition to the Governor and SCA Board, Senators Hasegawa and Fain, and Representatives McBride and Stokesbary, were present.

## **5. Executive Director's Report**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported earlier that day she and Kenmore Mayor/ SCA Vice President David Baker and PIC Chair Marlla Mhoon met with King County Executive Dow Constantine. Meeting topics included: 2016 SCA Board retreat and priorities; upcoming 2/17 SCA Networking Dinner, at which Executive Constantine will be presenting; as well as legislative issues. The legislative issues included: preservation tax exemption bill, which SCA cities worked closely on (which Executive thanked members for), a planned lobby day in which SCA will be working with King County and WSAC on 2/18 on the 1% property tax cap; and 2017/2018 County Budget. Dawson reported that the Executive welcomed SCA participation early in the county budget process. The discussion included putting together a review committee to work with Dwight Dively and County staff to give early input. More details will be forthcoming. There was also discussion on the recent announcement that Kevin Desmond will be leaving Metro to head up the Vancouver BC transit agency.

Dawson reported that she and SCA President Backus had met with former Governor Chris Gregoire regarding Challenge Seattle.

The first meeting of the Children and Youth Advisory Board (overseeing the Best Starts for Kids Levy) was held on February 9, 2016. Dawson attended along with Councilmember Hilda Thompson, Lake Forest Park. Dawson stated that she continues to work with the County to establish a roundtable of city officials to advise Councilmember Thompson and Mayor Backus. Dawson will be sending an announcement to members.

Dawson reminded members to register for the first SCA Networking dinner of 2016 on 2/17. She also noted that the second dinner of the year was tentatively planned for 3/30/2016 at Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore. The program for this event will be a legislative recap.

Dawson told members of a successful orientation for regional boards and committees, and thanked the City of SeaTac for hosting. Guests included County Council Chair Joe McDermott, Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, and PSRC Director Josh Brown. At the event, SCA President Mayor Nancy Backus announced a new initiative, a mentoring program to match new and experienced elected officials. More details are being developed. Please let Dawson, [deanna@soundcities.org](mailto:deanna@soundcities.org), know if you are interested in being matched with a mentor, or mentee.

Dawson thanked members for attending the PIC 101 workshop prior to PIC, and welcomed new members. She encouraged members to pick up an SCA pin to wear to regional meetings. She thanked Republic Services for sponsoring the cost of the pins.

Dawson thanked members for their forgiving her for missing last month's PIC meeting.

Last, Dawson noted that soon Policy Analyst Ellie Wilson-Jones would be going on parental leave. She noted that SCA would be making some staffing reassignments to cover her workload.

## **6. 2016 Legislative Session Update**

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that today is the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the 60 day “short” session. February 9, 2016 was the last day to pass bills in House fiscal committees, Senate Ways & Means, and transportation committees in the house of origin. The next major milestone will be February 17 which is the last day to consider bills in the house of their origin. The final day of the 2016 session is expected to be March 10, 2016.

Kuciemba reported that on February 5, the Senate voted 21-25 not to confirm Department of Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson. The agency is currently being led by Acting Secretary Roger Millar. Several SCA Mayors expressed to state senators that Ms. Peterson has been responsive to issues affecting cities. Kuciemba also noted that Department of Corrections Secretary Dan Pacholke resigned on February 6.

As also discussed during the Executive Director’s report, Kuciemba stated that SCA members will be speaking to legislators in Olympia on February 18, 2016 in support of a local option of raising the 1% property tax cap. Members interested in attending should contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson.

Kuciemba reported on legislation intended to revise the public records act with regard to requests to local agencies sponsored by Representative Joan McBride. While the original bill, HB 2576, allowed for cost recovery of certain commercially motivated records requests, an amendment in committee removed the ability for local agencies to charge record requestors that intend to resell the data for profit. There is some understanding that amendments will be made on the House Floor to add this section back into the bill – in addition to an amendment related to stating that asking for “all records” is not an identifiable records request. HB 2576 is currently in the House Rules Committee after passing in committee with a 5 – 4 vote.

Kuciemba reported that there is some movement with affordable housing legislation. The Preservation Tax Exemption Bill, SB 6239, sponsored by Senator Joe Fain and initiated by the City of Seattle, authorizes a local option property tax exemption program for multi-family properties that provide a percentage of affordable housing. SB 6239 was passed out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee on February 9. Several SCA member cities worked to help with passage of the bill. A competing bill, HB 2442, proposed by the King County Assessor’s Office also addressed affordable housing but did not pass out of the Finance Committee in the House by the deadline.

Representative McBride sponsored two bills this session related to housing: HB 2395, which authorizes a local option fee for converting rentals to condos, and HB 2397, which authorizes a local option housing demolition fee. Both bills support affordable housing but are unlikely to see passage during the 2016 session.

Kuciemba reported that HB 2348, related to the adoption of local fireworks ordinances, was voted out of the House Local Government Committee on a party line vote and there is

anticipated ongoing opposition. HB 2348 remains in the House Rules Committee and is unlikely to be passed during the 2016 session. Likewise, HB 2362, regarding body-worn cameras passed the House Judiciary Committee on January 20 but is unlikely to pass the full Legislature this session.

King County has proposed legislation concerning county road administration and maintenance which comes from recommendations of the Bridges and Roads Task Force. Senator Fain has sponsored the Senate Bill, SB 6314 and Representative Luis Moscoso has sponsored the House Bill, HB 2590. A provision regarding so-called "orphaned roads" that raised concerns for SCA member cities was removed by an amendment offered by Representative Strom Peterson, and HB 2590 was passed out of the House Local Government Committee on February 3.

Kuciemba stated that work is still being done this session to advance excess liquor revenue distribution legislation. HB 2438 and SB 6425 were given public hearings during the week of January 25 with support from the Association of Washington Cities and SCA membership. A letter initiated by Representative Tana Senn, and signed by forty other legislators, encourages leadership to move the legislation forward in 2016.

Related to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or the "FAST Act," Kuciemba reported the new federal funding for transportation projects and programs is an opportunity to equalize the federal partnership with local governments and the state. Today's allocation formula grants the state 66% and local governments 34%. It is anticipated that the Governor will convene a group of stakeholders to make recommendations on how the funds should be distributed. Stakeholders are expected to include the Governor's Office, Washington State Department of Transportation, Association of Washington Cities, Washington State Association of Counties, ports, the legislature, transit and metropolitan planning organizations.

In conclusion, Kuciemba thanked those cities who submitted their adopted 2016 legislative agendas and priorities with SCA.

In response to a request for clarification from Councilmember Kate Kruller, Kuciemba gave additional information regarding the 2/18 lobby day.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, noted that a debriefing after the legislative session concluded would be helpful. Staff agreed, noting that this could be done at the next PIC meeting, as well as at the March 30 SCA Networking Dinner.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, inquired as to whether there was an official SCA position on the 1% property tax cap. Staff read the policy:

*While cities understand and appreciate property owners' concerns about rising costs and increased property taxes, in some jurisdictions the current 1% property tax cap has created an ever widening structural gap between revenues, and the costs of providing needed services to residents and making prudent investments in infrastructure. SCA therefore supports legislation to raise the 1% property tax revenue limit.*

Crispo noted that even if his city were to double the property tax collection to 2%, this would amount to only approximately \$40,000 in revenue. He inquired as to whether there has been discussion about more effective ways to collect taxes already owed to cities, rather than turning to raising taxes. A discussion ensued about methods cities used to collect taxes and permit fees for solicitors and peddlers. Staff will follow up on this topic.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, noted that his city would not raise property taxes above 1% if they were granted additional authority. But he recognized that this was a tool that would be helpful to other cities, so he was supportive of legislation giving cities the option. To Baker's point, Dawson noted this was a local option.

## **7. All Home Convening of Cities**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, reported on the SCA and All Home Convening of Cities being held March 11, 2016 at Tukwila Community Center. The event will convene teams from King County cities to build relationships within those city teams and across communities to respond to the growing crisis of homelessness.

Before providing more specifics on the March 11 Convening, Wilson-Jones first provided a recap of the results of the January 29, 2016 One Night Count, which found that homelessness continues to be a crisis in King County. During the annual event, more than 1,100 volunteers – including PIC and SCA Board Members – counted people surviving unsheltered in cars, in doorways, under bridges, and elsewhere. In total, volunteers counted 4,505 men, women, and children without shelter. This was a 19 percent increase from the 2015 count and the third double digit increase in a row. This year's increase fell disproportionately on many SCA cities and South King County in particular. The count increased by roughly 100 people in Seattle but by more than 600 outside Seattle. The number of people counted as unsheltered in South King County increased by 53 percent. Much of this year's overall increase countywide came from people surviving in vehicles—nearly 500 more than in 2015

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that King County and the City of Seattle have declared a state of emergency in response to the homelessness crisis. Dawson distributed a letter ([Attachment B](#)) drafted by the City of Seattle requesting that Governor Jay Inslee build on investments to address homelessness and declare a statewide state of emergency. The City of Seattle is seeking feedback on the letter and is inviting cities to sign on. SCA staff will distribute this draft letter to cities along with the invite for the March 11 Convening.

Wilson-Jones provided additional detail on the March 11 Convening of Cities. The purpose of the Convening is to bring together teams from cities to build a regional and multi-disciplinary response to homelessness. This strategy is in recognition of the fact that homelessness will not be solved by one city nor through a single approach, as people are mobile and the causes of homelessness are many. Cities are asked to put together four-person teams consisting of one elected official, a representative for city administration (a mayor or city administrator or manager), a human services staffer, and a first responder.

That [All Home Strategic Plan](#) adopted in June of 2015, with an endorsement from SCA, calls for this Convening to occur. Since that time, SCA and All Home have worked with member cities

staff to get their feedback on how this Convening should be structured, and the SCA Board has also provided input.

The registration site for the event should be available this week and an invite will be sent to cities. An agenda will also be distributed in advance of the event. PIC members are encouraged to assist their cities in gathering a team to attend the Convening.

Chair Mhoon encouraged PIC members to review the chart on page 34 of the PIC packet that lists the results of the One Night Count.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, stated that the letter drafted by the City of Seattle should provide greater recognition of seniors. He stated that seniors are a large part of the homeless population and will require greater focus. Dawson stated that this feedback would be provided to the City of Seattle.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, asked how proposed funding for homelessness would be used. Dawson responded that the [All Home Strategic Plan](#), adopted last year, identified local strategies for responding to homelessness but sufficient funding sources have yet to be identified.

Councilmember Bill Pelozo, Auburn, asked whether it is known how many of the 4,505 people identified in the One Night Count are originally from the state of Washington. Wilson-Jones answered that that level of detail is not collected in the One Night Count but that local data is available in the [All Home Strategic Plan](#) showing the last zip code of people experiencing homelessness that have provided information to the HMIS database (*Note: To elaborate on the information that was presented to the PIC, page 10 of the [All Home Strategic Plan](#) states that 87 percent of people experiencing homelessness in King County were from King County and 97 percent were from Washington State, according to 2013 HMIS data*). Wilson-Jones stated that there are limitations to the available local data, but that it suggests the vast majority of those experiencing homelessness locally are from the area.

Chair Mhoon stated that, as an example to support what has been seen in the data, the youth facility in Redmond has said it serves primarily youth from that community.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated that the timing of the count is designed to capture data at the time of the year when those counted are the least likely to be transient. She stated that people are more mobile in the warmer summer months and that people identified in January are more likely from our area.

## **8. Final Recommendations of the Bridges and Roads Task Force**

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported the Bridges and Roads Task Force began to meet in August 2015 to identify policy and fiscal strategies to maintain and preserve King County's rural or unincorporated roads and bridges. The Task Force's final meeting occurred on January 20, 2016 where the final recommendations were presented publicly to King County Executive Constantine and King County Councilmember Lambert.

The Task Force recommendations can be categorized into the following: revenue, infrastructure and outreach. For revenue, the Task Force recommends a new county-wide revenue tool is needed that is tied to inflation, sustainable, long-term, provides a benefit to cities and the County, and is not regressive. For infrastructure, the Task Force is recommending authority for cities to annex “orphan” County roads that lie inside their boundaries, and supports annexation of Potential Annexation Areas within the growth boundaries of those cities. Finally, the Task Force recommends enhanced public outreach efforts to increase awareness about issues currently facing Road Services. Stakeholders will include elected bodies, other agencies, the media, and the public.

The importance of building a city-county partnership was a focal discussion point, with King County Executive Constantine acknowledging the financial burden put on cities when they take over county roads – since such roads need to be upgraded to city service standards. As such, the Executive is promoting a more regional approach, and ultimately, believes that a state solution is needed.

Kuciemba reported that King County has worked with state legislators on HB 2590, sponsored by Representative Moscoso, and SB 6314, sponsored by Senator Fain. The legislation includes the following:

- Modifies the appraisal process for vacation of county roads to allow an appraiser to consider certain public benefit factors in the valuation, including transfer of liability, risk, increased property taxes, cost avoidance, limits on development and future public benefit.
- Allow greater flexibility to keep records electronically, and in a location other than physically in the county road engineer’s office while preserving public access to the records.
- For counties with a population of more than 400,000, increases the amount of work that county crews can perform “in-house” before having to go out to bid with contractors by raising the limit for storm water and riverine projects from \$45,000 to \$125,000 if only a single craft or trade is involved; and from \$90,000 to \$250,000 if more than a single craft or trade is involved.

SCA worked closely with cities and King County Executive to ensure that the legislation did not prevent meaningful cooperation and agreement related to infrastructure ownership. A provision regarding so-called “orphaned roads” that raised concerns for SCA member cities was removed by amendment.

Kuciemba concluded that SCA staff will work with King County in identifying future outreach that could include county-city coalition-building, efforts to increase situational awareness, a possible PSRC-led regional collaboration, and discussions on state funding options for local roads in preparation for future legislative sessions. The work would commence in the July 2016 timeframe. The PIC will be updated by SCA staff when next steps have been proposed in working collaboratively with King County, including any known outreach to city councilmembers and/or mayors. Dawson confirmed that she and Mayor Baker and PIC Chair

Mhoon had met with Executive Constantine that morning, and that he agreed with the time frame.

Kuciemba invited Duvall Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, a member of the Task Force, to comment. Ockerlander noted that stakeholders from throughout the county were involved in the process, giving a broad array of perspective, although it was unfortunate that more cities were not invited to participate. She noted that the next level of work would need to be done with cities from all parts of the county. She noted that there were challenges with communication that needed to be overcome. She also noted the need for additional public outreach on needs of both county, and cities. She reported that her experience on the Task Force was positive, and hoped that cities would come to the next phase of the process with an open mind.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, noted challenges posed by West Valley Highway, which is owned in part by Algona, Pacific, and King County. This is an example where jurisdictions need to work together. Ockerlander agreed, noting that there were many examples like this in the county. She noted that the cities who took on roads formerly belonging to the county needed to be made whole. She noted that in some cases this may mean financial compensation, in others it may be through assistance in, for example, grant writing.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, noted an issue with a county road that is a main commute route in and out of Sammamish that is poorly maintained. He also noted needs to address "second tier" state highways such as Highway 522 and 202. Ockerlander acknowledged that this was an important issue, but that the Task Force looked only at the needs for county rural roads. She noted the power of working in coalitions, and complimented the coalition working on transit needs on 522 as an example of a positive collaboration.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted the challenges faced by cities who had incorporated areas, and the poorly maintained roads that they inherited. He noted that cities are forced to make difficult choices in their budgeting, and to come up with funds to maintain their roads. He noted that the county had not done this, which has led to the poorly maintained county roads. He was critical of the county attempting to pass the responsibility onto cities. He noted that working together is a two way street, and that the county needs to do a better job of communicating with and building trust with cities. He did not feel that the county had communicated adequately before dropping the current bill.

In response to a question from SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson, all cities present noted that they supplemented their roads budgets with general fund dollars, to Margeson's point about cities making hard choices to responsibly care for their roads.

Chair Mhoon noted that cities had power to impose utility taxes, which the county did not, an issue raised in her earlier meeting with Executive Constantine. Margeson responded that the county had sought this authority in the past. It was noted that in past years the county had sought countywide power to levy utility taxes, although in recent years they had sought the authority only for residents in unincorporated areas.

## **9. Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Levy Renewal**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that King County currently has a Mental Illness and Drug Dependency – or MIDD – sales tax levy, a local option tax created by the Legislature in 2005 and put into place by the King County Council in 2007. This 0.1 percent sales tax generates about \$53 million annually to fund behavioral health services with five goals in mind: (1) Reducing the number of mentally ill and chemically dependent people using costly interventions like jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals. (2) Reducing the number of people who recycle through the jail because of mental illness or chemical dependency. (3) Reducing chemical dependency and mental and emotional disorders in youth and adults. (4) Diverting mentally ill and chemically dependent youth and adults from justice system involvement. (5) Linking to and furthering the work of, other county efforts like ending homelessness and the Veterans and Human Services Levy, among others.

At the end of this year, the initial MIDD levy ordinance, which set those five policy goals, will expire unless the King County Council acts to renew it. Work is underway by the MIDD Oversight Committee to review the strategies funded by the first MIDD sales tax, solicit information from communities and stakeholders about current service needs, and develop a proposal for a second MIDD sales tax. SCA is represented on the MIDD Oversight Committee by a member, Councilmember Dave Asher of Kirkland, and an alternate, Councilmember Brenda Fincher of Kent.

There are two main work products that the MIDD Oversight Committee will be involved in developing this year. These arise out of a King County Council ordinance requiring the King County Executive to develop two reports with input and assistance from the MIDD Oversight Committee. The first is a Retrospective Review and Assessment of MIDD I, which is due to the King County Council by June 30, 2016. The second is a new MIDD Service Improvement Plan for the potential MIDD II, which would guide MIDD investments beginning in the 2017. The MIDD Service Improvement Plan is anticipated to be transmitted to the King County Council in September 2016 with the Executive's proposed biennial budget.

A detailed timeline is contained in the memo in the PIC packet listing when county staff will begin drafting each of these reports, when they will go to the MIDD Oversight Committee for feedback, when they will go out to the public for comment, when the Oversight Committee is anticipated to act to approve each report, and ultimately when the reports are expected to be transmitted to the King County Council for action. April, May, and June will be key months for MIDD work. SCA Policy Analyst Doreen Booth will be tracking this work and keeping member briefed while Wilson-Jones is on parental leave during those months.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, stated that referrals of the plans for the MIDD and Best Starts for Kids levies to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) were discussed by that committee today. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that she would follow up with RPC members on this issue. Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, stated that staff needs an opportunity to work on this issue. Councilmember Bill Peloza, Auburn, stated that SCA and King County will be working to resolve these concerns by February 24. Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the purpose of the RPC is to give cities and other represented bodies a voice. He stated that the prior MIDD levy was referred to the RPC.

## 10. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, that the City of Tukwila is still undergoing deliberations about a Regional Fire Authority; therefore the possible ballot measure listed for April 2016 will be removed for the March PIC packet.

Kuciemba reported the following measures from the February 9, 2016 King County special election:

- Auburn School District – Educational Program and Operations Replacement Levy passing with 54%
- Federal Way School District – Capital Projects Levy passing with 61%
- Fife School District – Capital Projects Technology Levy passing with 55%
- Mercer Island School District
  - Prop 1, Capital Projects Levy passing with 74%
  - Prop 2, School Transportation Levy passing with 77%
- Renton School District
  - Prop 1, Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy (replacement) passing with 64%
  - Prop 2, Capital Levy for School Facilities passing with 63%
- Seattle School District
  - Prop 1, Operations Levy passing with 72%
  - Prop 2, Capital Levy (renewal) passing with 71%
- Tukwila School District
  - Prop 1, Programs and Operations Levy (renewal) passing with 70%
  - Prop 2, General Obligation School Bond passing with 67%
  - Prop 3, Technology Levy (renewal) passing with 71%

Kuciemba stated that Vashon Island School District had a general obligation bond measure which is currently not reaching the 60% yes vote threshold.

Chair Mhoon spoke to the impressive results from the school district ballot measures, which is a turnaround from prior years.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, inquired whether cities have received negative feedback from school districts about accelerated growth in King County and the challenges such growth places on districts.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, responded that the Lake Washington School District had two failed ballot measures in a row in an area where a significant amount of growth has occurred. Margeson indicated that the opposition campaign focused on concerns of taxing to build palatial schools at a time when the recovery from the recession was incomplete, while other may feel that not funding the school district could slow growth.

Councilmember Bill Pelozza, Auburn, stated that the City of Auburn passed a resolution in support of the Auburn School District levy and that passed on February 9.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, stated that King County Fire Districts 10 and 38 are voting on whether to put a regional fire authority on the ballot in April 2016.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, stated that the City of Duvall is considering a levy in November for ballfields, police, and technology. The decision by the Council will be made at the last moment to ensure robust public feedback about the size of the measure. This would be the first time in 15 years that the City of Duvall has placed a measure on the ballot.

Councilmember Mike Sando, Enumclaw, stated that King County Fire District 28 will have a levy on the April 2016 ballot.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stated that school districts should consider the residential infrastructure needs when siting a new school in a neighborhood. School district bonds should consider mitigation for the impact schools create on the area around it. Dawson referred to a recently adopted process for cities and school districts to do joint planning. Crispo noted that the school district had not been collaborative in working with the city. Chair Mhoon inquired about process for school districts to do mitigation for neighborhood impacts. Staff will follow up on these issues.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, stated that school siting discussions are being discussed and addressed by the Growth Management Planning Council and that tonight's PIC feedback would be brought back to the committee.

Councilmember Michelle Sipes-Marvin, Normandy Park, stated that the City of Normandy Park will return to voters in August with a levy measure. This would be a similar levy to the one that failed in November 2015.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, expressed environmental concerns regarding a methanol plant proposed to be built in Tacoma. She alerted members to a special City Council meeting being held in Federal Way on February 11, 2016 to discuss the impacts on the city. She referred members to the University of Washington Tacoma website: [www.tacoma.uw.edu/methanol](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/methanol).

### **11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that this recurring agenda item is a catchall for issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Dawson asked that members provide her with any updates to the list via email at [deanna@soundcities.org](mailto:deanna@soundcities.org).

### **12. Upcoming Events**

The next SCA Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. King County Executive Constantine will be the keynote speaker.

The next Public Issues Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

SCA & All Home Convening of Cities will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Tukwila Community Center.

### **13. For the Good of the Order**

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, reported on legislation proposed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) addressing asphalt plants. Staff will follow up and may bring back additional information to PIC.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, reported that the Tukwila School District is on an elite list of 130 districts across the U.S. that earned inclusion in the College Board's 2015 Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll. The award is for districts that have expanded access to higher education for traditionally underrepresented students by providing them with rigorous academic offerings and innovative college-preparation programs.

Councilmember Kruller also reported on staffing needs for the Tukwila food bank.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, shared news of the preservation of Wayne Golf Course through collaborative efforts of OneBothell, Forterra, and King County.

Chair Mhoon brought members attention to the "Did You Know" section of the agenda regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and urged member cities to pledge to support. Contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson, [deanna@soundcities.org](mailto:deanna@soundcities.org) if your city will participate.

### **14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

## 2016 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting February 10, 2016

<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>Algona</b>	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza
<b>Beaux Arts Village</b>	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
<b>Burien</b>	Nancy Tosta	Austin Bell
Carnation	Jim Berger	Dustin Green
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin
<b>Covington</b>	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto
<b>Des Moines</b>	Melissa Musser	Robert Back
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Mike Sando	Chance LaFleur
<b>Federal Way</b>	Dini Duclos	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Jennifer Sutton
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
<b>Kirkland</b>	Toby Nixon	Shelley Kloba
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Erin Weaver	
<b>Medina</b>	Sheree Wen	
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Benson Wong	Debbie Bertlin
<b>Milton</b>	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
<b>Newcastle</b>	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	Doug Osterman
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Jonathan Rosen
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
<b>Renton</b>	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Bob Keller	Christie Malchow
<b>SeaTac</b>	Rick Forschler	Erin Sitterly
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Bob Jeans	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Verna Seal
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Katie Kuciemba Ellie Wilson-Jones Doreen Booth Kristy Cole		

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February \_\_, 2016

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor, State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee,

As you are well aware, many of our communities throughout this state remain in crisis with regard to the growing number of people experiencing homelessness. Our state's current needs outweigh current capacity, leaving too many seniors, families, and individuals vulnerably sleeping on the street. The reasons underlying this crisis are many. No local government or the State can solve this issue alone. This is why we, the undersigned, are making a formal request to you as governor of the state of Washington to continue to build on your investments today by acknowledging the crisis at hand and officially declaring a state of emergency.

On January 27, hundreds of committed residents throughout the central Puget Sound carried out the annual One Night Count. Snohomish County saw a 50% increase in the number of homeless identified compared with 2015. In King County, there was a 19% increase from this past year. Our state's Superintendent of Public Instruction reports that nearly 35,000 children in our public schools are classified as homeless. While other counties throughout the state have yet to report numbers for 2016, most saw similar upward trends from 2014 to 2015.

Last week Senator Sharon Nelson, standing with legislators and local elected leaders, announced the introduction of legislation that would tap into the state's Rainy Day Fund to make significant needed investments to support housing and homelessness. This legislation, entitled the Bring Washington Home Act, has bipartisan support. The bill invests \$18.455 million in services such as rapid rehousing for people who are mentally ill, chemically dependent or chronically homeless; \$4.625 million for homeless youth programs; and an additional \$150 million split between a combination of capital investments to build permanent support housing and emergency shelter beds, and competitive grants. Sadly, it is this magnitude of investment that our state must authorize this year if our communities are going to be able to address this problem. However, as mentioned above, this is a problem too great for the any local or state government to solve alone, and that is why we must also work together to engage the federal government on this critical issue facing our state.

We, the below signed public and private partners are committed to working with the State, and importantly your office, in addressing this growing crisis. By declaring a state of emergency, seeking an even greater investment from the state legislature this session, and calling on our federal partners for additional financial assistance during this time of crisis.

Sincerely,

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