



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

October 12, 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 7:00 PM. 28 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: John Stilin, Redmond Council; Mayor Don Gerend, City of Sammamish; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish; Mayor Carol Benson, City of Black Diamond; Austin Bell, Burien City Council; AJ McClure, City of Bellevue; Stacey Jehlik, City of Seattle; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office staff; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Brian Parry; John Sheller, King County Library System.

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 September 14, 2016 Minutes

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to approve the September 14, 2016 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Mhoon reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Covington participates in this effort through [Purple Light Nights](#). She also reported that it is Fire Prevention Week, and while it is important to regularly change the batteries in smoke detectors, it is also critical to replace smoke detectors at least every 10 years. Chair Mhoon commented on the recently held SCA Networking Dinner where Seattle Mayor Ed Murray engaged in a fireside chat with SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson. Mhoon has started a conversation with the Kent School District about vocational programs for students that could be implemented in Covington, taking her ideas from a pilot project that Mayor Murray described.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that Purple Light Nights originated in Covington and is now featured in cities around the world.

Dawson informed members that SCA Senior Policy Analyst Katie Kuciemba had accepted a position with the Port of Seattle and would be leaving SCA effective 10/21/2016. While SCA is sad for the loss to the organization, they are happy for Katie and her new opportunity. Members joined Dawson to thank Kuciemba for her outstanding service to SCA and the region.

Dawson noted that SCA is now in the process of hiring for two positions (one full time and one part time).

Dawson made note of a number of upcoming events:

- SCA Veterans and Human Services Levy Roundtable, 10/26/2016
- SCA Mayors Roundtable on Heroin and Opiate Addiction, 11/8/2016
- SCA Women's Leadership Happy Hour, 11/10/2016 (prior to the below AWC event)
- AWC Regional Meeting, 11/10/2016
- SCA Regional Economic Strategy Update Workshop, 11/16/2016
- SCA Annual Meeting, 11/30/2016
- South and South Valley Caucus Meeting, 12/7/2016
- North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus Meeting, 12/15/2016

Dawson informed members that the PIC Nominating Committee would be meeting on November 1, 2016. The Committee will make recommendations on Chair and Vice Chair for 2017. It is anticipated that PIC Vice Chair Tola Marts will serve as Chair in 2017. Candidates for Vice Chair are being sought. Members interested in serving should contact Dawson no later than 10/26/2016. The election could take place in November, as it is unclear whether the PIC will need to meet in December. Members agreed the election should take place in November.

Dawson also reminded members that applications for regional board and committees are due on 10/26/2016. Redmond Council President Hank Margeson, PIC Nominating Committee Chair, added that individuals interested in serving do not need to be a member of the PIC to serve as an appointee on a regional board or committee. He noted that cities should put forth only one nominee per committee, as the PIC Nominating Committee will not choose between multiple applicants from one city. Margeson encouraged individuals to attend regional board or committee meetings and SCA caucus meetings of committees to which they have interest in. Dawson added that alternates are expected to attend all meetings as they often sit at the dais and are typically the first to be considered if a voting member seat becomes available.

6. Appointment of 2017 PIC Nominating Committee Members

Chair Mhoon thanked committee members and noted that if there is no December PIC meeting, this will be her last meeting as Chair since she will be absent for the November PIC meeting. She reported that the current PIC Nominating Committee members are: Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond; Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall; and Council President Ed Prince, Renton.

Chair Mhoon appointed the PIC Nominating Committee for 2017 consisting of:

- ***Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, South Valley Caucus (reappointment)***
- ***Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, Snoqualmie Valley Caucus (reappointment)***
- ***Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, South Caucus (reappointment) and***

- **Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, North Caucus (new appointment)**

7. Low Income Housing Tax Credit

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on federal legislation sponsored by United States Senator Maria Cantwell that would increase the allocation for the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. Since the program was created in 1986, it has helped finance the creation or preservation of nearly 37,000 units of affordable housing in King County. The SCA Legislative Committee has recommended a policy position in support of the federal legislation, and at the September PIC meeting, members voted unanimously to bring back that policy position for final action this month. Technical questions about the LIHTC program, Senator Cantwell's legislation, and current affordable housing needs in King County posed by PIC members at the September meeting were addressed through a questions and answers document distributed via email and in the staff report in the October PIC packet.

Dayna Lurie, King County Outreach Director for Senator Cantwell, spoke to why Senator Cantwell is focusing on the creation of affordable housing and how she is working to build support for expanding the LIHTC allocation. Last year, King County declared a state of emergency with regard to homelessness and called on the federal government for assistance. Senator Cantwell noted that the federal government was doing little to assist communities to address the homelessness and housing crisis and, in response, began working on this legislation, which has bipartisan support. Currently, affordable housing cannot be built fast enough to keep up with demand and address the housing crisis, but with an expansion of the LIHTC program, there would be a greater incentive for developers to build more affordable housing. There is not yet a sponsor for this legislation in the House, but Senator Cantwell is hoping that United States Representative Dave Reichert will introduce legislation and is asking constituents to encourage him to do so. Senator Cantwell kicked off the campaign to expand the LIHTC allocation in March with an event with United States Senator Chuck Schumer in New York and has been reaching out to groups such as SCA to build momentum. Lurie thanked SCA members for helping to show support for expanding the LIHTC program.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, asked about eligibility requirements for the program. Wilson-Jones answered that the federal government has established affordability requirements for units financed through the LIHTC program. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission, which awards the 9 percent version of the tax credits through a competitive process, has also developed more detailed scoring criteria to incentive affordability exceeding the federal requirements.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Pelozo, Auburn, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the following potential policy position:

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) supports federal legislation to increase the annual allocation for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in order to create and preserve critically needed units of affordable housing.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, provided additional information about how developers utilize the LIHTC and other financing tools to create affordable housing based on her experience developing low income senior housing at the Pike Place Market. Financing is challenging, with at least eight funding sources for that project alone. The LIHTC is instrumental to financing such projects, and the federal legislation will help communities, not just low income housing developers.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stated that the Newcastle Council decided not to take a position on the proposed policy position because they did not have enough information about the costs of the legislation and how they would be paid for. Crispo asked about the costs of expanding the LIHTC program. Wilson-Jones stated that policy staff in Sen. Cantwell's D.C. office have stated that the legislation will likely be folded into a larger revenue-neutral bill and that additional information about the projected cost of the legislation is included in the packet.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, stated that he would be abstaining on the vote because the Sammamish Council had additional questions about the proposed federal legislation and did not come to a decision. He stated that the Council did discuss advocating individually and urging Rep. Reichart to introduce House legislation.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, stated that the Kent Council is in support of the proposed policy position. The city has met with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, and understands there is great need in the state. There is a feeling that Kent has enough affordable housing, but the need exists elsewhere and therefore the city is in support.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that the table on page 26 of the October PIC Packet includes inaccurate information about the number of units constructed with 9 percent LIHTC in King County cities. (*Note: The corrected table is included as [Attachment B to the minutes](#).)* Margeson stated that federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits are being used to help cities, counties, and partners as they put together funding for low income housing and that the federal government is not actually building housing. He stated that great need remains.

Deputy Mayor Shari Winstead, Shoreline, voiced support for the proposed policy position and stated that it was good to see action in Washington, D.C. on this important issue.

Wilson-Jones, referencing back to Council President Margeson's statement about the error on packet page 26, noted that correct information about the total number of low income units financed with the LIHTC in each King County city can be found on page 29 of the packet. Additionally, referencing back to Mayor Crispo's request for more information about the cost of the legislation, highlighted information provided by Sen. Cantwell's office and included on page 23 of the packet: "Sen. Cantwell's Office answers that the simulative effect of the increase would outweigh the costs through the jobs it would support or create, through local income and tax revenue generated, and by easing the costs of homelessness and supportive services by moving individuals and families into affordable housing."

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, requested clarification on the relationship of the numbers listed on packet pages 29-30 for the total number of low income units financed with the LIHTC in each jurisdiction (column 2) and the sum of units constructed for specific populations

(elderly, disabilities, homeless, etc. in columns 3-7). She noted, for the city of Burien, the sum of specific population units do not equate to the total number of low income units. *(Note: Following the PIC meeting, further clarification was received from the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, which generated the table on pages 29-30. While low income housing tax credits are awarded for units that are income restricted, developers often also incorporate market rate units into the same project. The second column of the table lists the total number of low income units financed in each jurisdiction with the LIHTC. Columns 3-7 are not, however, limited to just units that are income restricted. These columns list the total number of units for specific populations—elderly, people with disabilities, etc.—that were constructed at projects that received any LIHTC financing, including units that were not income restricted.)*

The motion passed 24-0-3. The cities/towns of Auburn, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Clyde Hill, Covington, Duvall, Federal Way, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snoqualmie voted yes. The cities/towns of Beaux Arts Village, Newcastle, and Sammamish abstained from the vote. The City of Tukwila was not present for the vote.

8. 2017 SCA State Legislative Agenda

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, gave background on the Legislative Committee and its makeup, noting that this is the first year that SCA has had a Legislative Committee, and that the Committee is comprised of members from each SCA caucus. Dawson provided an overview of the three positions that were unanimously recommended by the Legislative Committee which are found on page 36 of the PIC packet:

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

Serving as Committee Chair, Kenmore Mayor David Baker explained that the Committee focused on a narrow set of issues that did not duplicate other legislative agendas, such as the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Rather, the one-page Legislative Agenda would focus on issues of special concern to cities in King County.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend that the SCA Board of Directors adopt the 2017 SCA Legislative Agenda found on page 36 of the PIC packet ([Attachment C](#)).

Chair Mhoon noted that the Pre-PIC Workshop for the night included information about the King County 2017-18 biennial budget. Information was provided about the public health fund, which while stabilized currently, is not sufficient to cover needed services especially in light of a current wave of hospital acquired infections. Cities have stepped in already to help fund public health, and public health now needs support from cities in their state-level ask.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, noted that King County and others are working on a statewide ask for public health funding. Dawson stated that the statewide public health funding request is

\$54 million and that King County portion of that request is \$15.5 million. Baker highlighted the need for a stable source of public health funding and explained that testing for the Zika virus has exacerbated the public health funding shortfall.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, stated that he would be abstaining from the vote. Mercer Island is supportive of the proposed legislative priorities related to public health investment and addressing the housing and homeless crisis, but does not have consensus around the language contained in the property tax cap priority. The city agrees that the tax cap should be lifted but would prefer a different replacement formula be considered. The population of Mercer Island is not growing, and the proposed formula would not be advantageous to the city.

Baker stated that the City of Kenmore would not increase property taxes in excess of the currently allowable 1 percent but is supportive of including this item in the legislative agenda because other cities do need a revised property tax limit.

Dawson noted that the language is intentionally aligned with messaging developed by a coalition of stakeholders working on the issue of adjusting the property tax cap.

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, stated that a draft bill has been developed and that the intention with the revised formula is that there would not be a negative effect on property tax revenues should population decline. Dawson acknowledged the concerns raised by Mercer Island regarding the fact that other formulas or forms of property tax reform may be more beneficial for some cities.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stated that he would be abstaining from the vote because the Newcastle Council felt they lacked enough information to take a position in support of the proposed legislative agenda.

Councilmember Michelle Sipes-Marvin, Normandy Park, stated that adjusting the property tax cap is important to Normandy Park and other small cities. The city recently had to use a Go Fund Me campaign to support their police force and receives very little tax revenue.

Chair Mhoon stated that the Covington Council discussed the proposed adjustment to the property tax cap and the fact that it could benefit other SCA cities even if Covington chose not to utilize the tool.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, requested clarification about the impact of the property tax cap on county versus city revenues. Dawson stated that the current one percent cap on property tax revenues applies to both the county and to each city. There was previously a six percent cap, which was reduced to a one percent cap by a voter initiative that was ultimately ruled unconstitutional but continued legislatively. Wen asked whether, under the proposed change in state law to adjust the property tax cap, Medina could decide to only increase property taxes by one percent. Dawson stated that cities would still have the option to increase property taxes by one percent or even less should they wish.

Councilmember Bill Pelozza, Auburn, stated that Auburn supports the three proposed SCA legislative priorities and noted that the city has contributed from its general fund to keep the Auburn Public Health Center open. He stated that the city hopes to avoid having to support public health through the city general fund in the future. Dawson stated that cities in Snohomish County are being asked to support public health.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jeans, Snoqualmie, noted that the Association of Washington Cities has seven priorities and applauded the SCA Legislative Committee for distilling the proposed SCA legislative priorities to three. The Legislature will be concentrating on education in the coming session, so it will be important to keep other requests focused.

Chair Mhoon recognized Mayor Don Gerend, Sammamish, in attendance at the PIC. Mayor Gerend serves on the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Committee and noted that the organization also supports lifting the lid on the property tax cap.

The motion passed 24-1-3. The cities/towns of Auburn, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Clyde Hill, Covington, Duvall, Federal Way, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila voted yes. The city of Medina voted no. The cities/towns of Beaux Arts Village, Mercer Island, and Newcastle abstained from the vote.

9. Land Preservation and Conservation Work Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, provided a staff report, outlining the purpose of the Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan and the charge of the Land Conservation Plan Advisory Group. The Work Plan is a proposal to protect the remaining 66,000 acres of unprotected high conservation value lands in King County. The Advisory Group will make a recommendation to the County Executive and Council on the Work Plan.

Booth reported that the County will be reaching out to cities for ideas on lands located within cities that may be included in the work plan.

Booth called the members' attention to the 30 year projection of funding sources chart on page 42 of the PIC packet. The total cost of work plan implementation is \$1.65 billion. Existing or identified potential funding covers about \$1.26 billion of the plan implementation, which includes acquisition of lands through easements or purchase, transaction costs, and the cost of operations and maintenance. The identified gap in funding is about \$383 million over 30 years. King County has put forward four options for filling the gap; all four options require voter approval.

Advisory group members were briefed in September on the five types of lands proposed for conservation. In October, members were briefed on revenue and cost assumptions in the plan, including detailed explanations of how and when easements or fee acquisition is recommended and what levels of operations and maintenance costs are included in the plan. Members also discussed at length the current status of lands in the plan; for example 61% of the acres identified for protection are in the voluntary current use taxation enrollment program, a 10 year program that reduces tax burdens up to 90% in exchange for voluntarily preserving land.

While this is de facto conservation, it is not permanent conservation. That said, only 3% of properties have exited the program in over 30 years. A question being asked is if the work plan can assume more lands being retained in the program, resulting in avoided purchase costs, and reduced O&M and transactions costs and reducing the funding gap. This is just one example of the types of questions advisory group members have raised. The first three Advisory Group meetings were focused on information being shared with Advisory Group members; there will be more opportunity for county staff to hear from advisory group members in the coming months, including a discussion at one meeting of city perspectives on the plan.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, an Advisory Group member, noted the multi-faceted make-up of the Advisory Group and that the group had met just three times and was in the early stages of its work. The October cost and revenue briefing raised a number of questions about assumptions in the plan, including an assumption related to lands that will stay in the Current Use Taxation program as it only has a 3% exit rate now.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that at the North End Mayors Meeting recently, mayors had a discussion about the differing perspectives they had about the Work Plan. She noted Advisory Group members also have differing perspectives.

Councilmember Tom Stowe, Beaux Arts Village, asked if the 3% exit rate in the Current Use Taxation program was only in King County. Booth replied yes. Stowe also asked how the Work Plan accounts for the loss of property taxes from properties being acquired. Stowe also asked what types of properties in cities might be included. Dawson answered that the types of city properties to be included was an open question. Stowe asked how King County is ensuring lands being considered for purchase by other agencies are not being double counted. Booth said the Work Plan calls out properties being considered by other agencies.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, discussed a unique project in Burien where there are commercial greenhouses on land zoned for residential use. There is a local effort to purchase the greenhouses to ensure continued agricultural use, a project consistent with the County's local food initiative. Tosta asked how a property like this might fit into the Work Plan. Dawson noted the reason King County did not include city lands is because they do not know what cities might want to protect. That is why they are reaching out to cities now. Booth noted there could be a sixth category of land to be conserved that applies to more urban areas if such a category is important to cities.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, a Land Conservation Plan Advisory Group member, expressed his support of the Work Plan, noting that while we are supporting preserving land in unincorporated King County, we can also preserve lands in cities. He noted the opportunity for cities to reach out to their communities to determine what lands to acquire and to build support for acquiring those lands; saying that with the help of additional funding through King County, cities may have more resources for acquiring land. McNeal encouraged members to have their cities meet with King County.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, noted that land conservation was important for Lake Forest Park's 100 Year Legacy Plan. She asked if the county would be

competing with cities for funding noted on the pie chart. Booth explained the projections are based on funding King County has received historically, not on funding cities have received.

Councilmember Bill Peloza, Auburn, asked if there were conversations about partnering with King Conservation District, noting that KCD had been active in supporting Mary Olson Farm in Auburn. Booth noted KCD does not purchase lands but may be briefed on the Work Plan. Margeson noted one area KCD may be involved is in the barn preservation initiative in the Work Plan.

Dawson asked if there had been discussions about including a pass through of funds to cities to fund preservation, rather than including specified city properties. Booth and Margeson noted no such discussion had occurred to date at the Advisory Group meetings.

Margeson noted a concern is that farmers are aging, potentially leading to a decrease of agriculture uses on lands. Booth explained that farmers can sell agricultural land and it can be subdivided into smaller parcels, for example, a 20 acre parcel zoned 1 dwelling every 5 acres could be subdivided and converted to hobby farms or estates, leading to a loss of agricultural opportunities.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, asked about impacts on taxpayers, especially with the ST3 vote and the potential of an increase in the 1% property tax. She expressed concerns with the ability of the public to support so many tax increases. Dawson agreed that the region needs to prioritize what we are asking the voters to support.

10. King County METRO CONNECTS Long Range Vision

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the King County METRO CONNECTS Long Range Plan, stating that it provides the guidance and direction for the implementation of transit networks, capital investments, and transit-supportive development through 2040. METRO CONNECTS is a high-level blueprint that helps to answer “Where do we want to go and how do we get there together?”

Kuciemba stated that the process to produce METRO CONNECTS began two years ago working with local jurisdictions, stakeholders, a Technical Advisory Committee, a Citizens Advisory Group, and oversight by the Regional Transit Committee (RTC). Since that time, SCA has been effective in ensuring that METRO CONNECTS includes supportive policy such as access to transit and expanded parking options; ongoing investments in alternative services; better coordination and integration with other transit agencies; investment in transit-oriented development; and a new focus on capital investments, including speed and reliability improvements and additional bus base capacity.

Kuciemba reported that the final METRO CONNECTS Long Range Vision was transmitted to the King County Council in August and then subsequently referred to the RTC. The RTC has focused their attention on policy clarification including partnerships, the relationship of METRO CONNECTS to existing policy documents, and an implementation program which will occur on a rolling six-year basis. Kuciemba noted that the SCA Caucus held a caucus call on October 12,

2016 to consider the Draft Chair's Striking Amendment in advance of an RTC Special Workshop on October 19 at Kirkland City Hall.

The RTC has until mid-December to review the transmitted METRO CONNECTS, unless an extension is requested by members. King County's Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee (TrEE) and the King County Council will follow with formal review and final approval of METRO CONNECTS, which is anticipated in early-2017.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, who serves on the RTC, commented that staff support has been imperative in managing all of the information and concerns expressed by the members. Ockerlander complemented Kuciemba for her work.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, commented that more investment in parking will allow more riders access to transit. Park-and-rides are often full, causing frustration to potential riders and to local residents who are impacted by vehicles that park in neighborhoods when parking is unavailable. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, agreed noting that the RTC has done extensive work in the area of transit access and parking.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, reported that, earlier in 2016, the Newcastle City Council met with Sound Transit and King County Metro where parking access was a topic of discussion. He expressed that there's relatively little parking proposed in METRO CONNECTS. Crispo stated that getting drivers off the road and into the mass transit system will require additional options for parking and access to transit.

Kuciemba noted that, unlike recent planning efforts, METRO CONNECTS includes an access improvement capital proposal, including approximately 3,300 parking stalls and non-motorized travel options. She went on to state that Metro would focus parking investments in lower-density "transit access zones" with limited non-motorized access to transit. Dawson stated that RTC members have been voicing PIC feedback regarding the need for parking which is reflected in the long range plan.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, speaking as a member of the RTC, stated that the RTC will have an opportunity to discuss issues of importance to SCA at the workshop scheduled for October 19, 2016. Margeson also plans to focus on how METRO CONNECTS relates to the other Metro policy documents, the implementation of the vision, and how it's reflected in the King County budget.

Councilmember Shelly Kloba, Kirkland, stated that there have been recent additions to parking access in the form of the South Kirkland Park-and-Ride, which is already starting to become over-capacity. Kloba suggested that innovative parking options be assessed, such as leasing church parking lots. Margeson stated that METRO CONNECTS includes additional leased parking options. Kuciemba noted that Metro is currently working on parking options such as the multifamily park-and-ride project and a pilot permit parking program that will launch in early-2017.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, commented that the Sammamish Highlands Park-and-Ride is an example of an underutilized lot because there isn't adequate transit service from Sammamish to Seattle or to neighboring transit hubs where more frequent service is provided.

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the list of levies and ballot measures reflects upcoming November 8 General Election measures. It was stated that dollar figures for measures are reflected if such information is provided in the ballot language or explanation. Kuciemba noted that King County Elections will be mailing ballots on October 19, 2016 with drop-boxes becoming available on October 20. The in-person registration deadline for new voters is October 31.

Councilmember Erin Weaver, Maple Valley, noted that Maple Valley will be putting forward a parks bond in 2017 after a previous effort was unsuccessful in 2016.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, identified an error on page 49 related to the year listed for the Kenmore Walkways and Waterways bond measure.

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that the list of potential upcoming issues has been updated to include the Cascadia Rising report. Once the report is available SCA staff will bring it forward to the PIC. Chair Mhoon noted that the City of Seattle recently demonstrated an earthquake simulator in Westlake Center which demonstrated what it would feel like in an 8.0 earthquake. Dawson noted that members interested in emergency preparedness and emergency management may wish to consider volunteering for the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC), on which SCA anticipates several vacancies for 2017.

13. Upcoming Events

An SCA Veterans and Human Services Levy Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Renton City Hall, Council Chambers.

An SCA Mayors Roundtable on Heroin and Opiate Addiction will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Tukwila Community Center, Meeting Room B.

The next PIC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

An SCA Women's Leadership Happy Hour will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 prior to the AWC Regional Meeting in Federal Way.

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

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

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

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

14. For the Good of the Order

Chair Mhoon reminded member to submit nominations to SCA for regional boards and committees as well as PIC vice chair.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford thanked Chair Mhoon for facilitation of PIC meetings, especially for encouraging supportive and open discussions of issues before the PIC. Members joined in thanking Chair Mhoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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

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

The following table lists projects funded with 9 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits back to 2011 in King County (outside Seattle). A prior version, which included incorrect information about the number of low income units included at each project, was included in the October PIC packet.

9% Housing Tax Credit Allocations in King County (Outside Seattle)					
Allocation Year	Project Name	Project Sponsor	City	Credit Request	Low Income Units
2016	Sunset Court Apartments	Renton Housing Authority	Renton	\$905,082	50*
2016	Athene	Red Vines 1	Kirkland	\$1,477,113	91*
2015	Compass at Ronald Commons	Compass Housing Alliance	Shoreline	\$1,198,297	59*
2015	Providence Redmond Sr. Hsg	Providence Health & Services- WA	Redmond	\$1,517,383	74*
2014	MSC Federal Way Veterans' Program	Multi Service Center	Federal Way	\$834,070	44
2014	Vantage Point Apartments (Phase 2)	King County Housing Authority	Renton	\$922,950	45
2013	Vantage Glen Phase 1	King County Housing Authority	Renton	\$ 642,167	32*
2013	Bellevue Apartments	Low Income Housing Institute	Bellevue	1,007,383	56*
2012	South Kirkland Park & Ride	Not listed	Kirkland	\$1,137,333	58
2011	None				

*Corrected from October PIC Packet.



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.

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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, and 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.*