



SCA Public Issues Committee

December 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Online Meeting

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Bill Boyce, Kent, Chair 3 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – Bill Boyce, Kent, Chair 5 minutes
3. [Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2023 Meeting](#) 2 minutes
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Bill Boyce, Kent, Chair 5 minutes
5. **Executive Director’s Report** – David Hoffman, SCA Executive Director 5 minutes
6. [PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election](#) 10 minutes
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7. [Regional Board and Committee Appointments](#) 15 minutes
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10. [2024 City Outlook & Upcoming Issues](#)

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11. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 10:00 AM – Virtual
- b. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 10, 2023

12. For the Good of the Order

13. Adjourn

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

Capitalizing on the diversity of our cities to lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world.

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.

Commonly Used Acronyms

ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AHC	Affordable Housing Committee
AFIS Advisory Committee	Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
AWC	Association of Washington Cities
BOH	Board of Health
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflows
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board
DCHS	King County Department of Community and Human Services
DVI Task Force	Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
EDDB	Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
EMS Advisory Task Force	Emergency Medical Services Levy Advisory Task Force
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee for Community Development Block Grants
K4C	King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
KCD	King Conservation District
KCDAC	King Conservation District Advisory Committee
KCFCD	King County Flood Control District
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
KCPEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
LHWMP MCC	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
PIC	Public Issues Committee
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Points
PSCAA	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
PSCAAAC	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council
PSERN	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
RLSJC	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
RPC	Regional Policy Committee
RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee

RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
SCA	Sound Cities Association
SCAACG	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
SKHHP	South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board
WTD	King County Wastewater Treatment Division



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT Minutes

October 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Online

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. 25 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Corina Pfeil, Kenmore (PIC Alternate); Dana Parnello, Maple Valley (PIC Alternate); Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park (PIC Alternate); Karen Howe, Sammamish City Council; Traci Buxton, Des Moines City Council; Louis Washington, Snoqualmie City Council; Lacey Jane Wolfe, Bellevue staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond staff; Jared Hill, Woodinville staff; Tania Santiago Pastrana, King County Council staff; Jenny Huston, King County Executive staff; John Sheller, King County Library System; Candice Bock, Association of Washington Cities (AWC); and Deanna Dawson, Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated in hybrid format. He noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

Chair Boyce asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. John Sheller, King County Library System (KCLS), said that as part of the KCLS's climate planning they are seeking input and partnership with cities where electric vehicle charging stations located at libraries will help cities meet their climate goals. Cities are encouraged to reach out to KCLS for more information.

3. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2023 Meeting

PIC Chair Bill Boyce asked if there were any amendments to the minutes of July 12, 2023 PIC meeting. **PIC Vice Chair Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, to approve the July 12, 2023 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Chair's Report

Chair Boyce reported that SCA is seeking PIC members to serve on the PIC Nominating Committee and as PIC Chair and Vice Chair in 2024. There are currently vacancies on the Nominating Committee for the Snoqualmie Valley and South Valley Caucus members. The Nominating Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making recommendations for all SCA board and committee appointments. The PIC Chair is responsible for appointing PIC Nominating Committee members. In December, PIC will elect its Chair and Vice Chair for 2024. PIC Chair Boyce is serving his second of the maximum two one-year terms as PIC Chair. Vice Chair

Chris Roberts is interested in moving on to being the Chair if elected by PIC. The deadline to apply for the Nominating Committee or for PIC leadership is Friday, November 10.

5. Executive Director's Report

David Hoffman, SCA Executive Director reported on SCA staffing, and welcomed Andie Parnell as SCA Policy Analyst. Andie will staff SCA members on the Regional Transit Committee, Board of Health, King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee and Implementation Board, and several committees touching on human services issues. Hoffman highlighted the importance building relationships with legislators to advocate for city legislative priorities. The next SCA networking dinner is scheduled for October 25, 5:30 to 8:00 PM, at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

6. 2024 State Legislative Priorities

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel reported that PIC would be briefed by the Association of Washington Cities on their recently adopted legislative priorities and follow that with discussion of SCA's legislative priorities for the 2024 session.

Deanna Dawson, AWC CEO, and Candice Bock, AWC Director of Government Relations, reported on AWC's adopted [2024 City Legislative Priorities](#): help recruit and retain police officers for public safety; revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap; continue investing in infrastructure; provide behavioral health resources; and [other significant issues](#). The 2024 Legislative Session is a short, 60-day session.

7. King County Cultural Access Sales Tax – King County Doors Open

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the County Council is considering a proposal to implement a councilmanic one-tenth of one percent sales tax to support cultural access through the King County "Doors Open" Program. Doors Open would provide cultural access organizations with grant funding to support operations and programs, reduced or free admissions costs, access in underserved geographic areas, transportation costs, internships, and more. Grants would be administered by King County's Cultural Development Authority, 4Culture. The proposed tax would be collected for a period of seven years at which time it could be renewed, and is anticipated to initially generate about \$100 million per year. The proposal was transmitted by the County Executive to the County Council on September 25. The County Council and Regional Policy Committee are expected to review and take action on the proposal prior to the end of 2023, with collection of the tax proposed to begin on April 1, 2024

Vice Chair Roberts noted that the Legislature recently authorized the cultural access tax to be imposed without going to voters and that it was likely to have support among a majority of County Councilmembers. He said the portion of funding being set aside exclusively for use outside of Seattle – 22% of levy proceeds – did not seem equitable when compared to population and suggested that RPC members advocate for a higher share to be adopted.

8. King County Flood Control District Budget

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel reported on the proposed 2024 operating and capital budget recommended by the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee typically writes a letter to the Flood Control District Board of Supervisors to comment

on the proposed budget. For 2024, the Advisory Committee took particular interest in the District's projected fund balance, which is expected to reach zero by 2025. The Advisory Committee made several requests to address that shortfall in its annual recommendation letter to the Board that could increase future rates or delay projects. These include recommending that the Board consider raising the levy rate, study bonding options during 2024, and work closely with the Advisory Committee on project prioritization in the coming year.

Councilmember Karen Howe, Sammamish, who serves on the Flood Control District Advisory Committee, said the Flood Control District has been spending down reserves for several years to advance important projects impacting cities and would soon need to increase the levy to keep pace with project needs. The Advisory Committee is recommending a gradual increase over three years.

Council Vice President Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond, noted the importance of the work conducted by the Flood District and asked for more information about discussions in prior years about the levy.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked about spending by the District and justification for spending down fund reserves.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, noted that she is a member of the Flood Control District Advisory Committee and that there are many factors that have driven up flooding risk and the cost of projects. She noted that projects that were advanced using fund balance are projects that cities have requested and that those funds had been collecting for the purposes of being expended on these projects. There has been reluctance to increase the levy, but the projects provide critical protection to people and property and should be funded.

9. 2024 Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of the process for appointing SCA representatives to regional boards and committees. A Boards and Committees Appointment Process Q&A is scheduled for October 30 for members.

10. Potential Future Levies and Ballot Measures

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on upcoming levies and ballot measures in King County and noted the upcoming General Election on November 7, 2023.

11. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Tukwila Community Center
- b. SCA Networking Dinner with guest speaker Jevin West, co-founder of the UW Center for an Informed Public and co-author of *Calling BS: The Art of Skepticism in a Data-Driven World* – Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 5:30 - 8:00 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- c. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – Virtual

d. SCA Annual Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Renton Community Center

12. For the Good of the Order

There were no items for the good of the order.

13. Adjourn

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
October 11, 2023**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell	James McNeal	Rami Al-Kabra
Burien	Sofia Aragon	Cydney Moore
Carnation	Dustin Green	Jim Ribail
Clyde Hill	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Harry Steinmetz	Gene Achziger
Duvall	Amy McHenry	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman Frazier
Federal Way	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Zach Hall
Kenmore	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
Kent	Bill Boyce	
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Penny Sweet
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Dana Parnello
Medina	Mac Johnston	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	David Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Steve Peretti	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Linda Newing
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Eric Zimmerman
North Bend	Heather Koellen	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	Kerry Garberding
Redmond	Vanessa Kritzer	Angela Birney
Renton	Armondo Pavone	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Pam Stuart
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	James Mayhew
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Kathy Hougardy
Woodinville	Mike Millman	Rachel Best-Campbell
Yarrow Point	Katy Harris	

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

SCA PIC October 11, 2023
Attachment B: Chat Log

19:14:06 From Brian Parry, SCA To All Panelists:

Register here! <https://leahsca.wufoo.com/forms/xrvv22o13o3ph8/>

19:18:52 From Candice Bock, AWC To All Panelists:

<https://wacities.org/advocacy/City-Legislative-Priorities>

19:40:44 From Deanna Dawson, AWC To All Panelists:

This is on the agenda - "Producer responsibility for packaging
Support proposals to establish a product stewardship
framework for packaging."

19:58:30 From Candice Bock, AWC To All Panelists:

I was going to stick around and listen to your conversation if that is ok.

19:59:25 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila To All Panelists:



20:10:50 From Penny Sweet, Kirkland To All Panelists:

Kirkland is adopting our initial Leg agenda next Tuesday.

20:48:49 From Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond To All Panelists:

Thank you, Mayor Guier, for that perspective. Appreciate your years of service and thoughtful leadership on this!

21:00:20 From Katy Harris, Yarrow Point To All Panelists:

Please send us the list of committees. Thank you!

Item 6:
2024 PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election

ACTION

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, Chair; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila; Councilmember Amy McHenry, Duvall

Action

Election of the 2024 SCA Public Issues Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Background

Per the PIC Operating Policies:

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

The PIC Nominating Committee met on December 4, 2023, and reviewed nominees for 2024 PIC Chair and Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee recommends the election of Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, as PIC Chair, and the election of Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Covington, as PIC Vice Chair.

Next Steps

The full PIC will vote to elect a 2024 PIC Chair and Vice Chair at the December 13, 2023 PIC meeting.



December 13, 2023
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 7:
Regional Board and Committee Appointments
ACTION

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, Chair; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila; Councilmember Amy McHenry, Duvall

Action

The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 29, 2023 to develop a list of recommended 2024 SCA Board and Committee Appointments for consideration by the PIC ([Attachment A](#)). The PIC is anticipated to take action on December 13, 2023 to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors, who will consider PIC's recommendations at their meeting on December 20, 2023.

Background

A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee (PIC) consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus (South, North, South Valley, and Snoqualmie Valley) is appointed annually by the Chair of the PIC, and makes recommendations to the PIC on appointments. The PIC in turn makes recommendations on regional board and committee appointments to the SCA Board of Directors.

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

No member shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee appointed by SCA. This limitation shall not apply to alternates to regional boards and committees. Once a member has served six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee, they shall be ineligible to serve on said committee for a minimum of one (1) year. Pursuant to a bylaw amendment adopted on December 2, 2015, "In extraordinary circumstances, the Board may make exceptions to the six-year term limit upon the recommendation of the PIC nominating committee and the PIC when a supermajority (2/3) of Board members present and voting at a meeting finds that doing so would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities."

The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 29, 2023 to develop a list of recommended appointments for consideration by the PIC. [Attachment A](#) provides those recommendations. Included in the Nominating Committee's recommendations is a finding of extraordinary circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit for the appointment of Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent, to the PSRC Transportation Policy Board of which she is currently the chair.

Several committee positions remained unfilled following the Nominating Committee's meeting on November 29. Applications were reopened with a deadline of January 31, 2024 to seek applicants to fill these positions. The Nominating Committee will reconvene in February of 2024 to make recommendations to fill the remaining vacancies. Those recommendations will be presented to PIC at the February 2024 meeting.

The following positions remained unfilled following the December 1 meeting:

- Domestic Violence Initiative Task Force (4 Alternates)
- Growth Management Planning Council (2 Alternates)
- Healthier Here Governing Board (1 Alternate)
- Joint Recommendations Committee (2 Alternates)
- King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (1 Alternate)
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (1 Alternate)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (1 Alternate)

[Committee background information](#) can be found on the SCA Website.

Next Steps

Following action by the PIC, recommendations will be forwarded to the SCA Board for final approval at their next meeting on December 20, 2023.

2024 SCA Regional Boards and Committees –
11/29/2023 PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

Key

Unexpired Term

Reappointment of Incumbent

New Member or Alternate

Alternate Moved to Member

Member Moved to Alternate

Vacant Position

***Finding of Extraordinary Circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit*

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Marli Larimer	Kent	S
Member	Kim-Khanh Van	Renton	S

Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Covington	S
Alternate	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Larry Brown	Auburn	S

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Heather Koellen	North Bend	SNO
Member	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Cheryl Rakes	Auburn	S
Alternate	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District
t Board (EDDB)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Larry Brown	Auburn	S
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

**Children and Youth Advisory Board
(CYAB)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N

**Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
(DVI)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate			
Alternate			
Alternate			
Alternate			

**Emergency Management Advisory Committee
(EMAC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Alan Gothelf	North Bend	SNO
Member	Leih Mulvihill	Black Diamond	SV
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Eric Zimmerman	Normandy Park	S
Alternate	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Alternate	Jeralee Anderson	Redmond	N

**Greater Seattle Partners
(GSP)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

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**Growth Management Planning Council
(GMPC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Syd Dawson	Maple Valley	S
Member	Salim Nice	Mercer Island	N
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvn	Renton	S
Member	Kent Treen	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Larry Brown	Auburn	S
Alternate			
Alternate			

HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Semra Riddle	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate			

**Joint Recommendations Committee
(JRC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Member	Elizabeth Porter	Covington	S
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	John Ramsdell	Shoreline	N
Alternate			
Alternate			

**King Conservation District Advisory Committee
(KCD)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Victoria Schroff	Maple Valley	S
Member	Vanessa Kritzer	Redmond	N
Member	Cara Christensen	Snoqualmie	SNO
Alternate	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Alternate	Debra Srebnik	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N

**King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
(KCFCDAC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member	Carol Benson	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Melanie O’Cain	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SNO
Alternate	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate			

**King County Law Enforcement Officers’ and Fire
Fighters’ Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Craig Reynolds	Mercer Island	N

**King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA)
Governing Committee**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kim-Khanh Van	Renton	S
Alternate			

**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Oversight
Committee King County**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N

**Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory
Council**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

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PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Jan Molinaro	Enumclaw	SV
Alternate	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Mason Thompson	Bothell	N
Alternate	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Traci Buxton	Des Moines	S
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Pam Stuart	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N

PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dana Ralph**	Kent	S
Member	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Alternate	Wendy Weiker	Mercer Island	N
Alternate	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Matt Mahoney	Des Moines	S

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	Kim-Khanh Van	Renton	S
Member	Kristiana de Leon	Black Diamond	SV
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
Member	Debra Srebnik	Kenmore	N
Member	Rob Wotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Debra Srebnik	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S
Member	Katherine Ross	Snoqualmie	SNO
Member	Janice Zahn	Bellevue	N
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Covington	S
Member	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N
Member	Betsy Robertson	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	JC Harris	Des Moines	S

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**Regional Water Quality Committee
 (RWQC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Conrad Lee	Bellevue	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Alternate	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Alternate			

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee
 (SWAC)**

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N

Key

- Unexpired Term
- Reappointment of Incumbent
- New Member or Alternate**
- Alternate Moved to Member**
- Member Moved to Alternate**
- Vacant Position**

***Finding of Extraordinary Circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit*

Item 8:
2024 SCA State Legislative Agenda

ACTION

SCA Staff Contact

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SCA Legislative Committee Members

Mayor Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw (Chair); Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond; Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island

Action

To recommend the SCA Board of Directors adopt the 2024 SCA State Legislative Priorities ([Attachment A](#)).

Background

The SCA Legislative Committee began meeting in October to consider recommendations for 2024 SCA state legislative priorities. The Committee approved the priorities shown in [Attachment A](#) and recommends approval by PIC. With approval by PIC, the recommendations will be considered by the SCA Board of Directors at its meeting on December 20, 2023. Additional background on the development of the legislative priorities can be found in the [November 8, 2023 PIC packet](#).

Next Steps

Cities are encouraged to continue sending final legislative agendas to SCA staff as they become available. Questions, comments, and city legislative agendas can be directed to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

2024 SCA State Legislative Priorities

As recommended by the SCA Legislative Committee

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SCA urges the Legislature to partner with cities to:

Improve public safety by increasing tools and resources, including local taxing authority, to address auto theft and property crime and to support officer recruitment and retention.

Support sustainable funding for core local services by replacing the 1% cap on annual property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation and population growth and increasing flexibility for use of existing revenue sources.

Address the behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis response system and funding local programs that connect individuals with needed care and diversion programs.

Continue to invest in local infrastructure, transportation, and mobility by increasing investment in the Public Works Assistance Account, honoring commitments made in Move Ahead Washington, and providing local funding options with an emphasis on preservation and maintenance.

Promote economic vitality by increasing support for community revitalization and workforce development programs in critical fields with hiring shortages.

Allocate state and federal funding to cities to mitigate and prepare for impacts of climate change, including responding to extreme weather emergencies.

Promote housing affordability by providing resources such as local option REET to assist cities with implementation of local affordable housing plans and recently adopted planning and zoning changes and reducing the cost of regulations on housing production.

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

SCA adopts the following guiding principles against which all legislative proposals will be measured:

- Advance racial equity and social justice
- Improve the social safety net
- Honor commitments to shared revenues
- Make no unfunded mandates to cities
- Preserve local decision-making authority

Item 9:

King County Climate Crisis Funding Proposal

DISCUSSION

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Discussion

On November 7, the King County Council approved a motion requesting that the County Executive develop proposals to generate \$1 billion in funding over a six- or nine-year period to address the climate crisis ([Motion 2023-0315](#)). The proposal would take the form of a report transmitted to the Council by April 30, 2024, as well as accompanying legislation.

The Motion calls for the Executive to form a work group of interested parties for the purpose of developing the proposal. Members are to include representatives of the climate equity task force; organizations concerned with climate change related topics; and, frontline communities and other groups directly impacted by climate change.

In a letter prepared ahead of the November PIC meeting, the City of Kirkland requested PIC and the SCA Board send a letter to the County Executive requesting a formal process to partner with cities in developing a response to Motion 2023-0315 ([Attachment A](#)).

The SCA Board discussed the letter at its meeting on November 15 and requested PIC's input in preparation for sending a letter to the Executive that would highlight community concerns about tax burden; and, request the Executive partner with cities in developing a response to Motion 2023-0315 and future levy priorities.

Background

Motion 2023-0315, adopted by the King County Council on November 7, requests the County Executive develop proposals to generate \$1 billion in funding over a six- or nine-year period to address the climate crisis ([Motion 2023-0315](#)). The proposal would take the form of a report transmitted to the Council by April 30, 2024, as well as accompanying legislation.

King County Code Section 18.25 requires adoption of a Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) at least every five years to develop goals and priority actions towards achieving King County's goal of reducing climate emissions 25% by 2020, 50% by 2030, and 80% by 2050 compared to a 2007 baseline. As of 2019, the most recent year with reliable data, emissions had increased by 11% relative to the 2007 baseline, suggesting that the County is not on track to meet these goals under current conditions.

The most recent SCAP was adopted in 2020. For many of the priority actions identified in the 2020 SCAP, the document states that the County lacks the financial resources for implementation.

To inform development of the funding proposal, the motion would request the Executive to convene a work group of interested parties. The funding proposal would be expected to include a proposed property tax levy lid lift, an analysis of additional funding sources, and a preliminary implementation plan.

Levy Lid Lift

The funding proposal would include a proposed property tax levy lid lift to be submitted to the voters in November 2024, along with policy recommendations for how the money could be allocated among projects in areas including transportation, building energy, open space acquisition, and response to climate impacts. According to an initial estimate from the King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis, a property tax levy of 11.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value (AV) would be needed to generate \$1 billion over nine years, and a levy of 18.5 cents per \$1,000 AV to generate \$ billion over six years. However, as the proposed motion requests that the Executive evaluate additional funding sources, it is possible that a proposed levy might not be used to generate the full \$1 billion, potentially resulting in a lower levy rate.

Analysis of Additional Funding Sources

The proposed motion requests the Executive assess additional revenue sources that could be used for greenhouse gas mitigation or to address climate impacts. Two possible sources to be considered are revenues from solid waste disposal and wastewater treatment. Any uses of these revenues for climate purposes would need to also meet the expenditure-related requirements of the code and interlocal agreements, meaning that solid waste revenue must be used for solid waste-related climate initiatives and similar for wastewater revenue.

Preliminary Implementation Plan

The proposed motion would request that, based on the analysis and resulting recommendations from the Executive and work group, the Executive develop a preliminary implementation plan for use of the revenues from the levy and other sources. The implementation plan would include recommended subcategories of expenditures, a proposal for overall administrative responsibility and management of expenditures and proceeds, and proposed provisions for annual reporting to the council.

The motion would require that the proposal include a recommendation for the categories of expenditures to be funded with levy proceeds, including, at a minimum, the following:

- Projects or programs to reduce or prevent greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector;
- Projects or programs to reduce or prevent greenhouse gas emissions resulting from energy consumption in structures;

- The purchase or acquisition of open space land identified through the land conservation initiative that will sequester greenhouse gases or mitigate urban heat island effect or other climate impacts; and
- Projects or programs to prepare for, mitigate, adapt to, or respond to the impacts of climate change, including, but not limited to, extreme weather events and wildfire smoke.

Next Steps

The SCA Board of Directors will consider PIC's feedback at its meeting on December 20, 2023. Questions and comments can be directed to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

November 8, 2023



Dear SCA Public Issues Committee and Board:

The Kirkland City Council is having a special Council meeting tonight and so we are not able to have a Kirkland representative at the SCA PIC meeting. However, we wanted to share our thoughts about Item 9, the King County Climate Crisis Levy, for discussion by the PIC.

The potential climate response levy is described in Proposed Motion 2023-0315, which was included in the PIC packet. We learned today that the King County Council passed the motion on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Council did amend the motion to say "if proposed". We believe the PIC and the SCA Board should consider requesting that as the King County Executive is evaluating any response to this motion, the Executive include a more focused conversation with the Sound Cities Association about the levy.

Kirkland, like all SCA cities, is firmly committed to actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. We appreciate King County's willingness to lead the region on this critical issue.

However, there are several reasons to consider whether a property tax measure in 2024 that could range from 11.5 cents to 18 cents per thousand of assessed value is the right action at the right time. First, all cities are hearing from our residents about the overall tax burden they are facing from voter approved levies and other taxes. Any future property tax measure ought to be responsive to these community concerns. Second, Washington State has accumulated nearly one billion dollars in revenue over the past two years from the Climate Commitment Act passed in 2021. These revenues can be invested in climate actions like those outlined in Motion 2023-0315. Any regional climate initiative should acknowledge the State funds and strive to be complementary rather than redundant.

Finally, and most importantly, one of the best climate actions King County can take that is not specified in the Climate Commitment Act or Motion 2023-0315 is to build affordable housing, including work-force housing. Options such as including affordable housing in a climate levy or proposing a dedicated affordable housing levy could be a true win-win for the region. People living near where they work will reduce vehicle miles travelled and traffic congestion, make public transit more effective and efficient, and reduce tailpipe emissions. And new housing built to the new codes will be energy efficient and reduce consumption. Over the past several years, King County and the SCA have documented the need for tens of thousands of units of low- and moderate-income housing throughout the county. We have partnered in identifying affordable housing targets for all cities to help address this shortfall. And we have all acknowledged that significant new funding is essential if we are to make any progress on solving the problem. Imagine how many units could be built if the region were to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in affordable housing over the next 6 to 8 years. Prioritizing affordable housing in a countywide levy would also be a dramatic investment in reducing emissions and adapting to climate change.

For these reasons, we encourage the SCA PIC and the SCA Board to formally ask, by a letter or other appropriate means, the King County Executive to partner with the cities in developing a response to Motion 2023-0315 and find a path forward together.

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council



December 13, 2023
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 10:
2024 City Outlook & Upcoming SCA Issues
DISCUSSION

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Discussion

At the December PIC meeting, we will have a roundtable discussion for members to share priorities for their cities and provide input on regional issues that will be important for SCA to be engaged with in the coming year. Topics identified by members will help inform future PIC discussions, workshops, and educational events.

PIC members will be asked to share goals that they hope to achieve, exciting projects, and issues they are looking forward to engaging with in 2024. Many cities will be experiencing changes in the makeup of their councils, leadership, and staffing – what impact will that have on what members expect to achieve in the coming year?

PIC members are also encouraged to share whether they will be returning as the PIC representative in January and, if not, if a replacement has been determined.

Next Steps

SCA staff and Board would appreciate feedback from all our member cities on priorities for 2024. If you or your city has feedback, please contact SCA Executive Director David Hoffman at david@soundcities.org , or (206) 910-9246.