



## SCA Public Issues Committee

March 11, 2026 - 7:00 PM

### Online Meeting

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## AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome and Roll Call – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair** 5 Minutes
- 2) **Public Comment** 5 Minutes
- 3) **Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2026 Meeting** 5 Minutes  
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- 4) **Chair’s Report – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair** 5 Minutes
- 5) **Executive Director’s Report – Robert Feldstein, Executive Director** 5 Minutes
- 6) [Regional Board and Committee Appointments](#) 10 Minutes  
ACTION  
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Leah Willoughby, Chief Operating Officer
- 7) [Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax](#) 35 Minutes  
POTENTIAL EMERGENCY ACTION  
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Dax Tate, Policy Analyst
- 8) [Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative](#) 35 Minutes  
DISCUSSION  
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Aj Foltz, Senior Policy Analyst
- 9) **Updates/Informational Items** 15 Minutes
  - a. [Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues](#)
  - b. [Levies & Ballot Measures](#)
  - c. [2026 PIC Work Plan](#)
- 10) **For the good of the order**

## **11) Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Events**

1. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2026
2. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026

# 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

SCA will lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world for our diverse communities.

## Values

SCA is committed to creating an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness, and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership. SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking. SCA acknowledges the systemic racism and inequities in our society and continues its commitment to the work needed to address them.

## Guiding Principles

- Assume that others are acting with good intent
- No surprises!
- Have each other's backs
- Think about who is not at the table
- Be candid, but kind
- Once a decision is made, work together to make it work
- Show up to meetings prepared
- Be fully present and engaged during meetings
- Extend grace to others – cut them some slack
- Remain open-minded
- Respect differing views

## 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
BPAC	PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CJTC	Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
CPPs	Countywide Planning Policies
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
GMA	Growth Management Act
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
HIJT	Affordable Housing Interjurisdictional Team
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
ICA	Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
ILA	Interlocal Agreement
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
KCEPC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
MCC	Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
OPMA	Open Public Meetings Act
PHSKC	Public Health – Seattle & King County
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
PRA	Public Records Act
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
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

February 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM

### Online Meeting

#### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 29 cities were represented. ( [Attachment A](#) ).

Guests present included: Alex Andrade, Burien (PIC Alternate); Adam Olen, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Susan Honda, Federal Way (PIC Alternate); Paul Adair, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Nathan Loutsis, Kenmore (PIC Alternate); Nathan Loutsis, Kenmore (PIC Alternate); Julie Hsieh, Mercer Island (PIC Alternate); Vikek Prakriya, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Dan Murphy, Snoqualmie (PIC Alternate); Hugo Garcia, Burien; Katie Halse, Bellevue Staff; Chris Searcy, Enumclaw Staff; and Tania Mondaca, King County Council Staff.

Chair Assefa-Dawson 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

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment and encouraged any individuals with comment to contact [sca@soundcities.org](mailto:sca@soundcities.org) .

Hearing none, Chair Assefa-Dawson closed this portion of the meeting.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2025 Meeting

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the December 10, 2025 SCA PIC meeting.

**It was moved by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 SCA PIC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Chair's Report

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, thanked members for the opportunity to serve as chair and staff for their support. She also expressed excitement to work alongside Redmond Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair.

Chair Assefa-Dawson also stated that PIC must select an additional Nominating Committee member. Current members include Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton; Vice Chair Stuart; and

Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona. In January, SCA invited members of the Snoqualmie Valley to fill a vacancy on an unexpired term and received one application. Mayor Pro Tempore Ronn Mercer, Duvall, will serve in the role.

Chair Assefa-Dawson also relayed that there was an emergency council meeting in Federal Way to replace the sitting Council President, and that Susan Honda is now serving in the role.

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

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein expressed his excitement for the year. He shared that SCA has many new members this year as there are 62 new elected officials, including 17 new mayors. Feldstein also relayed that people across the region care about what the PIC has to say on various issues. He challenged members to think about the best outcome for the region, not just their city.

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair echoed Feldstein's sentiments about PIC's importance.

## **6. PIC Orientation & Welcome New Members**

Presentation by SCA staff. Materials attached and available [here](#).

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz reviewed SCA's mission and three pillars of governance, advocacy, and knowledge-sharing. She explained that SCA is governed by a Board of Directors that oversees the general activities of SCA, and that PIC evaluates and recommends policy decisions and regional committee and board appointments. Each city selects a representative and alternate to serve on PIC. PIC is a representative body of each city in SCA and a vehicle for bringing regional issues to member cities and vice versa.

PIC members introduced themselves, as did SCA staff.

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate reviewed the function and role of PIC. He reviewed that each city has an equal voice on PIC regardless of population. Tate stated that PIC provides policy direction to SCA appointees on regional boards and committees. When PIC and the SCA Board of Directors adopt a position, it is binding. If there is no position, the SCA caucus shall develop a consensus. If there is no consensus, members can vote their conscience. However, members must still represent the interests of all cities and not support policies that harm the interests of any member city. Various issues across the statewide, countywide, regional, SCA caucus, and/or city levels can all be identified and brought to PIC for discussion and guidance.

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reviewed that PIC members should discuss topics with their cities ahead of PIC meetings and funnel their city's perspective into discussion at PIC. The PIC Preview and a hot sheet with a summary of topics and key questions are available as tools for members to do so. Members are then encouraged to serve as a megaphone sharing out to their city councils what was discussed and decided at PIC, with the PIC crib notes and meeting minutes as tools to support them. Similarly, PIC members should also funnel city and local issues, County

and regional issues, statewide issues, and regional board and committee topics into PIC. PIC discussions should be communicated back to member city councils, King County Council, the Washington State legislature, and SCA caucuses.

Foltz then overviewed the two-touch rule and timeline for policy positions. A given issue will be introduced at an initial meeting and decide whether they want to consider adopting a position. A majority of members present must vote in favor of bringing the issue back to the next meeting for possible adoption. In between PIC meetings, members should seek feedback from city council members and staff regarding any amendments, such as to a letter, as applicable. Proposed amendments can be sent to the Senior Policy Analyst and/or the Executive Director. At the next PIC meeting, proposed amendments will be reviewed in succession, and additional amendments can be made. PIC will then vote whether to recommend the final action, such as a letter, or position to the SCA Board of Directors for approval. An exception to this rule is an emergency action, which is uncommon, but can be utilized if not immediately addressing a policy issue renders SCA unable to take a position on a timely basis. However, the two-touch rule should be the standard SCA follows.

PIC members will receive various materials from SCA staff. Two weeks prior to the meeting, members will receive a PIC Preview, which is a draft meeting agenda and provides information on any pre-PIC meetings. The week prior to the PIC meeting, members will receive a hot sheet which provides an overview of agenda items with brief descriptions and key questions for city colleagues. Members will also receive the PIC packet the week prior to the PIC meeting, which includes the meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, and memos with background information. Following the meeting, members will receive crib notes that can be shared with city councils and includes key discussions and decisions.

Redmond City Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair, noted that the chat has been highly utilized tonight but is not typically as highly utilized as alternates cannot interact with it, and anything sent is included in the minutes.

Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, stated that PIC had a large influence on the Best Starts for Kids Levy and the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy, including data collected and how elected officials govern large-ticket items related to the levies. Deputy Mayor Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle, shared that PIC was valuable in framing the issues he could tackle in office. He stated that it is helpful to connect with other cities on how they approach various topics, such as mental health co-responders.

SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont reviewed that quorum is achieved when 51% of members of the committee are present at a meeting. They stated that if less than a quorum of the members is represented at a meeting, a majority of the members represented may adjourn the meeting. A vote of two-thirds of members represented at a meeting at which quorum is present is necessary to advance a public policy position to the Board. Belmont reviewed the proposed dates for the 2026 PIC meetings and that the PIC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm. They encouraged members to RSVP to PIC meetings early to ensure quorum is met at meetings

and so they can receive their personalized Zoom link to join the meeting. If a representative RSVPs “no” to a meeting, they are to cc their alternate who is to then RSVP.

Feldstein overviewed the composition of the SCA Board of Directors: 4 members each from the North and South Caucuses, 1 member each from the South Valley and Snoqualmie Valley Caucuses, the PIC Chair, a City Manager/City Administrator Representative, and a Past President. The Board finalizes decisions PIC makes.

Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, stated that prior PIC meetings were held in-person and fostered a collaborative feel among members. He asked if there has been consideration for PIC members meeting in-person more often. Feldstein stated that he values in-person meetings and encourages more of it and expressed that it is ultimately PIC’s decision. Feldstein stated that in-person does cause strain on staff and can be a barrier to some PIC members, though PIC members can discuss it. Boyce stated he feels that this is worth discussing.

Feldstein reviewed SCA’s mission, vision, values, and guiding principles. He highlighted that members bring diverse perspectives from their cities and a wealth of experience.

Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, suggested sending out a survey to determine whether PIC members are interested in meeting in-person. Feldstein added that meetings would likely rotate between cities if held in person.

Vice Chair Stuart stated she is happy to explore the idea of meeting in person. She expressed that a lower frequency of in-person meetings makes the ones held in person special and should present an opportunity to experience something that makes things worth everyone’s time. Vice Chair Stuart encouraged members to share ideas of cities or items they want to see.

Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton, stated members are always welcome in Renton, which has hybrid capabilities.

Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, stated that hybrid options for in-person meetings are useful to prevent absences.

## **7. PIC Looking Back & Looking Forward**

Presentation by SCA staff. Materials attached and available [here](#).

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reviewed the 2025 PIC discussion topics, which can be viewed on pages 21-22 of the PIC packet (available [here](#) ). SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz highlighted the pre-PIC Sound Transit tour.

Foltz then overviewed items carrying over to 2026. This includes annual items such as state legislative session update/review, State and County legislative agendas, and committee appointments, as well as specific topics like King County Transportation District tax, indigent

defense, transit safety, and utility rates. Other discussion topics include the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Puget Sound Regional Council representation, and various countywide levies and levy follow-up.

SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont overviewed possible issues for PIC discussion pertaining to utilities and the environment. They highlighted potentially following up on the fall's Regional Utility Rate Summit, particularly since the item is continuing to rise in discussion amongst caucuses and will be before the Regional Policy Committee this year. Belmont also mentioned the long-term solid waste disposal decision as a topic of interest, as cities have expressed interest in the timing of the decision and impacts of rail. Belmont also overviewed organics rulemaking and updating guiding principles for the SCA Caucus for the Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update as possible topics of interest.

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate overviewed that cities may have interest in following up on relief from indigent defense caseload standards or discussing gun violence prevention. He shared that members may have interest in discussing flood response and what can be improved in future emergency responses. For transportation, the transit safety task force drafted an implementation plan and is now shifting to an implementation plan, and there is interest in cities sharing their perspectives. He also raised the Puget Sound Regional Council Regional Transportation Plan as a topic of interest.

Foltz then opened the floor for feedback from members on topics of interest at PIC, lunch and learns, trainings, and pre-PICs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ronn Mercer, Duvall, stated he is glad to see topics continuing and stated he thinks Duvall shares many priorities of other cities. He stated a particular interest of Duvall's is how to deal with land use regulations from the state and the disparate impacts on urban versus rural areas from levies.

Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, stated that Issaquah has struggled with generating housing since COVID, as they had previously exceeded their housing targets. He stated that their growth has occurred everywhere except their regional growth center, and as such would like to know what is working well for other cities in the County.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, placed topics of interest to her city in the chat ( Appendix B ), which were: behavioral health, protections for immigrant community, human services, economic development, surveillance and privacy in a world with Flock and Ring cameras, AI, new technology in transportation especially aerospace vehicles, housing solutions that address lowest capacities, and job creation and opportunity sharing. Kruller stated that AI is a lower priority for them, but the top-listed issues are of high interest to Tukwila.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Treen, Sammamish, shared that they have the same issues as Duvall and Issaquah around one-size-fits-all regulations around housing that feel like unfunded mandates, particularly given their lack of resources.

Councilmember Mark Joselyn, North Bend, stated that his city has hired a lobbyist regarding exit 34 on the I-90 as many trucks pass through, which reduce capacity for moving goods across the region. Joselyn also raised that many cities are writing a letter regarding HB 2015 and the criminal justice sales tax.

Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, echoed the concerns others raised. He stated that he is particularly concerned regarding the caveat on the criminal justice sales tax that cities cannot cooperate with federal agencies, citing that Pacific interacts with more agencies than just Immigration and Customs Enforcement, such as in arson cases. Kave also expressed flood response is a major issue in Pacific.

Redmond Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair, stated that discussions among PIC last year raised that the County legislative agenda is potentially more impactful than the state one and wants to ensure we go back to this. Vice Chair Stuart also wanted to raise the factors underlying utilities and the need to improve relationships with state regulators as future discussion topics. She also stated job numbers may be a topic of interest for PIC.

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, echoed support for economic development conversations and regional utility rates. He also stated that the Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative may be of interest, as are the Regional Wastewater Services Plan and affordable housing.

Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien, stated that she is particularly interested in the utility rates and Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update. Moore expressed her city is also interested in the expansion of the SeaTac airport.

Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, stated that she read the Small Business Administration is requiring 100% of business owners to be United States nationals or citizens to get grants, which will have a large impact on our cities, as many restaurant or small business owners may be green cardholders and not citizens. She stated immigration overall is also an issue, but this is a specific item of interest within that umbrella.

Councilmember Shilpa Prem, Kirkland, echoed what has been said and added that prior to the pandemic there was discussion around a regional transit package, and that she has heard it may come up again. Prem also stated interest in SCA developing an affordability agenda. She stated that cuts at King County are of concern to Kirkland, particularly around cuts affecting King County-Cities Climate Collaboration.

## **8. PIC Schedule**

Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, directed members to Resolution 2026-1 on page 25 in the PIC packet (available [here](#) ) for the full list of dates for PIC meetings for the year.

**Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila moved, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Porter, Covington, to adopt Resolution 2026-1 as presented in the PIC packet. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **9. Updates/Informational Items**

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz presented this standing agenda item to offer an opportunity for questions from PIC members. Foltz stated that SCA newsletters will shift to quarterly rather than monthly. She opened the floor for questions on the regional board and committee updates. Seeing none, Foltz overviewed the levies and ballot measures tracker and encouraged members to submit items.

Redmond Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair, stated that she will assume potential levies listed in the PIC topics brainstorming discussion are not occurring until they are on the tracker but expressed particular interest in the affordable housing levy. Foltz clarified that items on the tracker are known to be coming forward; once items become finalized and/or scheduled, they will be added to the tracker.

Foltz stated that staff have added a new PIC Work Plan to the packet to provide a way for members look further ahead at upcoming topics. This is a living document so PIC can remain flexible and proactive but will help give members more advance notice on items. Items listed on the work plan are not formally on the agenda until they are sent out in the PIC Packet.

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

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated it was encouraging to see how cities joined in camaraderie regarding the Super Bowl Victory and is interested in other opportunities for unity.

Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, stated he will be working on a white paper for flood issues in the valley and asked members to reach out if they have any knowledge on the history of flooding and flood control efforts. Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island, suggested Kave reach out to King County's Office of Emergency Management.

Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, stated that many members may be far from the airport, but one city's issue is everyone's issue. She added that PIC Packets are intimidating but the hot sheets will be helpful for engagement and sharing with councilmembers. Chair Assefa-Dawson encouraged members to get early input from their cities on discussion topics and to apply for committee vacancies.

## **11. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
February 11, 2026**

City	Representative	Alternate
<b>Algona</b>	Troy Linnell	Jennifer Freeburg
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
<b>Bellevue</b>	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Naren Briar
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Tamie Deady	
Bothell		
<b>Burien</b>	Sarah Moore	Alex Andrade
<b>Carnation</b>	Jim Ribail	Sam Harrison
Clyde Hill	Dean Hachamovitch	
<b>Covington</b>	Elizabeth Porter	Kristina Soltys
<b>Des Moines</b>	Yoshiko Grace Matsui	Harry Steinmetz
<b>Duvall</b>	Ronn Mercer	Paul Adair
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Jan Martinelli
<b>Federal Way</b>	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Susan Honda
Hunts Point	Joe Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Kelly Jiang
<b>Kenmore</b>	Eric Adman	Nathan Loutsis
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
<b>Kirkland</b>	Shilpa Prem	Kelli Curtis
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Tracy Furutani	Larry Goldman
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Syd Dawson	Dana Parnello
Medina	Michael Luis	Jessica Rossman
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Wendy Weiker	Julie Hsieh
<b>Milton</b>	Jason Roberts	Bruce White
<b>Newcastle</b>	Paul Charbonneau	Andy Jacobs
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
<b>North Bend</b>	Errol Tremolada	Mark Joselyn
<b>Pacific</b>	Vic Kave	
<b>Redmond</b>	Melissa Stuart	Vikek Prakriya
<b>Renton</b>	Ruth Pérez	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Debbie Treen	Josh Amato
SeaTac	Peter Kwon	Mohamed Egal
<b>Shoreline</b>	Laura Mork	
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Louis Washington	Dan Murphy
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Dennis Martinez
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
<b>Yarrow Point</b>	Katy Kinney Harris	

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

## Attachment B: Chat Log

19:06:55 From Leah Willoughby, SCA (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

They can please use the public link!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82856191652?pwd=c9Ve0VJNE4znlk2tafBEO9aJ4pdRUa.1>

19:19:11 From Dax Tate, SCA (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Intros - Name, Title, City, # of yrs on city council, # of yrs on PIC

19:28:33 From Tamie Deady, Black Diamond to Hosts and panelists:

sorry had to step out. my dad took a fall. I am Tamie Deady City of Black Diamond Mayor Pro Temp. Council member for 15 years. pic member for 13 years.

19:32:30 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila CM to Hosts and panelists:

So far, the Hot Sheet is a GREAT idea!

19:35:23 From Sarah Moore, Burien to Hosts and panelists:

Is there a way to connect new people to a mentor?

19:37:30 From Dax Tate, SCA (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

We don't have an established process for that, but we are always happy to help facilitate connections!

19:38:24 From Melissa Stuart, Redmond to Hosts and panelists:

@Mayor Moore: I'm happy to visit Burien and answer any questions you might have. I'd love to learn more about your city!

19:40:08 From Sarah Moore, Burien to Hosts and panelists:

Melissa Stuart 1000% yes please!

19:40:59 From Tola Marts, Issaquah DCP to Hosts and panelists:

Crib notes are going to be sooooo helpful in generating muni feedback!

19:57:06 From Tracy Taylor, Auburn to Hosts and panelists:

I love that @billboyce

19:57:48 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila CM to Hosts and panelists:

I would like to transition to more in-person meetings.

20:20:48 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Everyone:

What issues are important to your city council this year?

What regional issues – or shared city challenges - do you think would benefit from discussion at PIC?

What items would you like to learn more about in trainings/lunch-and-learns and Pre-PICS?

20:24:39 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila CM to Hosts and panelists:

Behavioral Health

Protections for immigrant community

Human services

Economic development

Surveillance and privacy in a world with flock and ring cameras

AI

New technology in transportation - especially aerospace vehicles  
Housing solutions that address lowest capacities  
Job creation/opportunity sharing

20:32:27 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://soundcities.org/2025-sca-legislative-agenda/>

20:53:15 From Robert Feldstein, SCA (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you all! Looking forward to working with this incredible group in the coming year!

20:53:17 From Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island to Hosts and panelists:

Nice work Lydia and SCA team; thank you!

20:54:01 From Sam Harrison, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks!



March 11, 2026  
SCA PIC Meeting

**Item 6:**  
Regional Board and Committee Appointments  
**ACTION**

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**Staff Contact**

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**SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members**

Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton, Chair; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Ronn Mercer, Duvall; Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond

**Action**

The PIC Nominating Committee met on March 5, 2026 to recommend mid-2026 SCA Board and Committee Appointments for consideration by the PIC. The PIC is anticipated to take action at the March 11, 2026 PIC meeting to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors, who will consider PIC's recommendations at their meeting on March 18, 2026.

**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 for 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 March 5, 2026 to review applications for vacancies on the following committees:

- Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council
- Greater Seattle Partners
- HealthierHere Governing Board
- Joint Recommendations Committee
- King County Flood Control District
- King County Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1
- Disability Retirement Board
- Local Hazardous Waste Program MCC
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Committee
- Regional Transit Committee

The PIC Nominating Committee recommendations are included in [Attachment A](#) .

Additional review is underway for the appointments to the Greater Seattle Partnership (GSP) and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Committee (PSCAAAC), and we anticipate further information at the April 2026 PIC meeting.

### **Next Steps**

Following action by the PIC, recommendations will be forwarded to the SCA Board for final approval at their next meeting on March 18, 2026.

## 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Member			

### Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Member	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Alternate	Claire Sumadiwirya	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Christina Rustik	North Bend	SnoV

### Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N
Member	Victoria Schroff	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

### Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	James Alberson	Renton	S
Alternate	Michelle Evans	Woodinville	N
Alternate	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S

### Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N
Member	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	John Tymczyszyn	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Alex Andrade	Burien	S
Alternate	Paula Goode	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Lisa Stirgus	Auburn	S

### Greater Seattle Partners

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member			

### Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Cat Cotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Kate Kruller	Tukwila	S
Alternate	Valerie Snider	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	John Herbert	Maple Valley	S

### Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Member	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Kate Baldwin	Auburn	S
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV
Alternate	Lisa Wissner-Slivka	Clyde Hill	N
Alternate	Marli Larimer	Kent	S

### HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Sharn Shoker	Kent	S
Alternate	Trina Ternes	Milton	SV

## 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

### Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S
Member	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Alternate	Sun Burford	Newcastle	N
Alternate			

### King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Member	Tracy Furutani	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Rocco DeVito	Burien	S
Alternate	Kevin Nichols	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Deborah Treen	Sammamish	N

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV
Alternate	Darcey Peterson	Black Diamond	SV
Alternate			

### KC Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Betsy Robertson	Shoreline	N

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Alternate			

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

### PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Katy Harris	Yarrow Point	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV

### PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Mark Mullet	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

### PSRC Operations Committee

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

## 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

### PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Ruth Pérez	Renton	S
Alternate	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N

### Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Steve Sinwell	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Eric Zimmerman	Normandy Park	S
Member	Carmen Rivera	Renton	S
Member	Suzan Torguson	North Bend	SnoV
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S

### Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV

### Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Larry Goldman	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Vishal Bhargava	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Julie Hsieh	Mercer Island	N
Alternate	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV

### Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Member	Dave Hamilton	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

### Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

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

### Key

New Appointment

Alternate to Member

**SCA Public Issues Committee – March 11, 2026 – Item 7 – Attachment A**

**Draft SCA Policy Position on KCTD Revenue Proposal**

**Summary**

As the King County Transportation District (KCTD) considers new transportation revenues, SCA recognizes both the needs of unincorporated roads and the challenges that countywide sales taxes create for cities. As a result, SCA believes that any proposal should include funding for cities and, to the extent permissible, city involvement in the process for allocating funds.

**Policy Context**

1. KCTD is considering new revenue options, primarily a 0.1% councilmanic sales tax and/or a 0.2% voter-approved sales tax, for unincorporated roads and King County Metro.
2. City residents depend on unincorporated roads for work, commerce, and recreation, and these roads face significant and pressing funding challenges; However, unincorporated roads make up only 20% of roads in the county. Residents also depend on King County Metro, but Metro’s funding challenges are less immediate.
3. City budgets are highly constrained, and cities are already limited in their ability to fund critical transportation projects.
4. Countywide sales tax collection creates further pressures on the ability of cities to fund these projects; 95% of sales tax collection occurs in incorporated cities, and the cumulative countywide tax burden contributes to tax fatigue in cities.
5. Sharing revenue from a countywide KCTD revenue proposal is not unprecedented: a 2014 sales tax proposal included 40% for King County’s Road Services Division and cities based on population. This proposal did not pass.
6. As the region looks for long-term, structural solutions to transportation funding challenges, SCA is concerned about an overreliance on the use of sales tax; Sales taxes are regressive and make our region less affordable for residents.

**SCA Policy Priorities**

1. Any countywide revenue proposal from KCTD should include funding for cities.
2. To the extent permissible under KCTD governance, cities should be involved in the decision-making process for allocating funds generated by a KCTD sales tax.

## Item 7:

### King County Transportation District Sales Tax

#### ***POTENTIAL EMERGENCY ACTION***

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##### **Discussion**

At the March PIC meeting, members will receive a briefing on the King County Transportation District potential sales tax increase. **SCA staff have prepared language for a potential emergency action to respond to the KCTD sales tax decision.** [Attachment A](#) details the draft policy statement for review and amendment by PIC.

Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs) are independent governments that fund and implement transportation improvements. The King County Transportation District (KCTD) is the county-wide TBD, governed by the nine King County Councilmembers. On February 25, the KCTD discussed potential revenue options to fund the county's Road Services Division and Metro Transit, including a 0.1% councilmanic sales tax.

Under state law, the TBD Boards can impose a 10-year, 0.1% sales tax without voter approval and are not required to consult or seek input from other jurisdictions or governing bodies, such as the Regional Policy Committee. The 0.1% sales tax would be imposed countywide and would be in addition to the TBD sales tax, and vehicle license fees, currently imposed by the 22 King County jurisdictions with their own TBDs.

##### **Transportation Benefit Districts**

Washington state law ([RCW 36.73](#)) allows the creation of local Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs), which are independent governments created to fund and implement transportation improvements. TBDs may be established by the legislative authority of a county or city, and they can encompass territory within a jurisdiction's boundaries, the boundaries of multiple jurisdictions, or a portion of the territory within a jurisdiction's boundaries ([RCW 36.73.020](#)).

State law gives TBDs access to several funding sources, including councilmanic and voter approved sales tax. TBDs have access to a total of 0.3% in increased sales tax, of which 0.1% can be imposed by the TBD Board, and 0.2% requires a popular vote after approval by the TBD ([RCW 82.14.0455](#)).

Although other TBD funding sources can only be used for specific development projects or for defined geographic areas, the sales tax can be used for general transportation improvements within the boundaries of the TBD. According to state law ([RCW 36.73.015](#)), transportation

improvement projects may include, “investment in new or existing highways of statewide significance, principal arterials of regional significance, high capacity transportation, public transportation, and other transportation projects and programs of regional or statewide significance including transportation demand management,” and the operation, preservation, and maintenance of those transportation facilities or programs.

**King County Transportation District**

King County has a TBD, the King County Transportation District (KCTD). The KCTD encompasses the geographic boundaries of King County and is governed by a Board of Supervisors comprised of the nine King County Councilmembers.

In addition to King County, 22 cities in the county have TBDs. The table below includes the list of cities, when they were established, whether they have been assumed into city government, and their sales tax rate:

City	Established	TBD Assumed into City Government?	Sales Tax
Auburn	2011	✓	0.10%
Black Diamond	2015	✓	
Bothell	2015		
Burien	2009	✓	
Covington	2013	✓	0.30%
Des Moines	2008	✓	
Duvall	2015	✓	0.20%
Enumclaw	2013		0.10%
Issaquah	2018		0.10%
Kenmore	2012	✓	
Kirkland	2014	✓	
Lake Forest Park	2008	✓	0.10%
Maple Valley	2012	✓	0.10%
Mercer Island	2014	✓	
Normandy Park	2013	✓	
North Bend	2011	✓	0.20%
Pacific	2016	✓	0.10%
Redmond	2023	✓	0.10%
Renton	2023	✓	0.10%
Seattle	2010	✓	0.15%
Shoreline	2009	✓	0.20%
Snoqualmie	2010	✓	0.30%

**Past proposals**

KCTD has considered three revenue proposals in the past:

- In February 2014, KCTD placed a 10-year, countywide funding measure on the April ballot. This proposed a \$60 vehicle license fee and 0.1% sales tax, with 60% of the revenues raised going to Metro and 40% split based on population between King County (Road Services Division) and the 39 cities to be used for roadway improvements (this would have amounted to roughly 35% of the net revenue for cities). This measure was not approved.
- In March 2020, KCTD met to discuss placing a countywide 0.2% sales tax on the ballot for transit funding measure, but discussions were tabled due to the pandemic.
- In 2025, KCTD proposed a countywide, 10-year, 0.1% sales and use tax for transportation improvements, with revenues distributed equally between the Road Services Division (Roads) and the Metro Transit Department (Metro). SCA wrote a letter raising concerns about limited public engagement and the high number of new taxes and levies under consideration in 2025, and in the ensuing months, KCTD agreed to suspend the proposal. In the months since, KCTD board members (King County councilmembers) have engaged with SCA on a potential path forward.

**New Revenues Under Consideration**

At its February 25, 2026 meeting, KCTD received briefings on the funding needs of the county’s Road Services Division (RSD), which maintains unincorporated roads, and of King County Metro. Both face significant cuts if new funding is not identified, although the timeline for RSD is much more immediate.

KCTD also received a briefing on potential revenue options. While the conversation focused primarily on a councilmanic sales tax, the four primary options are summarized below:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Voter Approval Needed?</b>	<b>Maximum Rate</b>	<b>Maximum Term</b>	<b>Stackable with local TBDs?</b>
<b>Councilmanic Vehicle License Fee</b>	No	\$50* <i>(over time, in increments of \$20, \$20, \$10)</i>	No restriction	No
<b>Voted Vehicle License Fee</b>	Yes	\$100	No restriction	Yes
<b>Councilmanic Sales Tax</b>	No	0.1%	10 years <i>(can be bonded, but TBD must vote to renew every 10 years)</i>	Yes
<b>Voted Sales Tax</b>	Yes	0.2%	10 years <i>(plus 2nd 10 years with vote, can be longer if bonded)</i>	Yes

The county estimates that a 0.1% sales tax would generate roughly \$101.4 million per year. It should be noted that this sales tax would cover all areas – incorporated and unincorporated – and data from 2024 shows that 56.8% of sales tax revenue comes from SCA cities, 39% comes from Seattle, and 4.2% comes from unincorporated King County. More details on possible revenue sources can be found in the KCTD Board’s meeting materials [here](#).

**Legislative Authority**

While a 0.2% sales tax would require voter-approval, a 0.1% sales tax can be implemented by KCTD and does not require review by regional committees, local jurisdictions, the County Executive, or other governing bodies. The KCTD Board alone has the authority to approve this councilmanic sales tax. In the future, if the KCTD decides for King County to assume its duties, then its responsibilities and funding authority will be managed by the Executive, Council, and regional committees as set forth in the King County Charter. Some local TBDs, including Seattle’s, have been assumed into their local government. However, for now, the KCTD remains an independent government and will contract with King County for implementation of services, should the sales tax be imposed.

**Timeline**

If KCTD wishes to place a funding measure on the ballot to be considered by voters, it would need to be submitted to King County Elections by May 1 for the August 4 election, or August 4 for the November 3 election.

The Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) allows sales taxes to take effect three times per year depending on the date of notification. The dates for 2026 are summarized here:

<b>Final Date for DOR to receive information from KCTD</b>	<b>Sales Tax Collections Begin</b>
April 17, 2026	July 1, 2026
October 16, 2026	January 1, 2027
January 16, 2027	April 1, 2027

In order for collection of a 0.1% sales tax to begin in 2026, KCTD would need to approve and transmit information to DOR by April 17. While KCTD has not yet scheduled a second meeting, staff have indicated plans for a meeting in March and/or April in order to vote by the April 17 deadline.

**Potential Emergency Action for March PIC**

SCA staff have compiled a policy statement for PIC to review and amend at the March PIC meeting. **Please refer to [Attachment A](#) and confer with your city councils to review the language and propose amendments during the meeting.** The timeline and steps for emergency action are detailed below.

***TIMELINE***

**Wednesday 3/11**

**March PIC meeting**

*Emergency Action*

**Declaring Emergency Action:** 85% of those present at the March PIC meeting may vote to declare this issue an emergency. The issue may then be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting.

**Discussion & Amendments:** Amendments to the draft policy statement can be made at this time.

PIC votes to recommend the final statement to the Board for approval. A vote of two thirds (2/3) is necessary to advance the policy statement to the Board for approval.

**Wednesday 3/18**

**March Board meeting**

The Board of Directors reviews the policy statement as drafted and amended by PIC and makes the final decision to adopt the letter.

### **Next Steps**

If approved by the SCA Board of Directors, the policy statement will be sent to the King County Transportation District (KCTD). Questions and comments can be directed to SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate at [dax@soundcities.org](mailto:dax@soundcities.org) or (206) 321-2353

**Item 8:**  
Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative

***DISCUSSION***

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**Discussion**

At the March PIC meeting, representatives from the Housing Development Consortium (HDC) are providing information regarding a potential regional initiative to fund affordable housing development in King County.

HDC is initiating early discussions about a countywide affordable housing levy to address King County's housing needs. **HDC is seeking early input on the feasibility and fundamentals of a potential affordable housing levy.** The conversation has been initiated with a group that includes King County, Seattle, and SCA member city leadership, along with affordable housing developers and other partners. HDC is willing to continue these discussions directly with cities and welcomes feedback on how to expand their outreach and engagement throughout this process. Development of an affordable housing levy is in the earliest stages and may be planned for a 2027 or 2028 ballot.

**King County Housing Needs Assessment**

The question of how to fund affordable housing has been a persistent regional challenge, and SCA has underscored the importance of accurate, data-driven analysis to fully understand and respond to the need. The King County [Housing Needs Assessment \(HNA\)](#) provides insights into the scope of the issue and the challenges this region faces. The HNA details data and analysis for all jurisdictions and unincorporated King County, including a breakdown of geographical subareas. These data were collected and analyzed to help guide the King County comprehensive planning process, and includes the following information:

- King County population and household characteristics;
- housing supply;
- racially disparate impacts from land use and housing practices;
- housing needs for specific populations;
- existing strategies and gaps in meeting housing needs;
- zoning and land capacity for housing; and
- making adequate provisions for housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

Summarizing the report and understanding King County’s housing needs leads to the following conclusions:

- King County needs about 172,000 new homes affordable to low-income households over the next 20 years. The affordability, size, and location of those homes are primary factors, as well as closing racial and accessibility disparities.
  - Affordability: Housing needs are greatest for households with incomes below 50% AMI and for populations that need deeply affordable and supportive housing
  - Location: There is a need for equitable distribution of affordable housing production near jobs and transit
  - Space: There is an outstanding need for larger rental units to reduce overcrowding faced by larger, low-income households
  - Equity: There are persistent and systemic disparities in housing outcomes based on race and disability

### **Potential Countywide Affordable Housing Levy**

To close the gaps identified by the HNA, HDC is leading early discussions regarding a potential countywide affordable housing levy. At the March PIC meeting, HDC is seeking early input on the feasibility and fundamentals of a potential affordable housing levy.

The conversation has been initiated with a group that includes King County, Seattle, and SCA member city leadership, along with affordable housing developers and other partners. HDC is willing to continue these discussions directly with cities and welcomes feedback on how to expand their outreach and engagement throughout this process.

### **Affordable Housing Levy RCW Authorization**

In October 2020, Washington state authorized [RCW 84.52.105](#), allowing a jurisdiction to impose additional regular property tax levies to finance affordable housing. The table below describes the uses of levies under RCW 84.52.105.

<b>Affordable Housing Levy RCW 84.52.105</b>	
<b>Purpose/Use</b>	Very Low-Income Affordable Housing Affordable Homeownership, repair & foreclosure prevention
<b>AMI Levels</b>	Below 50% AMI for rental Below 80% AMI for homeownership
<b>Levy Amount</b>	Up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value
<b>Collection Duration</b>	Up to 10 consecutive years

<b>Property Tax Rate Limits</b>	Subject to “\$10 Constitutional Limit” for total state & local levies (\$10 / \$1,000 AV) <u>Not</u> subject to \$5.90 statutory limit for aggregate local levies (\$5.90 / \$1,000 AV)
<b>Other Details</b>	Declaration of Emergency required

**Additional Considerations**

*County Levy Landscape*

Development of an affordable housing levy is in the earliest stages and is being planned for a 2027-2028 ballot. HDC has utilized SCA’s levies and ballot measures tracker to strategize the timing of the affordable housing levy. The recent levies are detailed in the table below.

**King County Levy Landscape 2025 - 2027**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Measure</b>
<b>Passed in 2025</b>	Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Levy renewal Parks Levy renewal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy renewal Mental Illness & Drug Dependency (MIDD) 0.1% sales tax renewal
<b>2026</b>	Potential KCTD 0.1% sales tax increase – King County Roads Division (councilmanic)
<b>2027</b>	Planned Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Levy renewal
<b>Future</b>	<i>Potential KCTD 0.2% sales tax increase – King County Metro (voter-approved)</i> <i>King County Library System (KCLS) Levy Lid Lift</i>

*Seattle Levy Landscape*

- *Seattle Property Tax Legal Limit:* The City of Seattle is approaching the legal property tax limit of \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value; Seattle’s current property tax is \$2.95/\$1,000 AV.
- *Seattle Housing Levy:* The City of Seattle established an affordable housing levy in 1986. The levy was last renewed in 2023, providing a seven-year extension.

**Next Steps**

SCA staff will continue engaging in these early discussions on behalf of PIC and SCA member cities.



**Item 9.a:**  
Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues

This memorandum provides an overview of key issues scheduled for discussion on regional boards and committees to inform the Public Issues Committee and support proactive engagement and policy alignment.

***The SCA policy staff have identified the following issues for consideration by PIC as potential items for discussion:***

- **PSRC Transportation Policy Board:** Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
  - Submit RTP feedback to PSRC by the March 12 TPB meeting to allow time for review and possible incorporation. The planned final vote to approve will take place at the PSRC General Assembly meeting in May.
- **Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC):** Sewer Rates
  - RWQC is in the middle of setting the 2027 sewer rate and capacity charge. The Wastewater Treatment Division has proposed a 12.75% increase to the monthly sewer rate. RWQC will consider adopting a rate response letter at their April 1 meeting. The Executive’s proposed sewer rate will be transmitted to King County Council on April 23 and acted on by the Council in June. The SCA RWQC Caucus has suggested that SCA submit a rate response letter, which would be discussed at the April PIC meeting and potentially approved at the May PIC meeting.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the SCA staff assigned to the committee; SCA staff assignments can be found on the [SCA website](#) .

Committee	SCA Caucus	Next Meeting	Upcoming Issues
<b>Regional Policy Committee (RPC)</b>	<b>Caucus Chair:</b> Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn <b>Caucus Vice Chair:</b> Councilmember Jay Arnold, Kirkland  Councilmember Lynne Robinson, Bellevue; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation	April 8	The March RPC meeting has been cancelled.

<p><b>Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board (TPB)</b></p>	<p><b>Caucus Chair:</b> Councilmember Jay Arnold, Kirkland;  <b>Caucus Vice Chair:</b> Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way;    Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent;  Councilmember Peter Kwon, SeaTac; Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton</p>	<p>Mar 12</p>	<p>Reviewing and incorporating feedback on Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with planned final vote in late May. Reviewing federal priorities and project selection process for 2027.</p>
<p><b>Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)</b></p>	<p>Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline</p>	<p>Mar 13</p>	<p>Briefings and discussions on the 2027 Solid Waste Rate, comprehensive solid waste management plan, curbside organics and recycling, waste acceptance rule update. Possible action on an advisory committee letter on King County Title 10 Legislation.</p>
<p><b>Local Hazardous Waste Program Management Coordination Committee (MCC)</b></p>	<p>Councilmember John Boyd, Kent</p>	<p>Mar 17</p>	<p>Briefings on performance and financial updates, operating structure assessment, legislative report, annual report, regional engagement and outreach. Executive session on household hazardous waste facilities, capital assets, and service level/facility improvements.</p>
<p><b>King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC)</b></p>	<p><b>Caucus Chair:</b> Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine, Renton  <b>Caucus Vice Chair:</b> Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland    Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way; Councilmember Toni Troutner, Kent; Councilmember Tracy Taylor, Auburn; Councilmember JC Harris, Des Moines; Councilmember Pamela Stuart, Sammamish; Councilmember Larry Goldman, Lake Forest Park; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation; Councilmember Vishal Bhargava, Bellevue.</p>	<p>Mar 18</p>	<p>RTC will receive a briefing on KCTD and its latest revenue proposals.</p>
<p><b>Board of Health (BOH)</b></p>	<p>Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Victoria Schroff, Maple Valley; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation</p>	<p>Mar 19</p>	<p>Briefings on unpermitted food vending, Hazardous Waste Management Program, Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, life expectancy and mortality rates of Black males, King County Regional Homelessness Authority. Possible action on resolution in recognition of World Tuberculosis Day.</p>
<p><b>King County Regional Law, Safety, &amp; Justice Committee (RLSJC)</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland; Councilmember Zandria Michaud, Kent; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Steve Sinwell, Clyde Hill; Mayor Eric Zimmerman, Normandy Park; Councilmember Carmen Rivera, Renton;</p>	<p>Mar 26</p>	<p>Regional Gun Violence Youth Ambassador Program Presentation</p>

	Councilmember Suzan Torguson, North Bend; Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way		
<b>KCRHA Governing Board</b>	Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Issaquah; Mayor Betsy Robinson, Shoreline	Mar 27	Review proposal to start a Finance Committee, responsible for providing financial oversight, ensuring fiscal health, maintaining internal controls, and providing informed recommendations to the Governing Board regarding the financial status of KCRHA.
<b>Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline <b>Vice Chair:</b> Mayor Jessica Rossman, Medina  Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien; Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton, Bellevue; Councilmember Hanan Amer, Auburn; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond	Apr 1	Regional Wastewater Services Plan update discussions, sewer rate and capacity charge discussions and response letter
<b>Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)</b>	Mayor Nigel Herbig, Kenmore; Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Deputy Mayor Dana Parnello, Maple Valley; Councilmember Lindsey Walsh, Issaquah; Councilmember Annette Ademasu, Shoreline; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Councilmember Claire Sumadiwiry, Bellevue; Councilmember Christina Rustik, North Bend	TBD	Briefing: King County Countywide Housing Needs Assessment policy implications Briefing: 2026 Financial and policy outlook



**Item 9.b:**  
Levies and Ballot Measures

The upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures are below. PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.

Upcoming Ballot Measures – King County				
Year	Month	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2026	TBD	King County Library System levy lid lift	TBD	KCLS staff are exploring options for a possible levy lid lift  No longer scheduled for 2026.
2027	TBD	Best Starts for Kids levy renewal	TBD	Scheduled renewal for BSK levy

Upcoming Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Election	City	Measure	Proposal
2026/2027	Yarrow Point	Public Safety Levy	TBD

Upcoming Ballot Measures - Special Districts			
Election	Special District	Measure	Proposal
TBD	Covington	Parks District	TBD – Fact-finding stage

Other Renewals – King County		
Year	Renewal	Status Update

**Item 9.c:**  
2026 PIC Work Plan

This document provides a look ahead at upcoming topics for PIC meetings. The PIC work plan is a living document, subject to change as issues arise or are identified for discussion. **Items listed below are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.**

Month	Agenda Items	Potential Topics
March	<p><b>POTENTIAL EMERGENCY ACTION:</b> Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative</p>	<p><i>Countywide Levies/Levy Follow-Up</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIDD III Implementation Plan</li> <li>• King County Transportation District Tax - 0.2% voter-approved tax for King County Metro</li> </ul>
April <i>In-Person Meeting</i>	<p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> Sewer Rate Response Letter</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> State Legislative Session Review</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> SCA Flood Response Survey Results</p>	<p><i>Utilities/Utility Affordability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Utility Affordability Rate Summit follow-up</li> <li>• Solid Waste Long Term Disposal Plan</li> </ul>
May	<p><b>POTENTIAL ACTION:</b> Sewer Rate Response Letter</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Guiding Principles</p>	<p><i>Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organics Rulemaking</li> <li>• Regional Wastewater Services Plan</li> </ul>
June	<p><b>POTENTIAL ACTION:</b> Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Guiding Principles</p>	<p><i>Public Safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigent Defense</li> <li>• Transit Safety</li> <li>• Gun Violence Prevention</li> </ul>
July		<p><i>Emergency Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Response</li> </ul>
August		<p><i>Regional Committees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSRC Representation</li> </ul>
September	<p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> State &amp; County Legislative Agendas</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> 2027 Appointments Briefing</p>	<p><i>Identified by PIC Members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use regulations</li> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Behavioral health</li> <li>• Protections for immigrant communities</li> </ul>

<b>October</b>	<b>ACTION:</b> State & County Legislative Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Economic development</i></li> <li>• <i>Human services</i></li> <li>• <i>Local areas/regional assets (e.g., SeaTac airport expansion; North Bend trucking facilities)</i></li> </ul>
<b>November</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Surveillance and privacy, related to Flock and Ring cameras</i></li> <li>• <i>AI and technology</i></li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<b>ACTION:</b> 2027 Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Criminal Justice Sales Tax</i></li> <li>• <i>Flood response &amp; emergency management</i></li> <li>• <i>Regional utility rates</i></li> </ul>