SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION

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# SCA Board of Directors

## AGENDA

October 21, 2026

**Renton City Hall**

10 AM – Noon

1) **Call to Order –** President Pavone

2) **Approval of Agenda** — 2 Minutes

3) **Public Comment**

4) **Consent Agenda** — 3 Minutes
   a. Minutes of the September 16, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting — Attachment 1
   b. Financial Reports of August 2026 — Attachment 2-3

   ***Recommended Action: Approval of the consent agenda, including the minutes of the September 16, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of August 2026***

5) **President's Report –** President Pavone — 5 Minutes

6) **Executive Director's Report –** Executive Director Robert Feldstein — 10 Minutes

7) **King County Executive Meeting Group Report -** Executive Director Robert Feldstein — 10 Minutes

8) **Treasurer's Report –** SCA Treasurer Thomas McLeod — 5 Minutes
   September 22, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Materials
   a. Sponsorship Update — Attachment 4
   b. Draft 2026 SCA Budget — Attachment 5
   c. Other Updates

9) **PIC Chair's Report –** PIC Chair Lydia Assefa-Dawson — 30 Minutes
   October 14, 2026 Public Issues Committee Meeting Materials
   a. Appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members
   b. Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update
   c. SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities — Attachments 6-7

   ***Recommended Action: Approval of the 2027 SCA State Legislative Agenda and 2027 SCA County Priorities***

10) **City Manager's Report** – CM/CA Representative Scott MacColl — 5 Minutes — Attachment 8

**11) 2027 Board Nominating Committee** – President Armondo Pavone — 5 Minutes

***Recommended Action: Appointment by President Pavone of members to the 2026 SCA Board Nominating Committee***

**12) Discussion Items/Updates** — 40 Minutes

a. RAM and Partner Engagement and Participation — Attachment 9
b. Call for Nominations Update
c. SCA Winter Break
d. Other Updates

**13) Informational Items**

a. 2027 Board Elections and Board Leadership — Attachment 10

**14) For the good of the order** — 5 Minutes

**15) Adjourn**

**Upcoming Events/Dates**

1. AWC Districts 7 and 13 Meeting & SCA Fall Event – October28 – 5:30 – 8:00 PM – Maplewood Greens, Renton Register on AWC Website Here
2. King County Elections Floor Tour – October 30 – 1 – 3:00 PM – King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 Register Here
3. Veterans Day – November 11 – SCA Offices Closed
4. SCA Annual Meeting – Evening of December 2 – Museum of Flight
5. SCA PIC Meeting – **November 4** – 7 – 9:00 PM – Virtual – **schedule change due to federal holiday**
6. US Digital Partners Lunch & Learn – November 13 – Details TBA
7. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – November 18 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Bellevue City Hall

# 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

# SCA Board of Directors

**DRAFT Minutes**

September 16, 2026

**Bellevue City Hall**

1) **Call to Order**

SCA President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Dana Ralph, Thomas McLeod, Angela Birney, Scott MacColl, Lynne Robinson, Amy McHenry, Annette Ademasu, Tom French, Sean Kelly, Tola Marts, and Lydia Assefa-Dawson; and staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Dax Tate, Aj Foltz and Amanda Hebert. Absent was member Troy Linnell.

2) **Approval of the Agenda**

President Pavone called for any amendments to the agenda. There were none.

3) **Public Comment**

President Pavone asked if there were any written public comments submitted. Hearing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

4) **Consent Agenda**

President Pavone asked for any questions or concerns regarding the items on the Consent Agenda. There were none.

**Birney moved, seconded by Assefa-Dawson, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the July 15, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of June 2026 and July 2026. The motion passed unanimously.**

5) **President's Report**

SCA President Pavone reminded the board that appointments would be opening soon encouraged members to apply and to share the opportunity with their councils. Pavone reported on the multiple regional discussions SCA has been involved with, including early conversations on the Best Starts for Kids Levy and the potential affordable housing levy. Pavone thanked the SCA Legislative Committee for their work on the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & Country Priorities, which are now at PIC for review and amendments.

6) **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Robert Feldstein provided updates on KCTD as well as the Transit Safety Workgroup and the Steering Committee. Feldstein reported on the upcoming call for nominations for 2027 SCA Regional Boards and Committees. He asked for assistance from the board in encouraging their electeds to apply. Feldstein shared the Microsoft AI Training that SCA staff will be participating in during the month of October. He also mentioned that he would like to extend the opportunity to the cities, allowing one intergovernmental or other staff from each city to attend as well.

**7) King County Executive Meeting Group Report**

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein presented topics discussed from the Executive Meeting, including the preview of the budget and concerns; information on the Best Starts for Kids levy, and concern around AI.

**8) Treasurer's Report**

a. Sponsorship Update

SCA Treasurer McLead reported on sponsorships invoiced and payments received since the last meeting of the Board. SCA Treasurer McLeod presented the total invoices is $91,000 and the total received being $79,500. Executive Director Robert Feldstein mentioned additional updates on acquiring new sponsors and asked for the Board to provide assistance if they are able with some of the sponsors who have not responded recently.

b. Retirement Program Update

SCA Treasurer McLeod discussed the Special Finance Committee meeting that was held on Friday, September 11th, to review proposed SCA staff retirement program. SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby discussed the retirement plan in more detail to provide insight before approval. Robert Feldstein clarified how the transition from the previous collection of retirement funds to the new retirement program.

***Birney moved, seconded by Ralph for approval for SCA to move forward with the new retirement plan, as recommended by the SCA Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.***

c. Other Updates

SCA Treasurer McLeod did not have any further updates for the Board.

**9) PIC Chair's Report**

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson reported on the June 10, 2026 PIC Meeting.

a. Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson presented the updates discussed during the PIC meeting. She mentioned that Marissa Chavez, the Directors of Policy and Innovation for the King County Executive, presented on the work of the Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein mentioned that there is still not a unified and cohesive plan; SCA is waiting for a more cohesive plan before making any decisions and reacting.

b. SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson reported on the discussion of the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda as well as the County Priorities documents during the Public Issues Committee, and that PIC offered initial feedback for these documents. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein asked for comments to be presented to PIC to be submitted in written form.

Ballot Initiatives Roundtable Discussion

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson reported on the discussion on the Ballot Initiatives Roundtable Discussion agenda item. This was an opportunity for PIC members to speak on upcoming levies and ballot measures with SCA staff. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein commended the work being done by SCA Policy Analyst AJ Foltz in this area.

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson thanked the Board for their questions and thanked SCA staff for their work.

**10) City Manager's Report**

City Manager Representative Scott MacColl reported on the City Managers/City Administrators meeting, which was a joint meeting with Snohomish County. Topics included: presentation from WSDOT staff on WSDOT Projects – How WSDOT works with jurisdictions; presentation from Issaquah and Kirkland staff on cybersecurity and combatting ongoing attacks; and a roundtable discussion on revenue challenges.

**11) Regional Staff Committees**

SCA Senior Policy Analyst AJ Folts reported on a vacancy on the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) Growth Management Planning Council caused by a member leaving their city position, and potential replacement member from the city.

***Birney moved, seconded by Robinson to approve the appointment of Becky Frye to the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) Growth Management Planning Council. The motion passed unanimously.***

**12) Discussion Items/Updates**

a. Boundary Review Board

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the allotted seats on the Boundary Review Board and the distribution of those seats; how the process has been handled in the past; and potential SCA involvement. Staff will continue to update and take feedback and direction from the Board.

***Birney moved, seconded by Ralph to approve SCA supporting the King County Boundary Review Board in the work of supporting mayoral appointees on a biannual and as-needed basis. The motion passed unanimously.***

b. 2027 PIC Meetings

This discussion item was brought for discussion as requested by the Board at their July meeting. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein briefly reviewed the format of PIC minutes over the last few years, and asked the Board for direction regarding the format for 2027.

***Marts moved, seconded by Kelly to direct the SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC) to meet every other meeting in person, with the intention of being fully in-person for 2028. The motion passed unanimously.***

c. 2027 Caucus Meetings/Board Elections Format

SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby presented the details for the upcoming Caucus meetings. She asked for direction on timing and format. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein provided additional details to inform discussion.

d. Legislative Committee Strategy

SCA Senior Policy Analyst AJ Foltz discussed the strategy for the 2027 legislative committee. She provided information on the role and the importance of the State Legislative Committee. An open

discussion on this committee was then held with the Board about the value, as well as how these meetings can be run in the future, including the frequency of these meetings.

e. Other Updates

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein asked the board for direction regarding commenting to cities attendance of PIC representatives and Alternates at monthly meetings. Discussion was held on this issue for the board to provide guidance on this.

SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby briefly reported on the the timing and process for the upcoming Board elections and 2027 Board Leadership. She noted that the 2027 Board Nominating Committee would be appointed at the October 2026 Board meeting.

**13) For the Good of the Order**

Executive Director Robert Feldstein mentioned the possibility of working with the keynote speaker, President of the University of Washington Robert J. Jones, and that they could be a good partner in the future.

Birney expressed concern for the elections update with mail-in ballots. She mentioned that the community needs to be uniformed about changes in the mail in ballots.

**14) The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.**

# SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION | Balance Sheet

**As of August 31, 2026**

| | Total |
|---|---|
| 1110 Mechanics Bank | 67,234.50 |
| 1120 Mechanics Bank - Money Market | 1,194,516.42 |
| 1130 PayPal Bank | 0.00 |
| **Total Bank Accounts** | **$ 1,261,750.92** |
| **Total Accounts Receivable** | **$ 16,215.00** |
| 1140 Investments - Time Value | 353,158.44 |
| 1145 Accrued Interest Receivable | 849.11 |
| 1499 Undeposited Funds | 0.00 |
| 1550 Prepaid Expenses | 0.00 |
| Other Current Asset | 0.00 |
| **Total Other Current Assets** | **$ 354,007.55** |
| **Total Current Assets** | **$ 1,631,973.47** |
| Total 1400 Fixed Assets | **$ 0.00** |
| **Total Fixed Assets** | **$ 0.00** |
| Other Long-term Assets | 0.00 |
| **Total Other Assets** | **$ 0.00** |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **$ 1,631,973.47** |
| **Total Accounts Payable** | **-$ 2,362.31** |
| 2200 Mechanics Bank Credit Card | 5,205.59 |
| **Total Credit Cards** | **$ 5,205.59** |
| **2300 Accrued Payroll** | 18,875.50 |
| 2110 Federal Withholding | 0.00 |
| 2111 Direct Deposit Liabilities | 0.00 |
| 2405 FUTA | -169.51 |
| 2410 SUI | 1,431.37 |
| 2122 Company | 0.00 |
| 2124 Employee | 0.00 |
| Total 2415 FIT, SS, Medicare - 941 | **$ 8,439.68** |
| 2420 L&I | 1,131.95 |
| 2425 WA Paid Family & Medical Leave | -199.24 |
| 2426 WA Cares | 210.32 |
| 2439 Temporary Retirement Holdings Payable | 89,960.14 |
| 2450 Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Ins | 300.51 |
| 2460 Accrued Vacation Pay | 17,535.07 |
| 2480 Voluntary Ancillary Other | 16.98 |
| 2499 Payroll Corrections | 173.01 |
| **Total 2400 Payroll Liabilities** | **$ 133,007.94** |
| 2510 Accrued Liabilities - Contractor Payments | 0.00 |
| **Total 2500 Accrued Liabilities** | **$ 0.00** |
| **2600 Deferred Revenue** | 0.00 |
| **Total Other Current Liabilities** | **$ 151,883.44** |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **$ 154,726.72** |
| **Total Liabilities** | **$ 154,726.72** |
| 3110 Equipment Purchase Reserve | 15,000.00 |
| 3120 Operations Reserves | 558,750.00 |
| 3130 Contractual Obligations Reserve | 50,088.00 |
| 3140 Legal Reserves Fund | 25,000.00 |
| **Total 3100 Board Designated Reserves** | **$ 648,838.00** |
| **3200 Board Designated Contra** | -648,838.00 |
| **3300 Fund Balance (Prior Years)** | 1,037,735.21 |
| **3999 Opening Bal Equity** | 0.00 |
| **Net Income** | 439,511.54 |
| **Total Equity** | **$ 1,477,246.75** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** | **$ 1,631,973.47** |

# SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION | Profit & Loss Report by Month

**January-August, 2026**

| | Aug 2026 | Total | Budget | Remaining | % Remaining |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1010 Member Dues | | 988,900.00 | 988,900 | 0 | 0% |
| 1020 Membership/Sponsorships | | 90,000.00 | 90,000 | 0 | 0% |
| 1030 Registration/Dinners Revenue | (245.00) | 8,760.00 | 22,500 | 13,740 | 61% |
| 1040 Interest Income | 4,680.00 | 27,700.31 | 15,600 | -12,100 | -78% |
| 1150 CC Points Redeemed Credit | | 525.00 | 500 | -25 | -5% |
| **Total Income** | **4,435.00** | **1,115,885.31** | **1,117,500** | **1,615** | **0%** |
| **Gross Profit** | **4,435.00** | **1,115,885.31** | | | |

| | | | Budget | Remaining | % Remaining |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total 5100 Salaries** | **57,950.02** | **434,846.82** | **692,892** | **258,045** | **37%** |
| 5210 Taxes-FUTA | 0.00 | 112.58 | 270 | 157 | 58% |
| 5220 Taxes-SUTA | 512.21 | 6,344.96 | 6,834 | 489 | 7% |
| 5230 Taxes - FICA, Medicare - 941 | 4,488.23 | 33,823.47 | 51,398 | 17,575 | 34% |
| 5240 Taxes - L & I | 128.58 | 1,047.30 | 1,746 | 699 | 40% |
| 5250 Taxes-FMLA | 469.68 | 1,384.01 | 4,578 | 3,194 | 70% |
| **Total 5200 Payroll Taxes** | **5,598.70** | **42,712.32** | **64,826** | **22,114** | **34%** |
| 5311 Temp. Retirement Contribution Holdings | 3,219.68 | 24,278.42 | 38,600 | 14,322 | 37% |
| **Total 5310 Pension/Retirement Contributions** | **3,219.68** | **24,278.42** | **38,600.00** | **14,321.58** | **37%** |
| 5320 Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Ins | 6,765.96 | 49,950.88 | 98,227 | 48,276 | 49% |
| 5330 Professional Development | 0.00 | 1,169.64 | 9,000 | 7,830 | 87% |
| 5345 ED Car Allowance | 250.00 | 3,750.00 | | | |
| 5346 Staff Travel Expenses | 187.68 | 2,565.02 | | | |
| **Total 5340 Travel Reimbursement** | **437.68** | **6,315.02** | **11,000** | **4,685** | **43%** |
| 5350 PFML – Employer Paid Employee Share | 0.00 | 2,155.47 | 0 | -2,155 | |
| **Total 5300 Staff Benefits** | **10,423.32** | **83,869.43** | **156,827** | **72,958** | **47%** |
| **Total 5000 Staff** | **73,972.04** | **561,428.57** | **914,545** | **353,116** | **39%** |
| 6100 Rent | 67.52 | 22,896.16 | 34,255.00 | 11,358.84 | 33% |
| 6200 Office Insurance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 100% |
| 6310 Copier/Printer Lease & Maint | 587.44 | 3,074.96 | 3,700.00 | 625.04 | 17% |
| 6320 Outside Printing & Publication | 0.00 | 669.41 | 2,400.00 | 1,730.59 | 72% |
| **Total 6300 Printing and Publication** | **587.44** | **3,744.37** | **$ 6,100.00** | **$ 2,355.63** | **39%** |
| 6420 Website Design/Hosting | 567.00 | 4,588.98 | 6,800.00 | 2,211.02 | 33% |
| 6430 IT Equipment | 0.00 | 2,895.69 | 6,000.00 | 3,104.31 | 52% |
| 6440 Software/Subscriptions | 622.16 | 7,139.51 | 8,500.00 | 1,360.49 | 16% |
| 6450 Incidental IT Consulting | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 100% |
| **Total 6400 IT** | **1,189.16** | **14,624.18** | **$ 23,800.00** | **$ 9,175.82** | **39%** |
| 6500 Cell Phone Service | 282.38 | 2,200.81 | 4,000.00 | 1,799.19 | 45% |
| 6600 CC, Banking & Other Fees | 10.00 | 500.70 | 500.00 | -0.70 | 0% |
| 6700 Accounting Fees | | 0.00 | 16,800.00 | 16,800.00 | 100% |
| 6800 Legal Fees | | 2,493.04 | 10,000.00 | 7,506.96 | 75% |
| 6900 Office Supplies / Misc. | 398.40 | 1,420.53 | 3,000.00 | 1,579.47 | 53% |
| **Total 6000 Office / Overhead** | **2,534.90** | **47,879.79** | **$ 99,355.00** | **$ 51,475.21** | **52%** |
| 7100 Food/Beverage/Rentals | 3,000.00 | 18,393.05 | 40,000.00 | 21,606.95 | 54% |
| 7200 Event Pmts Processing Fee | | 347.56 | 1,200.00 | 852.44 | 71% |
| **Total 7000 Event Expenses** | **3,000.00** | **18,740.61** | **$ 41,200.00** | **$ 22,459.39** | **55%** |
| 8110 D&O Insurance | | 1,933.00 | 2,200.00 | 267.00 | 12% |
| 8120 Cyber Security Insurance | | 380.00 | 700.00 | 320.00 | 46% |
| **Total 8100 Liability Insurance** | **0.00** | **2,313.00** | **$ 2,900.00** | **$ 587.00** | **20%** |
| 8200 Awards / Recognition | 104.86 | 1,001.49 | 2,500.00 | 1,498.51 | 60% |
| 8300 Retreats/Mtgs/Conf/Dues/Events | 1,370.87 | 8,189.99 | 12,000.00 | 3,810.01 | 32% |
| 8400 Consultants/Special Projects | | 8,647.28 | 20,000.00 | 11,352.72 | 57% |
| **Total 8000 Board / Org Development** | **1,475.73** | **20,151.76** | **$ 37,400.00** | **$ 17,248.24** | **46%** |
| 9000 Contingency Fund | 226.56 | 226.56 | 25,000.00 | 24,773.44 | 99.09% |
| Bad Debt Write Off | | 25,111.61 | | | |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies | | (0.03) | | | |
| **Total Expenses** | **81,209.23** | **673,538.87** | **$ 1,117,500.00** | **$ 443,961.13** | **40%** |
| **Net Operating Income** | **(76,774.23)** | **442,346.44** | | | |
| Investment returns | (235.79) | (3,474.78) | | | |
| Processing Fees Recouped | | 269.51 | | | |
| **Total Other Revenue** | **(235.79)** | **(3,205.27)** | | | |
| **Net Other Income** | **(235.79)** | **(3,205.27)** | | | |
| **Net Income** | **(77,010.02)** | **439,141.17** | | | |

## 2026 Sponsorship Payment Tracking

*highlighted have been invoiced and are not yet paid*

| Sponsorship Level | Sponsor/Entity | Invoiced Month | Amount Invoiced | Paid Month | Amount Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Regional Associate Member | 4Culture | September 2026 | $ 500.00 | September 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Amazon | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | July 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | AWC | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | March 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Boeing | June 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | August 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Event - Annual Meeting | Boeing | June 2026 | $ 2,500.00 | August 2026 | $ 2,500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Cedar Grove | August 2026 | $ 500.00 | September 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | EMC Research | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | August 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Ezee Fiber* | May 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | July 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Foster Garvey | May 2026 | $ 500.00 | June 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Gordon Thomas Honeywell | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | March 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Jenoptik* | March 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Kaiser Permanente* | July 2026 | $ 500.00 | September 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | KC Dept of Assessments | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | February 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | King County Elections | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | April 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | King County Housing Authority* | June 2026 | $ 500.00 | | |
| Regional Associate Member | King County Library Systems | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | March 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Langton Public Affairs | February 2026 | $ 500.00 | February 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Lumen | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | | |
| Partner | Marketing Solutions | n/a | $ - | In-Kind | $ - |
| Partner | Microsoft | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Partner | Port of Seattle | February 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | March 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Partner | Puget Sound Energy | March 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | July 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Event - Summer Social | Puget Sound Energy | June 2026 | $ 2,500.00 | | |
| Regional Associate Member | Republic Services | June 2026 | $ 500.00 | | |
| Partner | Seattle King County Realtors | February 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | March 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Partner | Seattle Metro Chamber | June 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | | |
| Regional Associate Member | Symetra* | June 2026 | $ 500.00 | July 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Partner | Sound Transit | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | Throne Labs* | July 2026 | $ 500.00 | August 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Verizon* | April 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | August 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| Regional Associate Member | W2A* | June 2026 | $ 500.00 | July 2026 | $ 500.00 |
| Partner | Waste Management | February 2026 | $ 6,000.00 | August 2026 | $ 6,000.00 |
| | | | | | |
| **Totals** | | | **$ 91,000.00** | | **$ 81,000.00** |
| | *New Sponsor | | | | |

**To Be Invoiced 2026**

| Sponsorship Level | Sponsor/Entity | Invoice | Amount to Invoice |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| Totals | | | $ - |

**2026 Results**

| | |
|---|---|
| **University of Washington** | Meeting 9/22 |
| **T-Mobile** | Coffee scheduled 9/17 |
| **Starbucks** | Coffee, 5/27; last contact - invite to summer social |
| **Alaska Airlines** | Coffee, 7/17; last contact - invite to summer social |
| **Monument Advocacy** | Last contact 8/20 |
| **Ceis, Bayne, & East** | Coffee 6/5; Last contact 6/8 |
| **PACCAR Inc.** | Stalled; have not met with |
| **Ziply Fiber** | Stalled; have not met with |
| **Kaiser Permanente** | New RAM |
| **King County Housing Authority** | New RAM |
| **Throne** | New RAM |
| **Washington 2 Advocates** | New RAM |
| **Symetra** | New RAM |
| **Jenoptik** | New Partner |
| **Verizon** | New Partner |
| **EZEE Fiber** | New Partner |

| KEY |
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| Forward looking - still scheduling |
| Have met, in contact, but no commitment |
| Have not been able to engage |
| Have said no |
| New RAM |
| New Partner |

**Other Sponsor Connections:**

Reconnected with EMC Research
Reconnected with KC Elections
Trying to connect with Comcast
Trying to connect with Lumen

| WORKING DRAFT 2027 BUDGET | | | | | 2026 Adopted Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |
| **City Member Dues** | | | | $1,004,525 | | *$988,900* |
| **Membership/Sponsorships** | | | | $105,000 | | *$90,000* |
| **Registration/Dinners Revenue** | | | | $22,000 | | *$22,500* |
| **Interest Income** | | | | $43,500 | | *$15,600* |
| **CC Points** | | | | $700 | | *$500* |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | | | | **$1,175,725** | | ***$1,117,500*** |
| | | | | | | |
| | Salaries | | | $731,200 | | *$692,892* |
| | Payroll Taxes | | | $74,560 | | *$64,826* |
| | | FUTA | $260 | | *$270* | |
| | | SUTA | $10,210 | | *$6,834* | |
| | | FICA/Medicare | $54,060 | | *$51,398* | |
| | | L&I | $3,180 | | *$1,746* | |
| | | WA PFML | $6,850 | | *$4,578* | |
| | Benefits | | | $166,520 | | *$156,827* |
| | | Retirement Plan Contributions | $39,400 | | *$38,600* | |
| | | Med/Dental/Vision/Life | $106,120 | | *$98,227* | |
| | | Prof. Development | $9,000 | | *$9,000* | |
| | | Travel Reimb./Car Allowance | $12,000 | | *$11,000* | |
| **Total Staff** | | | | **$972,280** | | ***$914,545*** |
| | | | | | | |
| | Rent | | | $35,104 | | *$34,255* |
| | Office Insurance | | | $1,000 | | *$900* |
| | Printing/Reproduction | | | $9,100 | | *$6,100* |
| | | Copier/Printer Lease & Maint. | $4,100 | | *$3,700* | |
| | | Outsourced Printing/Publications | $5,000 | | *$2,400* | |
| | IT Expenses | | | $26,400 | | *$23,800* |
| | | Website Design/Hosting | $7,000 | | *$6,800* | |
| | | IT Equipment | $7,500 | | *$6,000* | |
| | | Software/Subscriptions | $9,400 | | *$8,500* | |
| | | Incidental Consulting | $2,500 | | *$2,500* | |
| | Cell Phone Service | | | $4,200 | | *$4,000* |
| | CC, Bank, Other Fees | | | $1,000 | | *$500* |
| | Accounting | | | $5,000 | | *$16,800* |
| | Legal | | | $10,000 | | *$10,000* |
| | General Office Supplies & Equipment | | | $4,500 | | *$3,000* |
| **Total Office/Overhead** | | | | **$96,304** | | ***$99,355*** |
| | | | | | | |
| | Event Food/Bev/Rentals | | | $36,000 | | *$40,000* |
| | Event Processing Fees | | | $1,300 | | *$1,200* |
| **Total Event Expenses** | | | | **$37,300** | | ***$41,200*** |
| | | | | | | |
| | Liability Insurance | | | $3,400 | | *$2,900* |
| | | D&O Insurance | $2,500 | | *$2,200* | |
| | | Cyber Security Insurance | $900 | | *$700* | |
| | Awards/Recognition | | | $3,500 | | *$2,500* |
| | Retreats/Meetings/Events/Conferences/Dues | | | $17,000 | | *$12,000* |
| | Consultants/Special Projects | | | $20,000 | | *$20,000* |
| **Total Board/Org. Development** | | | | **$43,900** | | ***$37,400*** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Contigency Fund** | Contingency Fund | | | $25,000 | | *$25,000* |
| | | | | | | |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | | | | **$1,174,784** | | ***$1,117,500*** |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Income minus Expenses | $941 | | | |

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**SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda**
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**The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the Washington State Legislature to adopt an equitable approach to policymaking that empowers cities to meet their unique challenges.** SCA appreciates the state's work to address city needs in 2025, including the adjustment of HB 2015 public safety funding requirements and the passage of SB 6110 to clarify e-bike definitions and establish a taskforce. SCA looks forward to early and frequent collaboration in these areas and the priorities below.

## Local Budget Sustainability

**SCA cities advocate for policies that strengthen local revenue authority and increase funding flexibility for essential local government services to support long-term fiscal health.** SCA cities face persistent and growing budget challenges as revenue sources fail to keep pace with inflation, economic uncertainty, and increasing service demands.

*SCA supports:*

- Preserving existing revenue-sharing provisions across state policies, balancing the state budget without shifting costs to cities, and no new unfunded mandates;
- Expanding and reforming local revenue tools, including transportation benefit districts, short-term rental taxes for affordable housing, and lifting the property tax cap;
- Providing cities with more flexible and equitable funding options that are not tied solely to local retail activity and can better support a range of local government services; and,
- Developing a long-term fiscal sustainability framework that offsets revenue losses, shares revenue, and keeps pace with inflation and service demands.

## Fund & Support Indigent Defense Services

**SCA cities require sustained state funding, workforce development, and guidance to meet the new indigent defense caseload standards,** which are expected to significantly strain local budgets and operations. The projected cost increase for surveyed SCA cities is nearly 700% over ten years, with Washington's local funding model disproportionately impacting cities with the most indigent defense cases.

*SCA supports:*

- State funding for most—if not all—public defense to ensure equity and stability; and,
- Policies that strengthen the public defense workforce.

**Expand Access for Public Safety Local Options**

**SCA cities support the creation and preservation of a local option toolbox for public safety and the flexibility to allocate funds based on local priorities.** While cities appreciate the sales tax authority and Public Safety Funding Program grants established by ESHB 2015, additional funding sources and flexibility are needed to effectively meet local public safety needs.

*SCA supports:*

- Maintaining cooperation between the Criminal Justice Training Commission and cities to ease eligibility requirements; and,
- Increasing support for ongoing public safety workforce needs and alternative crisis response programs.

**Support Local Housing Priorities**

**SCA cities strongly support inclusionary zoning and other local housing tools that have successfully increased the number of affordable housing units in cities.** Following the 2024 Comprehensive Planning process, cities are working diligently towards the set targets and request the following changes to meet state and local housing goals. The state, however, continues to pass conflicting legislation that impedes this work.

*SCA supports:*

- Clarifying that the HB 1220 obligation to plan for and accommodate growth by income level is a planning-level responsibility, rather than a requirement to identify funding;
- Providing adequate time for cities to implement and measure the success of existing regulations before requiring new changes;
- Utilizing performance management strategies to assess the effectiveness of housing regulations to support efficient housing development;
- Recognizing state housing requirements come with additional needs for infrastructure to accommodate growth, including water, sewer, transportation, and other essential public facilities, with particular consideration that it is cost-prohibitive to the desired development; and,
- Collecting local, regional, and statewide housing data and sharing with cities and counties to aid reporting requirements.

**Foster Economic Development**

**SCA cities support fiscally sustainable policy approaches that encourage equitable economic growth and business investment.** The state should prioritize stable and reliable revenue sources that balance fiscal needs with the potential impacts on cities, residents, and local economies.

*SCA supports:*

- Implementing a proactive economic development strategy that encourages investment and job growth in communities across Washington;
- Expanding economic development resources, particularly for small cities with limited capacity to pursue opportunities for growth; and,
- Strengthening state-local fiscal partnerships to ensure cities have the resources needed to serve growing communities.

**Utility Affordability**

Cities are on the frontlines where ratepayers are impacted, often directly providing utility services to ratepayers and maintaining local infrastructure or partnering with utility districts for those services. **SCA cities ask the state to collaborate with utility agencies to explore data-driven regulatory approaches that achieve measurable environmental outcomes while mitigating ratepayer burden.**

*SCA supports:*

- A data-driven regulatory approach that ensures that infrastructure investments deliver meaningful environmental or public health benefits; and,
- Coordinating regulatory requirements to prevent and reduce stacking of requirements that contribute to upward rate pressure on ratepayers
- Policies that shift the costs of end-of-life management of various products from ratepayers and local governments to producers via extended producer responsibility (EPR).

**Fund & Support Local Transportation Priorities**

**SCA cities ask the state to provide flexible options for funding local transportation.** Cities face a major transportation funding gap: the Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Transportation Plan shows a 45% shortfall for cities compared to much lower gaps for counties and WSDOT.

*SCA supports:*

- State transportation revenue that preserves and improves on local revenue sharing and provides funding for preservation, maintenance, operations, and safety improvements, particularly in rural or underserved areas;
- Exploration of a sustainable alternative to the gas tax, such as a Road Usage Charge or Highway Use Fee; and,
- Creation of flexible local funding options to address growing infrastructure demands.

**Modernize Liability Laws to Protect Cities and Taxpayers**

**Like the state, SCA cities face rapidly escalating liability costs that strain budgets and jeopardize essential services.** SCA supports balanced, statewide liability reforms that ensure fair compensation for injured parties while preventing municipalities and taxpayers from bearing disproportionate financial burdens.

*SCA supports:*

- Updating joint liability statutes to ensure that financial responsibility is proportional to actual fault;
- Reforming the calculation of medical damages by allowing only actual amounts paid or owed rather than inflated, billed charges; and,
- Promoting fairness and transparency in jury awards by ensuring that any stated amounts of non-economic damages presented to a jury are directly tied to evidence.

**Supporting Small City Priorities**

**SCA advocates for state legislation that recognizes the unique circumstances and priorities of small cities.** Limited budgets and staff capacity can make it difficult for small cities to implement state regulations, and increasing administrative requirements diverts resources from delivering essential local services. Addressing these considerations will not only support small cities but also strengthen outcomes for cities of all sizes.

*SCA supports:*

- Strengthening coordination between state agencies to better align affordable housing, land use, and environmental regulations;
- Evaluating the cumulative impacts of existing state requirements on local staff capacity, and allow additional time as needed, before changing or imposing additional regulatory or administrative obligations; and,
- Reducing and streamlining reporting requirements under the Growth Management Act to improve administrative efficiency and allow staff to focus on core city responsibilities.

**Supporting Clean Air Agencies**

Local clean air agencies are the primary point of contact for cities on air quality enforcement, monitoring, forecasting, and community education. State funding was cut by 65% in 2025 - a reduction of $1.6 million statewide. Cities are already seeing impacts, including reduced complaint response, scaled-back monitoring, and decreased community education.

*SCA supports:*

- Restoring the $1.6 million cut through the Department of Ecology; and,
- Establishing a stable, long-term funding source.

**SCA Legislative Guiding Principles**

**SCA supports legislation that aligns with the following guiding principles:**

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

**SCA 2027 County Priorities**
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SCA appreciates King County's increased engagement with cities over the past year, particularly through early involvement in the affordable housing levy discussions and the 2027 Best Starts for Kids levy renewal. **Building on this progress, SCA encourages continued early and ongoing collaboration with cities on regional decisions that affect local communities.** This commitment should apply across County policies, plans, funding decisions, and initiatives, as well as the specific areas below.

**Transparency in Land Use Strategies & Decision-Making**

Following the 2024 Comprehensive Plan development process, **SCA cities are focused on utilizing growth management strategies to streamline the creation of affordable housing in their communities.** Cities look to King County to set the direction and regional strategy to reach these goals, while allowing cities to adapt these strategies to match their community's needs.

*SCA supports:*

- Ensuring new and ongoing housing, transportation, behavioral health and other King County initiatives such as Breaking the Cycle are integrated into the regional land use and growth management vision in the Countywide Planning Policies; and,
- Collaborating with SCA representatives on the Growth Management Planning Council to ensure local perspectives are included in the comprehensive regional growth strategy.

**Coordination on Transportation Priorities**

Residents rely on an interconnected transportation system that requires city, county, and state cooperation to function. **SCA cities appreciate King County's partnership as the region works to address emerging issues around safety, funding, access, and more.**

*SCA supports:*

- Continued partnership in implementing the solutions identified by the Regional Transit Safety Task Force;
- City engagement in implementation of the King County Transportation District's 0.1% sales tax Road Services Division, particularly around spending and reporting requirements for the City Transportation Improvement Program;
- City input as the King County Transportation District develops a possible future funding measure for King County Metro; and,
- Ongoing work to expand transit access for rural areas and underserved populations in King County.

**Utility Affordability & Planning**

**SCA cities remain committed to ongoing engagement to ensure utility rates remain sustainable and affordable for residents.** Cities are particularly interested in mitigating rate increases while ensuring long-term sustainability of local and regional utility systems.

*SCA supports:*

- Continued collaboration following the 2025 Regional Utility Rate Summit, including a second Summit on the compounding impacts of rate increases and rate relief strategies;
- Investing in infrastructure to ensure long-term sustainability of utility systems to protect public and environmental health while balancing ratepayer needs;
- A comprehensive rate-setting approach that factors in the cumulative impacts of multiple rate increases on households in King County; and,
- Long-range financial forecasting to promote stability for ratepayers and local partners.

**Public Safety Funding**

Rising costs in public safety, particularly abrupt or unexpected price increases for contracted county services, pose significant challenges for city budgets. **SCA cities request greater involvement in decision-making related to public safety funding** to ensure they are consistently engaged in and adequately prepared for any potential changes.

*SCA supports:*

- Engagement with cities during the public safety contracting process to ensure mutual communication of potential rising court fees and other costs and city priorities;
- Incorporating a phased-in approach for cities to implement rate changes where possible; and,
- Aligning city and county public safety funding priorities where possible, including allocation of House Bill 2015 (2025 Session) funds.

**Supporting Small City Priorities**

**SCA supports county-level policies and partnerships that recognize the unique challenges of small cities.** Countywide requirements can have a disproportionate impact on small cities, primarily due to staff capacity and budget constraints. Progress toward housing goals is also influenced by factors beyond a city's control, including the availability of transit, healthcare, and other essential services that support affordable housing growth. Addressing the following considerations will not only support small cities but also strengthen implementation outcomes for all King County jurisdictions.

*SCA supports:*

- Increasing communication, engagement, and collaboration with small cities throughout the King County Affordable Housing Committee's 5-year annual reporting and assess & adjust period;
- Promoting greater collaboration between small cities and King County to advance coordinated engagement with the Washington State Legislature; and,
- Reducing reporting requirements throughout the comprehensive planning review process.

**KING COUNTY CITY MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS**
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
10:00 to 11:30 AM

VIRTUAL ONLY
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82029103514?pwd=dKraEzNA6OZmZ2mY8fVn19oIr6kQ5K.1
Meeting ID: 820 2910 3514 Passcode: 284377

**10:00 AM** **A. Welcome and Introductions**
- Marty Wine, Tukwila City Administrator

**10:15 AM** **B. King County Regional Homelessness Authority**
- William Towey, Chief Operating Officer
- The 2026 Reset, status of Contract Transitions
- Q&A

**11:00 AM** **C. Future Meeting Topics**

**11:15 AM** **D. Partner Updates**
- SCA – Robert Feldstein, Executive Director, Sound Cities Association
- AWC – Candice Bock, Director of Government Relations, AWC
- WCMA – Katrina Knutson, WCMA President, City Administrator, City of Gig Harbor

**11:30 AM** **E. Adjourn**

**WCMA Virtual Training Opportunity**
**Why an Agenda Is Not Enough: What Drives Effective Leadership Meetings**
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Cost: FREE (for WCMA Members only)
Registration is open

**WA-OR Dinner at ICMA Conference**
**Ballast Point - Portside Patio**
**110 N Marina Dr., Long Beach, CA**
**Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM**
**Sign up to attend!**

**Purpose:** I am looking for some guidance or "rules of thumb" for how to engage with our sponsors so that it feels mutually beneficial. I want to strike a balance between making sponsor engagement feel valuable – but not exploitive – to our members while also providing a good value proposition to our sponsors. Ideally, I want to develop an approach that I can continue to offer to additional potential appropriate partners.

**Background**

In addition to our member cities, SCA has members (a mix of companies, governmental offices, and potentially nonprofits) who pay at one of two levels to be part of SCA. The two levels are:

- **Regional Associate Member** (RAM) - $500 per year
    - Invited to SCA events and included on mailing lists;
    - Listed on SCA website;
    - Receive member prices for networking events; and
    - Called out for recognition at our Annual Meeting (and first networking event as a member).

- **Partner** - $6,000 per year
    - Receive two complimentary tickets for networking events and member pricing on additional tickets;
    - Option to participate on the SCA Events Committee;
    - Co-hosting forums on a specific topic jointly selected by SCA and the Partner; and
    - Ability to attend special Partner-only events with our SCA Board.

  Note: Either a Partner or a RAM can sponsor an SCA event for an addition $2,500.

And while not a hard-and-fast rule, I generally think of our sponsors falling into three large categories:

- **Largest regional employers/industries** (Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing, etc.) – Have large presence across our cities, both through facilities and where employees live; often have their own interest at the State and sometimes County level that occasionally align with those of our cities.
- **City-facing businesses** (Waste Management, PSE, Jenoptik, Throne, Cedar Grove, etc.) – Cities are one of their largest client groups, so engagement gives a chance to support business development and retention. The connections through SCA help address both smaller specific issues (e.g., who do I call to help solve this issue in Maple Valley?) and larger questions (we care about the County's policy on solid waste, and want you to know what we think).
- **Local Affiliates** (KC Libraries, KC Elections, King Conservation District, etc.) – Similar to "city-facing businesses," the nature of their work inherently involves cities. However, they are not necessarily looking for "business development;" but rather to build city connections to both help with solving local issues, and for when they do have a larger issues or asks (including raising a levy or rate).

Ideally, the advantages to our city members include:

- **Connections** with the staff of important regional players to help cities solve problems;

- **Awareness** of local existing and new services;
- **Understanding** of opportunities and challenges companies face; and
- E**ducation** about broader issues (e.g., what's happening in energy, solid waste, etc.)

**The Question**

Some actions are easy, such as inviting sponsors to events or helping to direct a business to the right city staff – but others feel a bit trickier. Here are a few examples:

- **Cedar Grove and rulemaking.** Cedar Grove has asked for cities to weigh in on state rulemaking for organics (i.e., compost). They believe the potential state changes (raising purity standards) would raise rates, which they know is a city concern. While there is agreement on parts of what Cedar Grove are advocating, there is not 100% alignment across our cities or with King County Solid Waste. The first time they asked, we distributed their draft letter, and a few cities used it to send in comments, while other cities asked why we were weighing in. We hesitated the second time to send out a form letter for cities to use. It feels like a few options would be:
    - Forward a note that is from Cedar Grove that tells cities to contact them for more information (including – or not including – the draft letter);
    - Try to mail out a balanced document, with some of the counterpoints also being raised;
    - Say any such action needs to be discussed at PIC; (although time doesn't always allow…);
    - Suggest that SCA membership helps companies build city connections, so that at such moments, those companies have the ties to individually reach out.

- **PSE & BESS Safety Conference.** Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are dominating discussion in some of our cities, with residents fighting proposed facilities in or near their city based on issues of process, land-use, and safety. Until now, PSE – who would ultimately use the facilities – was not directly involved, and the contractors (e.g., Jupiter) were leading community engagement. That approach hasn't gone well. PSE is now engaging more directly, and exploring putting on a conference about the safety aspects with national experts. They would like to partner with SCA. We have cities that are "leaning-in" on BESS and others that are actively opposed (at least for facilities near them). But everyone understands that safety is an issue.
    - Is it appropriate for SCA to work with PSE to help craft the event and generate interest?
    - Should SCA only host a "balanced" event? Who decides what's appropriate counter-programing?
    - In general, should a decision to co-host an event go through some formalized process?

- **Throne Lab inspired Lunch and Learn on Preventing Vandalism.** Throne Lab (new semi-mobile toilet service) has been very interested in trying to engage cities. With no remaining events to sponsor this year, they want to host a lunch and learn. The rule has been that it must be educational, not just a sales

pitch, and they've come back with a proposal to do a presentation on preventing and addressing vandalism. It's part of their brand, but there are some larger lessons for cities. We're going to make this panel with Sound Transit and/or Metro who face similar issues and have lessons to share with cities.

- Was it appropriate for SCA to find a pairing that "diluted" the presentation, and so made it possible?

- **Large Employers and State Taxes Letter.** During the 2025 legislative session, many of the state's larger business interests (including several SCA Partners) were actively opposing some new potential state taxes. Microsoft and the Metro & Bellevue Chambers hosted an event for several mayors about the challenges of the new tax, and interest in aligning. The City of Bellevue had already drafted a letter, and there was interest in more cities signing on. Since I knew that at least a few cities were already signing on, I distributed to all cities, which led to a few more signatures. At the same time, there were other city elected officials supporting those same taxes.
    - While SCA didn't take a position, it did facilitate access for one position. Was that appropriate?

**Discussion:**
While I think it would be great to develop some clear rules on what SCA does and doesn't do, I'm not sure how realistic that is. I'd love to get the board's thoughts and guidance on what makes sense, what raises concerns, and if there are any clear lines you would draw. I might then try and draft some informal guidelines for future reference.

*Some guiding questions:*

- One advantage of SCA is that smaller/midsize cities have the chance to engage on issues that might otherwise not come to their attention, so I lean towards sharing information. My gut rule is that if I know (can reasonably assume) at least few cities agree and would be interested, I feel comfortable sending out, even if some also might be opposed. Does that feel like a reasonable standard?
- What responsibility does SCA have to share "all sides" of an issue versus one perspective?
- Does the idea have to be one that originates from the cities? Or, could it be a new idea that cities might respond positively to?
- Does SCA sponsorship give company access to just the individuals – come to SCA events, do the work, meet the people, then follow-up? Or, should it also include occasional opportunities for SCA to share information with our cities on their behalf (e.g., Verizon First Responder Expo had four or five Sound Cities attend). Does that vary by the issue?

# 2026 Sponsorship Levels

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) represents cities in King County, Washington, with a population of under 150,000. In total, our cities have over 1.3 million residents and are over half of King County's population and economy. We are an incredibly diverse region that include several of the largest companies in the United States; centers of industry, technology, tourism, and farming; some of the most diverse cities in the country; and more. SCA acts as a unified voice for regional governance, advocacy, and mutual support to build better communities. Our work is strengthened by regional employers and agencies who attend our networking events, provide education and opportunities, and partner in addressing the region's challenges.

## Regional Associate Membership – $500:

This is the basic membership level for entities other than King County cities. Regional Associate Members are invited to attend all SCA networking events, are listed on the SCA website, and are called out for recognition at our Annual Meeting as well as at the first networking event as a member.

## SCA Partner – $6,000:

This is the highest tier membership level for entities other than King County cities. SCA Partner level sponsorship comes with many benefits available only to SCA Partners, including:

- ✓ Prominent placement of the organization's name and logo on promotional materials for each SCA networking event for the year
- ✓ Prominent placement of the organization's name and logo on the SCA website for the entire year
- ✓ Ability to display promotional materials at each SCA event
- ✓ Two complimentary tickets to each SCA networking event, and discounted rate for additional attendees
- ✓ Special recognition and thanks from SCA board members at all SCA networking events
- ✓ Ability to participate in SCA Events Committee, and other partnerships with staff and elected officials
- ✓ Co-hosting forums on a specific topic jointly selected by SCA and the Partner for elected officials on issues of relevance to member cities
- ✓ Availability of SCA staff for consultation as needed
- ✓ Ability to attend special Partner-only events with our SCA Board

## Networking Event Sponsorship – $2,500:

A Regional Associate Membership or Partner Membership is requisite for event sponsorship. We typically have between 75 and 150 attendees at our events, most of whom are local elected officials from our 37 cities. There are no other venues in the region where organizations can connect directly with so many elected officials. *Note: there are a limited number of event sponsorships available each year.*
Event sponsors also receive the following benefits:

- Prominent placement of the organization's name and logo on promotional materials for the event;
- Prominent placement of the organization's name and logo on the SCA website registration page in the month leading up to the event;
- Ability to display promotional materials at event, including signage/banner and logo on video display;
- Ability to address the attendees during the event for up to five minutes, to promote organization; and
- Special recognition and thanks from SCA board members at the event.

For more information, please email our Executive Director, Robert Feldstein, at robert@soundcities.org

## 2026 SCA Sponsors






## 2026 SCA Regional Associate Members






Agenda

**Current Caucus Board Member Terms**

Highlighted seats are up for election for 2027.

| Caucus | Name | City | Term Exp. | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | Annete Ademasu | Shoreline | 2026 | 1st year of short term, exp. 12/2026 – eligible for reelection |
| North | Tom French | Lake Forest Park | 2026 | 1st year of short term, exp. 12/2026 – eligible for reelection |
| North | Lynne Robinson | Bellevue | 2027 | 1st Year of First Term |
| North | Tola Marts | Issaquah | 2027 | 1st Year of First Term |
| South Valley | Troy Linnell | Algona | 2027 | 1st Year of Second Term |
| South | Armondo Pavone | Renton | 2026 | Seat Open (full term) - moving to Past President |
| South | Thomas McLeod | Tukwila | 2026 | 2nd Year of short term - eligible for reelection |
| South | Dana Ralph | Kent | 2027 | 1st Year of Second Term |
| South | Sean Kelly | Maple Valley | 2027 | 1st Year of First Term |
| Snoqualmie Valley | Amy McHenry | Duvall | 2027 | 1st Year of First Term |

***Seats selected by other means:***

| Caucus | Name | City | Term Exp. | Status | Process |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Immediate Past President | Angela Birney | Redmond | 2026 | Rotates off | To be filled by 2026 President Pavone |
| PIC Chair | Lydia Assefa-Dawson | Federal Way | 2026 | 1st 1-year Term. Eligible to serve 2nd 1-year term. | Elected at the December PIC Meeting. |
| CM Rep | Scott MacColl | Auburn | 2026 | 1st 1-year Term. Eligible to serve 2nd 1-year term. | Elected at the first City Manager/City Administrator meeting of 2027 |

**Process and Timeline for Board Elections and Board Leadership Elections**

1. **Board Nominating Committee is appointed at the October Board meeting. The Board Nominating Committee makes recommendations for Board Leadership.**
2. **In Mid-December, Board elections are held at annual Caucus meetings.**
3. **The Board Nominating Committee makes their recommendations for Board Leadership at the December 2026 Board meeting.**
4. **2027 Board Leadership are elected at the first Board meeting of 2027.**