1. Welcome and Roll Call
PIC Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 24 cities had representation (Attachment A). Chair Marts invited the audience members to introduce themselves. Guests present included: Councilmember John Holman, Auburn; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Councilmember Tamie Deady, Black Diamond; Mayor Jim Berger, Carnation; Councilmember Bob Jeans, Snoqualmie; Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac; AJ McClure, City of Bellevue staff; Maria Wood, Public Health – Seattle & King County staff; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Michael Murphy, King County staff.

2. Public Comment
Chair Marts asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Marts closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the November 16, 2016 Minutes
Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to approve the November 16, 2016 PIC minutes as amended.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair’s Report
Chair Marts reflected that six years ago, as a new Councilmember, he expressed interest in getting involved regionally, and PIC provided an excellent vehicle for getting involved. He noted that Issaquah had a tradition of regional involvement through former Mayor Ava Frisinger. He noted that he especially appreciated the discussions at PIC, and valued learning from other cities.

He noted that there is a two-way flow of information at PIC. The staff reports help members to understand issues, and to bring back information to their own cities and get feedback. Those city discussions then inform PIC discussions at future meetings.

Chair Marts noted the Best Starts for Kids levy as an example of where feedback from PIC members helped to shape the regional debate, and make significant improvements which then in turn allowed cities to be able to support the levy.
5. Executive Director’s Report
Dawson introduced SCA staff, highlighting areas of policy work and encouraging members to contact staff as questions or concerns arise on policy issues. Staff contact information is included in each PIC memo.

Dawson reported that the SCA Board of Directors will participate in its annual retreat this Friday, January 13.

Dawson invited members to attend the first networking dinner of 2017, which is scheduled for next Wednesday, January 18. King County Executive Dow Constantine will be the keynote speaker.

Dawson reported that the 2017 Appointee Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 at SeaTac City Hall. In addition to committee updates from regional leaders, SCA Board members will also speak about the roles and responsibilities of SCA appointees. Dawson invited PIC members to attend.

Dawson announced that there will be a pre-PIC workshop prior to the February 8 PIC meeting on best practices for PIC members.

6. Welcome of New Members and Introduction to PIC
Chair Marts welcomed members and asked new members to introduce themselves and share how long they have been in public service, and why they became involved with PIC.

Chair Marts reviewed some of the PIC Operating Policies, including the importance of members reading the PIC packet and coming to the meeting ready to discuss issues. He explained that when there is an issue upon which action may be taken, there is generally a “two-touch policy”: the issue is introduced at the first PIC meeting, PIC members take information back to their councils for discussion and direction, and a vote takes place at the next meeting of the PIC. Chair Marts called attention to the list of acronyms included in the January 11, 2017 PIC Packet (page 26) as a resource. He inquired if members had any questions.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, noted the importance of cities helping each other. Kent is a large city that has different issues than smaller cities. If an issue doesn’t negatively impact Kent, but provides benefit to other cities, the city of Kent tries to be supportive.

Councilmember Mike Sando, Enumclaw, reported that his council had a discussion on the value of continuing as an SCA member city. He and Mayor Liz Reynolds explained the benefits of SCA and as a result, the city not only decided to continue as an SCA member, but also a newer councilmember has chosen to become active in SCA and will be the new PIC representative.

Chair Marts noted that small cities may not have much staff support. They can learn from members at PIC who have had the benefit of getting input from their staff, who may have expertise on an issue.
Dawson encouraged members to share with her ideas for pre-PIC workshops. She noted that many members had given feedback on wanting to learn best practices from other cities, and had less interest in receiving presentations from the county and other organizations.

Chair Marts mentioned that property crime is a big issue and that he is interested in exploring regional solutions.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, stated that her city council agenda has a standing item for a PIC report and that she asks for a vote of her council on potential public policy issues.

Chair Marts added that it is powerful to be able to come back to PIC and say, “my council supports or opposes” a particular issue. He has asked SCA staff to provide draft PIC minutes as soon as possible to afford PIC members the opportunity to share the minutes with their councils for discussion purposes.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, inquired how other members provide PIC updates at council meetings. Many members responded that there is a standing agenda item for the PIC report, and others responded that it is included in a council/committees report section. Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated that some issues may be a separate agenda item should the topic warrant longer discussion.

7. **2017 PIC Meeting Schedule**

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve Resolution 2017-1, Public Issues Committee 2017 meeting schedule.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Land Conservation and Preservation Work Plan**

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reviewed the staff report, explaining for new members that background material on the item from past PIC meetings is referenced in the report via links to materials from past meetings.

Booth reported the King County Land Conservation Advisory Group has held eight meetings since September to review the Work Plan. At its January 19th meeting, the Advisory Group members are expected to take action on a Phase 1 Report. Draft recommendations from that report can be found on page 36 of the PIC Packet. Advisory Group members received the report last week, and Booth is working with Council President Margeson and other city members to assemble comments. The Work Plan that the Advisory Group reviewed was initiated by King County Executive Dow Constantine and addressed lands in rural King County. The next phase of the project will include cities’ priorities for land conservation and preservation.

Many of the comments SCA’s Advisory Group member will provide will be to ensure there are ample opportunities for cities’ needs to be addressed in the next phase of the Work Plan review. For example, a request will be made that the plan clearly outline what is being requested from cities, the timeline for that information and what King County will do with that
information once it is received. SCA’s representative is also suggesting that the wholesale support for the vision of preserving the remaining high value conservation lands be more tempered at this time. Another recommendation is to acknowledge in the executive summary the need in some cities to restore or redevelop land to provide green space, as opposed to acquiring new lands.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted the importance of providing ample time for cities and PIC to review the Phase 2 Plan.

Chair Tola Marts agreed regarding the importance of having adequate time for SCA to review. Having adequate time for review built into a schedule allows cities to gain clarity on issues as they go through the PIC process.

Councilmember Kruller, Tukwila, asked if Advisory Group membership will stay the same for Phase 2 and also asked if there was sufficient city representation on the Advisory Group. Booth and Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, responded that the Advisory Group membership will stay the same except for normal attrition, and that while there were not many city representatives, Margeson was working hard to build allies among other members. City representatives on the Advisory Group caucus together to build consensus.

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, asked if the gap in funding was in flux. Booth responded that the gap is about $383 million. The gap will grow as city priorities are added. Loudenback asked about the expectation of private funding filling the gap, noting the County had received no such funding to date. Margeson agreed that no such funding had materialized to date and said private funding would be addressed in more detail in Phase 2.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, questioned adopting a Phase 1 Plan relating to King County unincorporated lands and then taking up a separate Phase 2 Plan later in the year. She suggested a holistic review of the plans should occur. Margeson said the Advisory Group isn’t adopting a Phase 1 Plan but approving the process and work to date. He confirmed Phase 1 and 2 plans will be looked at holistically.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, asked about a PIC or city presentation. Dawson noted the Advisory Group will be voting on the first phase of the work on January 19. If cities would like to have a presentation to their councils on the work to date and potential city priorities for Phase 2, SCA staff can assist in setting that up. Margeson reminded members about the letter from King County that went out to all cities requesting a meeting to talk about open space needs. He noted that cities were setting up individual presentations to their councils, noting that Bothell was one of the first to make such a request.

**9. 2017 State Legislative Session**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the Washington State Legislature convened Monday, January 9, 2017 for its 105-day budget-writing session. SCA adopted a 2017 Legislative Agenda in preparation for this session, which is contained on page 46 of the January 11, 2017 PIC Packet. Wilson-Jones provided updates on the status of SCA’s three adopted priorities.
First, with regard to adjusting the property tax cap, the [Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)] is taking the lead on advocating for the replacement of the current one percent cap with a cap tied to inflation plus population growth. Local officials would retain the ability to choose whether or not to utilize the new cap. Rep. John Koster, a Republican who formerly served on the Snohomish County Council, is anticipated to serve as the prime sponsor for House legislation, joined by bi-partisan co-sponsors. The Senate prime sponsor is still being determined. WSAC has hired a communications team to assist local governments with sharing stories about how they have been impacted by the current cap, and information has been distributed to the PIC about opportunities to share local impacts and for city staff to participate in a Communications Committee. Cities interested in getting involved are asked to contact Wilson-Jones. Opportunities to participate in upcoming media events are also anticipated.

With regard to SCA’s public health funding legislative priority, Wilson-Jones reminded members that the Washington State Department of Health and local public health jurisdictions are asking for $54 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions. The Governor’s proposed budget, released in late December, included $20 million in increased funding for local public health jurisdictions. A [work session](video) was held on the topic of public health services in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee on January 10, 2017, and Director of Public Health — Seattle & King County Patty Hayes, who has served as a champion on the issue, testified (video).

SCA’s third legislative priority is to address the housing and homelessness crisis. Work sessions on the topic of homelessness were held this week in the House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee on the topics of [state and local homelessness programs](video) and [resources for homelessness program](video). Champions for housing and homelessness priorities are working to identify local elected officials who are willing to testify in Olympia, often on short notice, so cities interested in advocating on these issues are invited to contact Wilson-Jones, who can connect members with advocacy opportunities. Wilson-Jones deferred reporting on the specific items contained under SCA’s homelessness and housing priority, inviting any member questions during the PIC member discussion portion of this agenda item.

Additionally, many SCA member cities have adopted their own legislative agendas. Twenty-five SCA cities submitted copies of their agendas to Wilson-Jones for inclusion in the [PIC Packet](pages 49-97). Additionally, Wilson-Jones distributed the City of Mercer Island’s legislative agenda (Attachment B). [Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the City of Sammamish provided long and condensed versions of their legislative agenda, which are included here as Attachment C]. Similarities between member city legislative agendas are described in the [PIC Packet](page 42).

Two bills filed so far that may be of interest to member cities are [HB 1017](video), which would provide school districts expanded opportunities to site schools outside urban growth areas and was receiving a public hearing January 12, 2017 (video), and [HB 1047](video), which would establish a statewide drug takeback program and which is to be discussed under Item 12 on tonight’s PIC agenda.

The most common priority included in SCA member city legislative agendas was reform of the Public Records Act (PRA). During the SCA caucus meetings in December, some members
expressed interest in engaging in a conversation about adding a priority related to the PRA to the adopted SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. The SCA Legislative Committee did give consideration to including a PRA priority during the initial development of the agenda, but decided not to after weighing the three guiding principles they had set out for their work, contained on page 43 of the PIC Packet. However, given the caucus discussions, PIC feedback is being sought by the SCA Legislative Committee tonight on the questions outlined in the PIC Packet beginning on page 43.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, encouraged members to take note of legislation that will be introduced by Rep. Tina Orwall allowing police to cross city borders to pursue sex trafficking arrests in other jurisdictions when necessary. [Note: Following the PIC meeting, Rep. Orwall introduced HB 1184, which would modify the crime of Patronizing a Prostitute by specifying that the crime can be committed in any location in which the defendant commits any act that constitutes part of the crime. The legislation is intended to facilitate law enforcement sting operations. Kent Police Chief Ken Thomas testified in favor of HB 1184 during a public hearing in the House Public Safety Committee January 16 and was scheduled for executive session January 19 (video). Several other pieces of legislation related to trafficking were also heard in committee January 17.]

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, expressed comfort with including an SCA legislative priority related to the PRA that is more detailed than AWC’s priority. He stated that Kirkland’s PRA priorities are very specific, limited, and therefore could be more achievable.

Chair Marts highlighted the questions beginning on page 43 of the PIC Packet and requested member feedback.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, noted that the PIC Packet (page 44) provides information about a stakeholder group convened by legislators and made up of government agencies, coalitions, the news media, and others from the requestor community. The stakeholder group met for much of 2016 and ultimately vetted and provided broad support to six bills that will be introduced next week. He noted that the level of stakeholder support for these legislative proposals is unprecedented. Three of the bills will center around AWC’s PRA priorities: charging for electronic records, creating an alternative dispute resolution process, and restoring grants to local governments. Nixon, who also serves as the President of the Washington Coalition for Open Government (WCOG), stated that so many cities support these concepts and that they align with AWC priorities bodes well and added that WCOG is also supportive. The three other bills coming out of the stakeholder process will address extraordinary requests (such as automatic computer-generated requests, or “bot” requests, and requests for any and all records); address agency responsiveness, with the Attorney General’s Office developing model rules for local governments; and require a study regarding the development of a statewide online public records portal. Nixon stated that it was his perspective, and the City of Kirkland’s, that getting these six bills passed should be the primary objective and that even the first bill—allowing fees for electronic records—would go a long way to discouraging overly broad requests. Kirkland would be happy to have SCA mirror AWC’s priorities or, barring action, to have cities individually do so. Kirkland does have three additional PRA priorities, but these are of lower priority than the six stakeholder bills.
Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that another option the PIC could consider would be adding language in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda specifically referencing the stakeholder group bills. She also highlighted for PIC members principles adopted by the Legislative Committee for guidance: SCA should not duplicate the work of AWC. Rather, SCA’s legislative agenda should focus on areas of special concern to cities in King County and the Puget Sound region. The Committee should adopt an agenda that is high level, which will allow SCA to be nimble in responding to issues as they arise during the legislative session.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, is a member of the SCA Legislative Committee and stated that the Committee tried to keep the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda focused, noting that SCA does not have a lobbying staff. She stated that the most powerful advocacy on this issue will be individual cities speaking with their legislative delegations about the need for PRA reforms and impacts on their cities.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the intent has been to keep the priorities contained in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda general, so that the organization is able to be nimble and weigh in on legislation and not be slowed by the need to go back through the Legislative Committee, PIC, and Board as legislation is introduced and amended. Margeson urged the PIC to consider whether SCA should add a very broad, high level priority related to public records, not whether a priority specific to the six pieces of draft legislation discussed.

Chair Marts framed the question as whether the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda needs amendment, with action at a future meeting, or whether members wish to leave the agenda as is and continue pursuing this issue individually and through AWC.

Dawson stated that it would be possible to make a high level addition that also voices support for the stakeholder group’s body of legislation, but added that the SCA Legislative Committee did initially consider whether PRA reforms should be contained in the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and determined that AWC is providing a sufficient voice on this issue.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, asked PIC members that will be lobbying whether they will be distributing copies of the SCA and AWC legislative priorities in addition to their own cities and suggested that given the large number of cities doing so, there is a reduced need to add a PRA priority to the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda. She advised that power lies in sharing both collective and individual city legislative agendas during legislator meetings.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, serves as the Chair of the SCA Legislative Committee and stated that his sense is that there is not a need to duplicate the work of AWC and individual cities.

Dawson noted that cities can highlight for legislators that PRA reforms have been identified as a high priority for the vast majority of SCA member cities.

Nixon requested that SCA staff track public records legislation during the course of the session and provide the PIC with updates, and Dawson stated that SCA staff would do so and asked members to identify other legislative priorities they may wish SCA to track and report on, such as school siting legislation and the drug take back bill already discussed.
Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, requested that SCA staff follow up with additional information about the six draft PRA reform bills. [Note: As of the drafting of these minutes, the six legislative proposals had not yet been introduced, but SCA staff will provide the PIC with summaries and status updates once filed. PIC members may also have interest in viewing video from a public records act work session held January 10, 2017 in the House Local Government Committee. The Work Session featured testimony from AWC, Toby Nixon on behalf of WCOG, and others and summarized the stakeholder process and resultant legislative proposals (video)].

Chair Marts noted that there seemed to be consensus around not adding to the SCA 2017 Legislative Agenda and asked if the body agreed. No objections were heard.

10. Regional E-911 Strategic Plan

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that the King County E-911 system provides emergency call taking and dispatch services to all residents of King County through a combination of the services of the E-911 program office and 12 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The E-911 system requires enhancements to meet the needs of current technology, however there are funding limitations that will have impacts on the both the E-911 program office and PSAPs, and impact the ability to modernize the system. There is also a need to clarify the relative roles of the E-911 program office and PSAPs in decision making about funding, system investments, and priorities for maintaining dependable and sustainable call taking and dispatch services. All of this will be addressed in a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan.

Development of a Regional E-911 Strategic Plan began in 2015 with the creation of a strategic plan scoping committee. In May of 2016, that scoping committee recommended a strategic planning structure, timeline, milestones and key issues and questions to be considered in the development of the Plan. The Regional E-911 Strategic Plan process kicked off in September 2016 with a Leadership Group meeting. In addition to the Leadership Group, there is a Planning Group and task forces around Governance, Technology and Operations, and Finance. Each of the three task forces has strategic questions to consider. These questions can be found beginning on page 102 of the January 11, 2017 PIC Packet. The Leadership Group includes Issaquah Councilmember Tola Marts, Renton Mayor Denis Law, and Enumclaw Mayor Liz Reynolds as SCA representatives, and Councilmember Jennifer Robertson represents Bellevue.

The Governance Task Force will be researching and deliberating on a governance structure for the Regional E-911 system, including developing recommendations for a management and decision making structure for the E-911 system, a conflict resolution process, and a stakeholder engagement process.

The Technology and Operations Task Force will recommend a 10-year technology investment strategy that includes considering the technology vision, technology requirements for integrating with the state and local systems, the ongoing decision process for technology investments, and performance metrics.
The Finance Task Force will recommend a 10-Year Sustainable Plan for the Regional E-911 System, including determining the funding needs and revenue strategies for the system, including next generation 911 upgrades.

At the next Leadership Group meeting on January 19, members will be reviewing briefing papers and have a detailed discussion about system technology.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, said this had been an issue previously at the PIC, noting members on the E-911 Strategic Plan committees are pleased with the process to date.

Chair Tola Marts was appreciative that King County Executive Dow Constantine took the issue of PSAP consolidation off the table at the first Leadership Group meeting. The Leadership Group has been very productive. Chair Marts called PIC members’ attention to the Page 105 of the PIC Packet, Regional E-911 Strategic Plan ‐ Timeline and Milestones.

Dawson noted that Kirkland Deputy City Manager Marilynne Beard has been an invaluable addition to the E-911 Planning Group.

11. All Home Strategic Plan Implementation
Ellie Wilson‐Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that All Home, the regional body charged with leading work to address homelessness in King County, has adopted a new governing structure with a smaller Coordinating Board serving as the now sole decision-making body. SCA will be represented by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Bellevue Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, both of whom served on the prior iteration of the Coordinating Board. The Board met for the first time January 4, 2017. Wilson‐Jones distributed a summary of the work engaged in 2016 by All Home and the region to address homelessness (Attachment D).

Wilson‐Jones next distributed a handout providing information about the January 27, 2017 count of people surviving unsheltered in King County, now known as Count Us In and previously called the One Night Count (Attachment E). Members are encouraged to share this information with their councils. This year, volunteers are being sought to count in every census tract of the county. In prior years, only select areas of the county were covered. This means more volunteers are needed this year, and volunteers are particularly needed in the cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Sammamish, Renton, and Kent. Wilson‐Jones noted that Mayor Backus and perhaps other PIC members have participated in the count previously.

Chair Marts noted an increasing number of people resorting to spending nights in recreational vehicles and asked whether those individuals would be included in the count. Wilson‐Jones stated that the count will indeed include occupied vehicles, though a different methodology will be used this year to estimate the number of people in each vehicle. The methodology used to estimate the number of people in each tent sighted will also change.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that the changed count methodology may result in numbers that are dramatically different from previous years.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that he has participated in the count as a team captain responsible for scouting locations in advance where people were surviving
unsheltered and then returning to those locations on the night of the count. He stated that his understanding is the process being used this year will be a larger canvass. Wilson-Jones stated that count organizers are again looking for people with strong local knowledge to participate and guide count teams’ efforts toward occupied areas.

Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, stated that a year-over-year increase in the unsheltered count is anticipated for a number of reasons, one being that the encampment area known as “The Jungle” near I-5 in Seattle was not included in last year’s count because of safety concerns following a then recent shooting.

Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald, SeaTac, speaking as a member of the audience requested additional information about how areas of the county are selected for the count. Wilson-Jones clarified that in 2017 the plan is to for the first time count every census tract in the county replacing the prior years’ approach of focusing on specific areas. Specific count totals will, however, only be reported for those cities previously receiving such a total. Other data will be compiled by sub-region. Dawson clarified that the list of cities provided during Wilson-Jones’ staff report refers to those locations where additional volunteers are most needed and is not an exhaustive list of count locations.

Backus underscored that unlike prior years in which the count total was available hours after the count, the new methodology and more extensive reporting and analysis will mean that count results are not expected until the spring. Wilson-Jones noted that the count will no longer utilize just information collected over the course of the several hour count, but will instead also involve follow up surveys and phone calls to families known to be homeless to determine where they stayed on the night of the count. All of this information will be used to arrive at the overall count of the number of people surviving unsheltered on January 27.

Margeson noted that the past practice was to finish the count about 5 a.m. and to have results to release to the public and media shortly thereafter, but a similar tally will not be available this year.

Chair Marts stated that he would have liked to see the prior methodology used as well in areas of the county that were previously counted, so that there would be a way to compare this year to last.

**12. Secure Medicine Return Implementation**

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that after a tremendous amount of work and a very long process, the King County Secure Medicine Return Program will launch on January 17. As of January 17, there will be 92-100 drop boxes across King County. All cities with a pharmacy and/or police facility will have at least one drop box. Cities that don’t have either of those facilities will be served by a mail order program or by adjacent communities.

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, a partner in the secure medicine return program, is funding the cost of the drop boxes. The remainder of the program is funded by the pharmaceutical industry and carried out by an industry funded organization, Med-Project. Med-Project will be responsible for outreach, entering into agreements with locations, collection, transport, and disposal of medicines.
Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, acknowledged the hard work Kenmore Mayor Baker has done to make secure medicine return in King County a reality. King County is only the second jurisdiction in the country to adopt such a program (Alameda County, CA is the first). Dawson thanked SCA members for their support of the program. Booth noted that Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties have now adopted similar programs.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, shared that Algona has had a kiosk in place for about five months. The kiosk is heavily used, with pickup once or twice a week. He noted the kiosk works well and is not costing Algona anything.

Dawson talked about two reasons for supporting secure medicine disposal: crime reduction, given the incidence of people breaking into houses to get pain medications; and environmental concerns related to flushing or landfilling unused medications. Booth added a third reason, that prescription opiates are a leading cause of death among teenagers. Secure medicine return was a recommendation of the Heroin and Opioid Task Force.

Chair Marts noted that many people who use heroin started with prescription opiates and switched to heroin as it is cheaper.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, said Black Diamond has had a kiosk for several months. It is easy to use and beneficial for residents, including seniors, who can be targets of break-ins.

Chair Marts shared a relevant personal experience. His wife’s wallet was stolen and an attempt was made to utilize her information to fill a prescription.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that he was excited to see the program roll out across the county. He suggested a future Board of Health effort could be working on the over-prescription issue; working to ensure doctors prescribe smaller amounts of medications. Edelman said that area is in the purview of the federal government and steps are being taken to reduce prescription amounts. Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, agreed with Margeson’s suggestion.

Dawson noted one of the recommendations of the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Task Force is to encourage doctors who are prescribing opiates to use the voluntary opiate registry. The Board of Health will be considering support for the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Task Force recommendations on January 19.

13. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the list of potential levies and ballot measures in the PIC Packet and highlighted that two updates have been made since the last time the list was reviewed by PIC, both of which will be on the ballot in February 2017:

- Maple Valley: Park bond measure totaling $14.7 million to construct and improve park and recreation facilities in Maple Valley
- Shoreline School District: School construction bonds in the amount of $250 million
Parry stated that it was yet to be determined whether two countywide ballot measures anticipated in 2017 would be placed before voters in August or November. Those measures are the Cultural Access sales tax measure authorized by the state legislature in 2015, and renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy approved by King County voters in 2011 and set to expire in 2017.

PIC members were encouraged to provide staff with information on any upcoming levies or ballot measures in their cities or local special purpose districts so that information could be included in future updates.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, stated that King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci and representatives of Cultural Access Washington wish to present information about the ballot measure being developed to SCA members. She noted that under the state legislation authorizing the cultural access sales tax levy, 2017 was the final year for a countywide measure. After 2017, the authorization will be transferred to cities to propose to voters on an individual basis. Dawson asked members whether they were interested in a future presentation at PIC from proponents of the countywide measure.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, stated that a short presentation may be helpful. He noted that any levy can potentially affect voter willingness or capacity to support tax increases for other priorities and should be reviewed in the broad context of local priorities. Roberts asked for additional explanation of the measure under consideration.

Dawson stated that the levy authorized by the legislature is a one-tenth of one-percent increase to the sales tax and that most of the funding generated would support large, regional organizations to support cultural, science, and heritage access and education.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, requested that additional information be provided in a future PIC packet so that members could review the proposal further and determine whether a presentation at a future meeting should be requested. Members agreed that this would be a good first step, and requested that staff work with Cultural Access Washington and the County to obtain written materials to provide to PIC.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, asked whether the measure would be reviewed by the Regional Policy Committee. Dawson stated that the measure was being considered for a countywide vote in either August or November. The implementation plan for such a levy would be subject to review by the Regional Policy Committee.

Chair Marts closed discussion by stating that additional information would be provided to members at a future PIC meeting and discussion would be continued at that time.

14. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues
Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that this is a recurring monthly agenda item providing a list of potential issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Recent issues brought up at regional caucus meetings have been added to the list. Dawson asked that members provide her with any updates to the list via email at deanna@soundcities.org.
15. Informational Items
Chair Marts called attention to the informational items: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force and Mayors’ Roundtable on Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction.

16. Upcoming Events
The first SCA Networking Dinner in 2017 will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. The keynote speaker will be King County Executive Dow Constantine.

The SCA Appointee Orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at SeaTac City Hall.

The next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall. The PIC meeting will be prefaced by a pre-PIC workshop at 6:00 PM.

17. For the Good of the Order
Chair Marts highlighted the “Did You Know” section of the agenda. Renton will provide the topic for February. Chair Marts asked for volunteers to provide the language for this section on future PIC agendas.

Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, reported that she will no longer be the PIC member for Covington. Members expressed their appreciation for Mhoon and her service to the PIC.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the GMPB recommended a path forward that would be considered later in the month by the PSRC Executive Board. He stated that the GMPB recommended a path to full certification of the affected cities’ comprehensive plans that would not require the cities to make amendments to their comprehensive plans. He noted that this had been a major sticking point due to the resources that are required to amend comprehensive plans and the very limited resources available to smaller cities in the region to complete the work.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, announced a new partnership with University of Washington-Tacoma to bring higher education to Federal Way. More information can be found [here](#). SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted the hard work that the Mayor and Council have put into this effort, and congratulated them on their success.

Chair Marts reported that he has been looking to issues around drones as part of his work and as a hobby, and noted that there are five requirements drone operators should be aware of:

- You must register the drone with the FAA and display the FAA registration number on the drone.
- No flying over people or private property.
- You must stay within 400' of the ground.
- You must maintain line-of-sight.
- No flying within five miles of an airport without tower clearance.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, added that Auburn has certified pilots in its IT department, and is working toward providing the police department with an option to use drones to assist police efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.
## Public Issues Committee Meeting
### January 11, 2017

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Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded.**
City of Mercer Island
2017 State Legislative Priorities

As the Mercer Island City Council affirmed in a November 21, 2016 Proclamation, Mercer Island values civil discourse, non-discriminatory provision of community services, environmental sustainability, and respectful and careful listening to any person or group of people in all conduct of government business, thus the City Council encourages the State Legislators to also adhere to the values referenced there-in (attached).

The City of Mercer Island supports the following legislative priorities for 2017:

1. **MAINTAIN FULL ACCESS TO I-90 R8A LANES**: Request State Legislature to honor historic agreements as well as long-standing Environmental Impact Statement assumptions (conducted by Sound Transit) and require that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) maintain Mercer Island traffic mobility in reconfigured R8A lanes of the I-90 roadway as light rail construction across Lake Washington commences.

2. **FULLY FUND EDUCATION**: Request State Legislature to: 1) comply with the McCleary ruling and fully fund basic education, 2) ensure that all school districts either maintain the same or increased per-student public funding from all local and state sources, 3) address school funding gap without reducing revenue to other, critical social services, and 4) support mental health counselling and social emotional learning in all schools.

3. **ALLOCATE RECREATION/TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR AUBREY DAVIS PARK MASTER PLAN**: Include state funding of at least $200,000 for Aubrey Davis Park Master Planning project to ensure the completion of master planning work for this important regional pedestrian and bicycle corridor.

4. **ADJUST THE PROPERTY TAX CAP**: Give local governments the option to replace the annual 1% cap on property tax revenues with a growth limit whose maximum is inflation plus the rate of population growth.

5. **ENHANCE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**: Support legislation to increase the purchase age for tobacco and vapor products from 18 to 21, and to expand access to treatment for opiate use disorder and overdose education and prevention.

6. **PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT**: Support legislation, and partner with other organizations to support the following: 1) work with Puget Sound Energy and the K4C to phase out coal-fired electricity sources by a date certain, 2) maintain growth in rooftop solar adoption by fixing state incentive program, 3) set a statewide price on carbon pollution, 4) reduce transportation-related carbon emissions, 5) support green building and energy efficiency, and 6) endorse sign-on letters to State regulatory bodies that advocate for progressive clean energy measures.

7. **ADDRESS THE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS**: Support legislation in favor of providing dedicated sources for the construction of affordable housing.

8. **PROVIDE COST RECOVERY FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT**: Support legislation allowing the collection of reasonable fees or alternative methods of financing for long-range planning and code enforcement costs.

9. **SUPPORT AWC/SICA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**: Support legislative priorities of the following organizations: Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association.
City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

In the wake of a contentious and discordant national election, we take this moment to pause and reaffirm our principles and values.

As your City government, our role is to bring people together and not divide them. Our job is to be welcoming of all people and all ideas in recognition that we truly are stronger and smarter together. We need to recognize certain essential principles and conduct our government and hopefully our lives consistent with those principles.

Consequently, as your City Council, we pledge:

1. To do all we can to foster civil discourse.
2. To ensure that City services are always provided in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. To foster a community that always encourages people to achieve their potential and help others to do similarly.
4. To protect our air, water and other parts of our natural environment to protect the health and futures of our families and future generations.
5. To welcome without reservation new people from all parts of our world, with an abiding faith in their potential to be part of and strengthen our community.
6. To never marginalize or demonize any person or group of people.
7. To respect and listen to people and their ideas.
8. To understand that we have a responsibility not just to ourselves but to others in our region including many who are not as fortunate.
9. To do all we can to ensure that our children will inherit a world that includes all of the good that the world our parents brought us into had.
10. To demand that our national, state and regional leaders uphold these same values.

We commit to regularly remind ourselves of these principles and to judge ourselves and our City by our adherence to them.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of November, 2016.

[Signatures]

Bruce Bassett, Mayor
Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor
Dan Grausz, Councilmember
Wendy Weiker, Councilmember
Dave Wisenteiner, Councilmember
Benson Wong, Councilmember

Proclamation No. 201
City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities For 2017

**City Priorities**

**Support Liquor Tax Restoration:** Continue to support AWC efforts to ensure that suspension of liquor excise taxes going to local governments remains temporary (not permanent) and is not further reduced.

**Support Legislation to ensure reliable cost recovery for upfront SEPA Work:** Legislation is needed to allow local governments to fully recover SEPA review costs for infill development and planned actions via a latecomer’s agreement or other mechanisms.

**Support for the Public Works Assistance Account (Trust Fund):** The PWTF has served as a recurring and integral source of funding infrastructure for cities. Funding for the Public Works Trust Fund has been systematically diverted by the state to fill their budget shortfalls. The diminished pool’s funding process and project ranking criteria set by the PWTF Committee should be used to set the project list for funding rather than an executive or legislative list.

**Support for the Marketplace Fairness Act (eFairness):** Extend Sales Tax Sourcing Methodology nationally ensuring tax collection on goods coming into the state and protection for Washington based businesses from competitors using tax free pricing.

**Support Funding of State’s Housing Trust Fund:** Allow projects to be selected based on operative and effective criteria rather than on a Legislative List of Projects to be funded: The State Housing Trust Fund has been a consistent funding source for East King County projects. The combination of reduced funding for the HTF and a project list set by the legislature resulted in a significant reduction of the ability to fund affordable housing projects in this geographic area.

**Annexation of Areas having Park Districts:** There is no mechanism in state law allowing unincorporated properties annexed into a city to be removed from park district taxation, even though the municipality is then responsible to provide parks services. This results in double taxation to the homeowner. Ideally this should be treated as annexations from a Fire District to a City. Operating Property tax levy should shift to the city and any bonded debt should remain with the property until extinguished.

**Reduce Unfunded Mandates:** As an example, the costs to ratepayers and taxpayers to comply with NPDES requirements are substantial. Additionally, the city supports efforts to restore funding cuts previously made to Growth Management Act (GMA) planning grants.

**Support increased access to local educational opportunities:** The City supports the State legislature’s intention to increase opportunities for academically prepared high school students to earn up to two years of college credit through dual credit programs such as running start, and to reduce disparities in access to and completion of these programs.

**Transportation Funding Addressing City Transportation Needs:** This includes focused improvements to city transportation corridors including SR-202 and continued support for regional improvements to I-90, SR-520 and I-405. Transportation is critical for our economic vitality and quality of life. Cities must have the resources to maintain and strengthen both local and state transportation systems.
**AWC Adopted and City Supported**

Update the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents. Overreaching and retaliatory public records requests cost municipalities dearly by preventing efficient use of staff time for valid requests.

Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system: Affordable housing is critical to our workforce and transportation efforts. Workers need to be able to live in reasonable proximity to their place of employment. Businesses need affordable housing to attract and retain their workforce. Workforce demand for housing is 25% greater than housing available.

Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs to support job creation, our health and safety, economic vitality, and quality of life: Municipalities have aging and inadequate infrastructure and cities can’t keep up with the increasing demands. If Washington is going to keep moving forward, we need the Public Works Trust Fund and other infrastructure programs intact, to allow for planned and sustained investments in communities.

Respect city local authority with regards to revenue, taxes, licensing, and home rule; city officials are elected and must have the authority to solve local challenges: The legislature should refrain from pre-empting the authority of local cities and communities which are closest to the citizens they serve.

Maintain the city-state partnership for shared revenues to fund key services: It will be a priority of the city to protect “state-shared revenues” that are vital for local government operations, such as liquor and marijuana taxes and municipal criminal justice assistance.

Provide adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel: The need for well-trained law enforcement personnel meeting the professional standards expected from our citizenry should be supported through funding the training academy.

Maintain funding for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to provide vital support for local government performance: MRSC provides a valuable, professional and integral support system for local governments relying on information and research in all aspects of municipal governance.
City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities For 2017

City Priorities

- Support Liquor Tax Restoration
- Support Legislation to ensure reliable cost recovery for upfront SEPA Work
- Support for the Public Works Assistance Account (Trust Fund)
- Support for the Marketplace Fairness Act (eFairness)
- Support Funding of State’s Housing Trust Fund
- Treat Annexation of Areas having Park Districts Like Fire District Annexations
- Reduce Unfunded Mandates
- Support increased access to local educational opportunities
- Support for Transportation Funding Addressing City Transportation Needs

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’16 Successes

All Home’s vision is that homelessness is RARE in King County, racial DISPARITIES are eliminated, and if one becomes homeless, it is BRIEF and only a ONE-TIME occurrence. All Home’s role is to lead the Seattle/King County Continuum of Care in realizing this vision by:

- Developing a common agenda and plan of action,
- Building the capacity of funders and providers to implement,
- Measuring results, monitoring performance, and holding funders/providers accountable, and
- Communicating transparently and continuously

Too many people experienced homelessness in 2016, and unfortunately, 76 died while living unsheltered. This must galvanize us to not just do more but do it better. Meanwhile, we must also consider and build on our many successes in 2016. Here’s our top 16, organized around our 4 goals:

**Goal 1: Make Homelessness Rare**
1. More people housed and stabilized in housing, via more federal funding due in part to board advocacy in DC.
2. Tenants’ rights honored, via statewide tenant protections and certificate of restoration of opportunity.
3. People prevented from becoming homeless and provided affordable homes through state advocacy and local investments including, King County’s Best Starts for Kids, the Seattle Housing Levy and the Seattle Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda.
4. Tenants’ rights protected in Renton and Seattle, and Kent considers, with advocacy from All Home.

**Goal 2: Make Homelessness Brief and only One-time**
5. Access to housing and employment streamlined and regionalized, via coordinated entry for all.
6. Fewer days homeless and only one time, via expanded diversion, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing programs.
7. More people sheltered through expansion and enhancement of shelter beds in King County and Seattle.
8. Providers and funders improved practices via All Home training, including housing first and diversion.
9. Continually improving by analyzing our system, and recommitting to using data to drive decisions.

**Goal 3: Create a Community to End Homelessness**
10. Working urgently and boldly through a streamlined, action-oriented community Coordinating Board.
11. Supporting community members to engage and participate in solutions to homelessness.
12. Significant new investments and support and compassion from business, philanthropic, and faith partners.
13. Learning together among King County cities about what works and commitment to solutions for all residents.

**Goal 4: Reduce Racial Disparities**
14. Fewer housing barriers improving access to housing for people of color disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system.
15. Communication and awareness via newsletter and workgroup, led by board members.
16. Declaring and demonstrating the need to combat racism when addressing homelessness through impact statement, youth of color needs assessment, review of data, and policy impact review.
Count Us In is our community’s annual Point in Time Count of individuals experiencing homelessness, formerly known as the One Night Count. Count Us In will include a count of people living unsheltered, those living in shelter or transitional housing, a qualitative survey of people experiencing homelessness across the County, and specialized approaches to counting subpopulations, including youth/young adults and families.

Exciting changes for the 2017 Count include:

- Count teams will include volunteers as well as PIT Guides. Guides are paid positions ($15/hr) for homeless or formerly homeless individuals with lived experience in or near their count area.
- The unsheltered street count will shift from a “known area” count to a 100% canvass of every census tract in the county
- Improved data collection tools will be introduced for more efficient and simplified tallying and survey data collection
- More comprehensive sample-based survey efforts including both shelter/service sites as well as non-service locations

While the Count’s core purpose is to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness, it also provides an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of homelessness and to spark action. A successful and accurate PIT Count is an essential component to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

January 27, 2017 is the King County Point in Time Count for all populations!

For additional questions about Count Us In, contact allhome@allhomekc.org.
Volunteers are needed for a range of duties related to the count, including working in teams to conduct a count of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness across King County and supporting our regional volunteer sites.

Volunteers will be matched with a currently or formerly homeless guide from the community in order to conduct a visual tally of homeless persons across King County on Friday, January 27 (2am-6am in most locations). Paid “guides” with lived experience of homelessness will lead the team in canvassing their count area, using their direct knowledge and expertise to collect the most accurate data possible.

Volunteer requirements include:

- At least 18 years of age
- Able to walk approximately 2-3 miles if necessary
- Complete a 1-hour training session before the count
- Commit to a total of 5-6 volunteer hours, including a 1-hour training session and 4-5 hours on the day of the count

We are asking all people interested in participating in this year’s count sign up to volunteer by completing the following survey: http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/

Regional Headquarters and Training Information

Training is required for guides and encouraged for volunteers; numerous in-person trainings will be held January 17-19 and an online training video is also available. There will be 7 regional headquarters locations around King County in January 27; each volunteer will be assigned to a site by January 17. Details on training and regional headquarters locations are available on our website: http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/

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