



**King County Councilmembers** (from left): Larry Phillips, Kathy Lambert, Dow Constantine (Vice-Chair), Bob Ferguson, Julia Patterson (Chair), Larry Gossett, Reagan Dunn (Vice-Chair), Pete von Reichbauer, and Jane Hague.

The mission of the King County Council is to **ensure public trust, enhance quality of life, and protect public health and safety.**

Every day King County provides quality services to 1.9 million people living throughout the region. King County is also the local government for the urban and rural unincorporated areas, and provides services by contract to many of the 39 cities inside the county.

As the legislative branch of county government, the Council sets the policies, enacts the laws and adopts the budgets that oversee the 14th most populous county in the nation and the second largest government in Washington state. By carefully scrutinizing every ordinance, motion and budget over the years,

the Council has identified hundreds of millions of dollars in savings and efficiencies.

The Council provides strong regional leadership through oversight of:

- Public safety, including the Sheriff's office,
- Criminal justice, including prosecutors and public defenders, Superior and District Courts, juvenile detention and adult jails,
- Public health and human services,
- Metro Transit bus service and county roads,
- Wastewater treatment and solid waste management,
- Regional parks, open space and trails,
- Growth management and environmental protection, and
- Elections, records and licensing.

## Get involved

The King County Council meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. The Council functions through the work of its standing committees. Its regional committees include elected officials from other jurisdictions.

You can watch all meetings held in the chambers live on **King County Television, cable channel 22**. For agendas, minutes and streaming video of past meetings, please visit us online at [www.kingcounty.gov/council](http://www.kingcounty.gov/council).

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# Message from the Council Chair



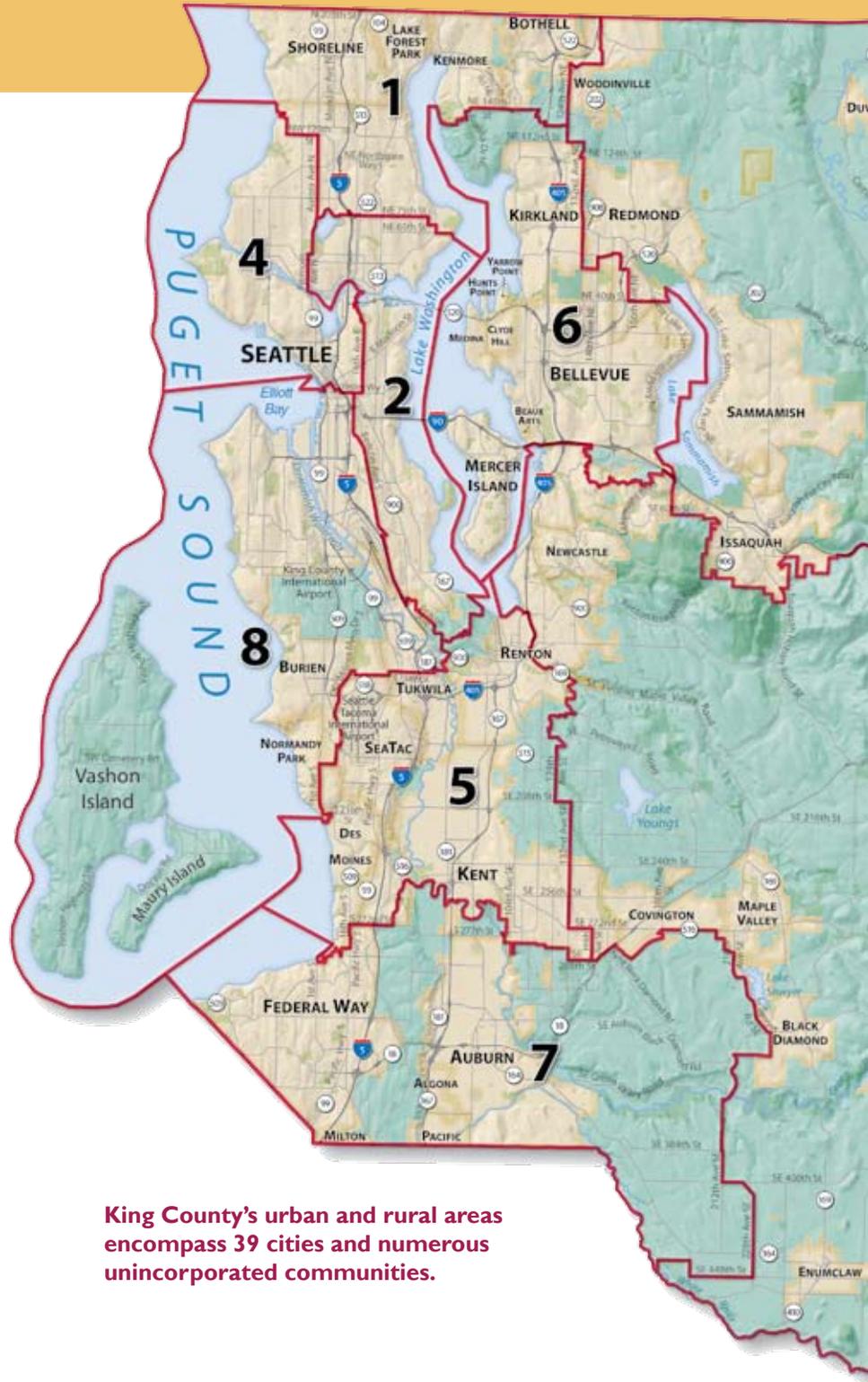
**Julia Patterson, Chair**

We share common values, whether we live in one of our region's 39 cities or our unincorporated or rural areas of King County. Better parks, more opportunities for recreation,

a strong criminal justice system, and a clean environment are important to us. We want quality public health services and a safety net for the most vulnerable. Our government must be accountable and responsive. We expect progress and results.

As Council Chair for 2008, I will make sure that King County responsibly manages new programs you have approved, from continuation of Medic One services to new investments in regional parks and trails and expansion of bus service, particularly in the suburbs. We will ensure effective delivery of a major flood levee repair program and new ferry demonstration routes, and build a treatment system for the mentally ill and chemically dependent. We will conduct a major update of the policies that manage growth, and review proposed amendments to the County Charter. We will also continue our strong oversight of King County's existing duties, including elections, police, land use, public health, and animal care and control.

Our democracy only works when you are involved. Please use this guide to come speak at our public meetings or get in touch with us. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.



**King County's urban and rural areas encompass 39 cities and numerous unincorporated communities.**

## Independent agencies

King County Auditor	206-296-1655
Board of Appeals	206-296-3496
Hearing Examiner	206-296-4660
King County Television	206-296-0300
Ombudsman	206-296-3452
Tax Advisor	206-296-5202

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# King County's urban and rural landscape



## King County Council Committees

**Committee of the Whole** - Considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire Council. Establishes labor policies.

**Capital Budget** - Develops and recommends policy for major construction and capital improvement projects and oversees their planning, management, and financing.

**Operating Budget, Fiscal Management, and Select Issues** - Oversees revenues and expenditures that pay for daily delivery of the entire range of county services. For 2008 will also consider matters relating to mental health and chemical dependency, and the King County jail.

**General Government and Labor Relations** - Recommends policies for increased efficiency, customer service, and performance of county departments. Reviews labor agreements, and issues relating to audits, information technology, civil rights, and the county airport.

**Growth Management and Natural Resources** - Recommends policies relating to land use development, the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, development regulations, regulatory reform, planning policies, resource lands, water quality, surface water and stormwater management, and the restoration of Puget Sound.

**Law, Justice and Human Services** - Oversees the county's criminal justice system of police, courts, jails, prosecution and defense, and civil court processes for families and litigants. Oversees human service and public health programs.

**Transportation** - Oversees construction and maintenance of county roads, and management and operations of Metro Transit bus service. Promotes collaboration on regional transportation projects.

**Utilities and Parks** - Oversees utility services, including wastewater treatment and water quality and quantity, solid waste, and cable communications. Oversees regional system of parks, open space, trails, and cultural services.

**Regional Policy** - Provides a forum for development and review of countywide plans and policies relating to such issues as human services, solid waste, public health and criminal justice.

**Regional Transit** - Recommends policies and strategies for provision of transit services; facilities such as bus shelters, park & ride lots, and bus bases; and passenger and operator safety.

**Regional Water Quality** - Provides policy oversight for the planning, financing, and operation of wastewater treatment facilities and other water quality concerns.

# 2008 Metropolitan King County Council Committees

## Committee of the Whole

Every Monday at 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Dow Constantine

**Vice Chair:** Reagan Dunn

**Members:** All Councilmembers

## Capital Budget Committee

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Larry Phillips

**Vice Chair:** Jane Hague

**Members:** Bob Ferguson, Julia Patterson, Pete von Reichbauer

## Operating Budget, Fiscal Management, and Select Issues Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Bob Ferguson

**Vice Chairs:** Kathy Lambert

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Larry Phillips

## General Government and Labor Relations Committee

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Larry Gossett

**Vice Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Member:** Larry Phillips

## Growth Management & Natural Resources Committee

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Larry Gossett

**Vice Chair:** Jane Hague

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Larry Phillips  
*(When reviewing the 2008 Comprehensive Plan update, all members of the Council sit on this committee)*

## Law, Justice & Human Services Committee

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

**Chair:** Kathy Lambert

**Vice Chair:** Bob Ferguson

**Members:** Reagan Dunn, Larry Gossett, Julia Patterson

## Transportation Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Dow Constantine

**Vice Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Members:** Bob Ferguson, Jane Hague, Julia Patterson

## Utilities and Parks Committee

4th & 5th Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Jane Hague

**Vice Chair:** Larry Gossett

**Member:** Larry Phillips

## Regional Policy Committee

2nd Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Pete von Reichbauer

**Members:** Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, Larry Phillips

**Suburban Cities Association Members:** Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Enumclaw Mayor John Wise, Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger, Newcastle City Councilmember Sonny Putter

**City of Seattle Members:** Councilmember Tim Burgess, Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

## Regional Transit Committee

3rd Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Reagan Dunn

**Vice Chair:** Bob Ferguson

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson, Pete von Reichbauer

**Suburban Cities Members:** Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee, Federal Way City Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Issaquah City Councilmember Fred Butler, Lake Forest Park City Councilmember Ed Sterner, Maple Valley City Councilmember Noel Gerken, Sammamish City Councilmember Kathy Huckabay, Burien Mayor Joan McGilton, SeaTac Mayor Ralph Shape

**City of Seattle Members:** Councilmember Sally Clark, Councilmember Jan Drago

## Regional Water Quality Committee

1st Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Larry Phillips

**Vice Chair:** Jane Hague

**Members:** Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert, Pete von Reichbauer

**Suburban Cities Members:** Auburn City Councilmember Bill Pelosa, Bellevue City Councilmember Don Davidson, Renton City Councilmember King Parker, Shoreline City Councilmember Ron Hansen

**City of Seattle Members:** Councilmember Tim Burgess, Councilmember Richard Conlin

**Sewer District Members:** Cedar River Water/Sewer District Commissioner Walter M. Canter, SW Suburban Sewer District Commissioner William Tracy

## Employment and Administration Committee

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

**Chair:** Jane Hague

**Vice Chair:** Julia Patterson

**Members:** Kathy Lambert, Dow Constantine

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