

# Countywide Community Forums

Answer Column

Round #3:

*Values and Performance of King County Government*

## OPINIONNAIRE®

Dear *Citizen Councilor* of King County,

**Thank you for sharing your opinions!** By answering this anonymous survey you communicate your specific opinions to the top elected officials of King County, your fellow *Citizen Councilors*, and the general public.

There are three kinds of questions.

The **Demographic Questions** ask general questions about you. These questions help us better understand how different categories of participants feel about different issues.

The **Topic Questions** are next. They make up most of this survey.

The **Process Questions** are last. Your answers to these questions will help select the topic for future rounds of *Countywide Community Forums*, and help us improve the process.

**Please circle your answer to each question twice: once in the main body of the *Opinionnaire*® and once again in the ANSWER COLUMN** on the right side of each page. After you're done, please separate the ANSWER COLUMN from the *Opinionnaire*® by carefully folding and then separating it along the vertical perforation line. If you need help with this, please ask your host. Your host will return all of the ANSWER COLUMNS to us for tabulation.

**After separating the ANSWER COLUMN and giving it to your host, you are welcome to take the *Opinionnaire*® home with you.** If you save it, you will be able to compare your answers with the answers given by other *Citizen Councilors* when all of the *Opinionnaires*® from all of the small groups have been tabulated and posted on the Internet.

Thanks again for sharing your opinions as an official *Citizen Councilor*!

*The Countywide Community Forums team*

**DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS**

**(D-1)** Over your lifetime, how long have you **lived or worked in King County?** (1) 1 2 3 4 5

- 1. Less than 1 year
- 2. 1-5 years
- 3. 6-10 years
- 4. 11-19 years
- 5. 20 years or more

**(D-2)** What is your **Gender?** (2) 1 2

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

**(D-3)** What is your **Age Range?** (3) 1 2 3 4 5

- 1. 10-19 years
- 2. 20-29 years
- 3. 30-39 years
- 4. 40-49 years
- 5. 50-59 years
- 6. 60-69 years
- 7. 70-79 years
- 8. 80 years or older

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**(D-4)** What is your primary **Racial or Ethnic Heritage?** (4) 1 2 3 4 5

- 1. American Indian or Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)
- 2. Asian (non-Hispanic)
- 3. Black or African American (non-Hispanic)
- 4. Hispanic or Latino/Latina
- 5. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)
- 6. White or Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
- 7. Blended Racial Heritage (non-Hispanic)
- 8. Other (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).

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**(D-5)** What is your primary **Employment Status?** (5) 1 2 3 4 5

- 1. Self-Employed or Business Owner
- 2. Work for any For-Profit Business
- 3. Work for any Non-Profit Organization
- 4. Work for any City Government
- 5. Work for any County Government
- 6. Work for WA State, Federal or Tribal Government
- 7. Work for any Educational Institution
- 8. Student
- 9. Unemployed and seeking work
- 10. Homemaker, Volunteer, Retired, Disabled or otherwise not employed

6 7 8 9 10

**(D-6)** What is the highest level of **Education** you have completed?

1. Grades 1-8
2. Some High School
3. High School Graduate (including GED)
4. Some College or Technical School
5. Technical School Graduate or Two-year College Graduate
6. Four-year College Graduate
7. Some Post-Graduate Education
8. Post Graduate Degree (Masters, Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.)

**(6)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8

**(D-7)** What is your primary **Household Family** Description?

1. Single Parent with children
2. Dual Parent with children
3. Extended Family sharing one home
4. Single-person household
5. Living with a Roommate or Roommates
6. Living with a Spouse or Companion
7. Homeless with or without children or other family
8. Other (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).

**(7)** 1 2 3 4 5  
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**(D-8)** Did you vote in the most recent Presidential election?

1. No. I am not eligible to vote.
2. No. However, I just became eligible and plan to vote in the future.
3. No. However, I'm eligible and could have voted if I wanted to.
4. Yes. I have voted in all elections since becoming eligible, with very few exceptions.
5. Yes. I have voted in at least half of the elections since becoming eligible.
6. Yes. However, I have voted in less than half of the elections since becoming eligible to vote.
7. Yes. However, it was exceptional for me to vote and I have rarely done so since becoming eligible to vote.
8. Other (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).

**(8)** 1 2 3 4 5  
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**(D-9)** If you live in King County, **who is your King County Councilmember?** (Your host has a map showing the nine council districts for your reference. It's also on your voter registration card)

**(9)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

1. Bob Ferguson (district #1)
2. Larry Gossett (district #2)
3. Kathy Lambert (district #3)
4. Larry Phillips (district #4)
5. Julia Patterson (district #5)
6. Jane Hague (district #6)
7. Pete von Reichbauer (district #7)
8. Dow Constantine (district #8)
9. Reagan Dunn (district #9)
10. I work in King County but live elsewhere

**(D-10 & 11):** Please indicate whether you live in unincorporated King County, or in one of King County's 39 cities (if you live outside of King County, but work in King County, please leave the question blank)

**(10 & 11)**

Unincorporated King County <b>(00)</b>	Lake Forest Park ..... <b>(20)</b>
Algona ..... <b>(01)</b>	Maple Valley ..... <b>(21)</b>
Auburn ..... <b>(02)</b>	Medina ..... <b>(22)</b>
Beaux Arts Village ..... <b>(03)</b>	Mercer Island ..... <b>(23)</b>
Bellevue ..... <b>(04)</b>	Milton ..... <b>(24)</b>
Black Diamond ..... <b>(05)</b>	Newcastle ..... <b>(25)</b>
Bothell ..... <b>(06)</b>	Normandy Park ..... <b>(26)</b>
Burien ..... <b>(07)</b>	North Bend ..... <b>(27)</b>
Carnation ..... <b>(08)</b>	Pacific ..... <b>(28)</b>
Clyde Hill ..... <b>(09)</b>	Redmond ..... <b>(29)</b>
Covington ..... <b>(10)</b>	Renton ..... <b>(30)</b>
Des Moines ..... <b>(11)</b>	Sammamish ..... <b>(31)</b>
Duvall ..... <b>(12)</b>	SeaTac ..... <b>(32)</b>
Enumclaw ..... <b>(13)</b>	Seattle ..... <b>(33)</b>
Federal Way ..... <b>(14)</b>	Shoreline ..... <b>(34)</b>
Hunts Point ..... <b>(15)</b>	Skykomish ..... <b>(35)</b>
Issaquah ..... <b>(16)</b>	Snoqualmie ..... <b>(36)</b>
Kenmore ..... <b>(17)</b>	Tukwila ..... <b>(37)</b>
Kent ..... <b>(18)</b>	Woodinville ..... <b>(38)</b>
Kirkland ..... <b>(19)</b>	Yarrow Point ..... <b>(39)</b>

**(D-12, 13 & 14)** Please indicate your **Organizational Affiliation** by entering a 3-digit organization code in the Answer Column. **If you are participating strictly as an individual *Citizen Councilor*, please enter "000"**. However, if you are a member of one of the organizations below and want your opinions to be included in that group's sub-report, please enter that group's 3-digit code in the Answer Column. If you are a member of more than one organization below, please choose only one organization and enter its code in the Answer Column.

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No Affiliation .....	(000)
Bellevue Overlake/Sunrise Rotary Clubs .....	(001)
Pacific Northwest Mensa .....	(002)
Family Support Network .....	(003)
World Affairs Council, Seattle Chapter .....	(004)
The King County Sheriff's Office .....	(006)
The Center for Wise Democracy .....	(007)
The Greater Maple Valley Area .....	(008)
The Wallingford Boys & Girls Club .....	(045)
The 48th District Republicans .....	(048)
The Vashon-Maury Island Community .....	(070)
WOW (Women of Washington) .....	(111)
The Urban Wilderness Project .....	(118)
The King County Libraries .....	(123)
The Wallingford Community Senior Center .....	(140)
The Sierra Club, Cascade Chapter .....	(180)
The Church Council of Greater Seattle .....	(200)
The United Methodist Church, Seattle District .....	(205)
The Seattle Public Libraries .....	(321)
KVI Radio (AM 570) Kirby Wilbur Show Listener .....	(570)
KIRO Radio (FM 97.3) Dave Ross Show Listener .....	(973)

**FROM THE KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

King County is currently developing its first countywide strategic plan. The strategic plan will guide the county's overall direction, policy making and budget decisions over the course of the next five years. The public's perspective on priorities and service delivery will inform decisions regarding the county's strategic objectives and policy directions.

The following questions are intended to assess the values that you believe should guide county decision and policymaking, your priorities for King County government overall, and your satisfaction with the county's current provision of services. We plan to use this information in the development of the countywide strategic plan both in assessing current concerns and obstacles, as well as in long-term planning and direction setting.

King County has a total population of about 1.8 million people with 50% in suburban cities, 30% in the city of Seattle and 20% in unincorporated areas. The county covers 2,134 square miles, is nearly twice as large as the average county in the United States, and ranks as the 14th most populous county in the nation.

<b>Regional services</b>	<b>Local services</b>
<p>King County provides regional services to all residents of the county, including people who live in cities. These include the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transit (buses)</li> <li>• Sewage treatment and solid waste disposal</li> <li>• Superior Court</li> <li>• Public health protection, health promotion and provision of health services</li> <li>• Human services</li> <li>• County jail</li> <li>• Elections and property records,</li> <li>• Flood protection</li> <li>• Agriculture and forestry protection</li> <li>• Regional parks and trails, and</li> <li>• King County International Airport (Boeing Field)</li> </ul>	<p>In unincorporated communities, both urban and rural, King County also serves as the local government and provides these additional services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land-use regulation</li> <li>• Building permits</li> <li>• Courts of limited jurisdiction</li> <li>• Police protection</li> <li>• Local and rural parks</li> <li>• Animal services</li> <li>• Storm water management</li> <li>• Roads and bridges</li> </ul> <p><u>Fire, water, library, and hospital districts operate independently of King County government when providing other local services in unincorporated communities.</u></p>



**Your perception of King County government**

Thinking about the County services listed on page six, please rate your overall satisfaction with the following:

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Very Satisfied", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Very Dissatisfied", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

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|-------|--|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-5) | <i>The overall quality of services provided by King County.</i>                        | (5) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|       | 1    2    3    4    5  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|       |  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-6) | <i>The overall quality of customer service you receive from King County employees.</i> | (6) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|       | 1    2    3    4    5  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|       |  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-7) | <i>The overall value you receive for your King County taxes and fees.</i>              | (7) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|       | 1    2    3    4    5  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|       |  |     |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

**Potential goals for King County**

How strongly would you agree or disagree with the following primary goals for King County?

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

- |        |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|--------|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-8)  | <i>"King County government keeps people safe."</i>                  | (8)  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|        |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-9)  | <i>"King County government promotes equity and social justice."</i> | (9)  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|        |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-10) | <i>"King County government keeps people healthy."</i>               | (10) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|        |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

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|--------|--|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-11) | <i>"King County government provides high quality customer service and accountability."</i> | <b>(11)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-12) | <i>"King County government serves those most in need."</i>                                 | <b>(12)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-13) | <i>"King County government protects natural resources."</i>                                | <b>(13)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-14) | <i>"King County government promotes livable and prosperous communities."</i>               | <b>(14)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

**King County's communication with the public**

Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following communication areas from King County.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Very Satisfied", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Very Dissatisfied", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

- |        |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|--------|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-15) | <i>The availability of information about County programs and services</i> | <b>(15)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-16) | <i>The overall level of public involvement in King County government</i>  | <b>(16)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-17) | <i>The County's website</i>   | <b>(17)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-18) | <i>Overall effectiveness of County communication with the public</i>      | <b>(18)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

**King County focus over the next 5 years**

**(T-19 through T-42)** Below is a list of many of the services King County provides. These may not necessarily be the programs you believe are currently the “best,” or the programs you believe are the “worst.” We would like to know which programs you think the county should focus on the most over the course of the next five years, where “focusing more attention” means analyzing, improving and/or expanding, and “focusing less attention” means the opposite.

[NOTE: These are “end anchor” statements. Please choose “1” for “Focus Much More Attention”, **choose “3” for “Neutral”**, choose “5” for “Focus Much Less Attention”, and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.

(T-19)	<i>Agriculture management services</i>									<b>(19)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-20)	<i>Animal care and control</i>									<b>(20)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-21)	<i>Building and development permits and inspections</i>									<b>(21)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-22)	<i>Bus (Metro) transit services</i>									<b>(22)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-23)	<i>Economic development and business services</i>									<b>(23)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-24)	<i>Elections and voter registration</i>									<b>(24)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-25)	<i>Emergency services, including emergency medical services</i>									<b>(25)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-26)	<i>Flood management services</i>									<b>(26)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-27)	<i>Forestry management services</i>									<b>(27)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	
(T-28)	<i>Human services, such as mental health, drug/alcohol treatment, housing or other services</i>									<b>(28)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object			Abstain			Object	

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(T-29)	<i>Local land use planning</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(29)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-30)	<i>Local parks</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(30)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-31)	<i>Police services</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(31)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-32)	<i>Programs to protect and preserve the environment</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(32)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-33)	<i>Property assessment services</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(33)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-34)	<i>Prosecutor</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(34)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-35)	<i>Public defense</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(35)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-36)	<i>Public health protection and health promotion programs</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(36)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-37)	<i>Regional trails, parks and open space</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(37)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-38)	<i>Road and bridge maintenance and repair</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(38)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-39)	<i>Services at Public Health Centers</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(39)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-40)	<i>Solid waste and recycling services</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(40)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-41)	<i>Storm water drainage services</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(41)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	
(T-42)	<i>Superior and district courts</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object	<b>(42)</b>	1	2	3	4	5
										Abstain			Object	

**Values and Tradeoffs for service delivery decisions**

**(T-43 through T-49)** Given that the countywide strategic plan will guide policy and decision making over the next five years, we would like to get your input on how you think the county should make decisions and think about tradeoffs across programs and services. The following value statements are intended to get a sense of which ones you think are most critical to the way the county should prioritize and make decisions around service delivery.

**Rank each statement. Circle 1, 2, or 3 for your TOP THREE priorities, using each number only once, and circle "Abstain" for all others.**

**TOP 3 PRIORITIES**

*"When King County is making choices between programs and services, I think those choices should be based on \_\_\_\_\_."*

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| <p>(T-43) ... the ability to reach the largest number of people.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>  | <p><b>(43)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-44) ... the ability to promote fairness and opportunity for all across race and socioeconomic status.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p> | <p><b>(44)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-45) ... effectiveness at accomplishing its goals.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>   | <p><b>(45)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-46) ... maximizing the "benefit per dollar" spent.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>  | <p><b>(46)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-47) ... the ability to reach people most in need.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>   | <p><b>(47)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-48) ... funding sustainability.<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>   | <p><b>(48)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |
| <p>(T-49) Other (please specify in the answer column)<br/>                           1     2     3     Abstain     Object</p>   | <p><b>(49)</b> 1   2   3<br/>               Abstain   Object</p> |

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**What are your personal expectations for the county's agenda for the next five years?**

**(T-50 through T-54)** As the county sets an agenda for the next five years I believe it should take into consideration \_\_\_\_\_. Please select your first, second and third choices for the blank.

**Rank each statement. Circle 1, 2, or 3 for your TOP THREE priorities, using each number only once, and circle "Abstain" for all others.**

**TOP 3 PRIORITIES**

- |        |   |  |
|--------|---|--|
| (T-50) | <i>Environmental concerns</i><br>1    2    3    Abstain    Object   | <b>(50)</b> 1   2   3<br>Abstain    Object |
| (T-51) | <i>The county's responsibilities in responding to natural disasters or emergency situations</i><br>1    2    3    Abstain    Object | <b>(51)</b> 1   2   3<br>Abstain    Object |
| (T-52) | <i>Economic development and/or job creation in the region</i><br>1    2    3    Abstain    Object                                   | <b>(52)</b> 1   2   3<br>Abstain    Object |
| (T-53) | <i>The government's ability to provide a social safety net in the future</i><br>1    2    3    Abstain    Object                    | <b>(53)</b> 1   2   3<br>Abstain    Object |
| (T-54) | <i>Other (write in the answer column)</i><br>1    2    3    Abstain    Object   | <b>(54)</b> 1   2   3<br>Abstain    Object |

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**What else could King County provide over the next 5 years?**

**(T-55 through T-67)** I would like to see King County, as my regional government, focus on the following five countywide priorities over the next five years

**TOP 5 PRIORITIES**

**Rank each statement. Circle 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 for your TOP FIVE priorities, using each number only once, and circle "Abstain" for all others.**

(T-55)	<i>Environmental stewardship and growth management</i>	(55)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-56)	<i>Leading the region in preparing for climate change</i>	(56)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-57)	<i>Promoting equity across race and socioeconomic status</i>	(57)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-58)	<i>Working to reduce the number of people in jail and the dependence on our criminal justice system</i>	(58)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-59)	<i>Improving public safety</i>	(59)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-60)	<i>Assuring equal access to health protection, health promotion and provision of health services</i>	(60)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-61)	<i>Promoting opportunities for children/child development</i>	(61)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-62)	<i>Building an integrated, more effective public transportation system</i>	(62)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-63)	<i>Enhancing arts and culture in the region</i>	(63)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-64)	<i>Accountability and transparency</i>	(64)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-65)	<i>Building regional economic strength</i>	(65)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-66)	<i>Improving the health and well-being of people and communities</i>	(66)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								
(T-67)	<i>Other priority (please specify in the answer column)</i>	(67)	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	Object
	1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object								

**FROM THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

King County is experiencing significant shortfalls in the general (undesignated) fund. The general fund supports human services like domestic violence survivor support, programs to keep young people in school, senior center programming, and food bank support; public health services like disease prevention, education programs, immunizations, and emergency preparedness; and criminal justice programs like our courts, jails, public defense, and sheriff. It also supports basic government services like elections and records, licenses, and animal services. Of the \$661 million general fund, over \$93 million was cut in the 2009 budget. Additional cuts are likely in the coming years.

King County Metro is also facing budget shortfalls due to the loss of sales tax revenues, its primary source of funding. King County Metro funds local and regional bus service throughout King County.

**Criminal Justice**

Background: In the area of criminal justice, King County funds District (misdemeanor) Court and Superior (felony) Court, the downtown jail and Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent, the Youth Services Center and juvenile detention program, Office of the Public Defender, King County Prosecutor, and King County Sheriff functions.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

**Please answer the following potential goal statements regarding criminal justice.**

- |        |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|--------|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-68) | <i>"My neighborhood should have more police patrols."</i>   | (68) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-69) | <i>"All crimes should be investigated diligently."</i>  | (69) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-70) | <i>"Some crimes are unavoidable and it is a waste of taxpayer resources to treat every crime as serious."</i> | (70) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   |      |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

(T-71) *"The county should reduce law enforcement services to urban unincorporated areas to encourage incorporation or annexation of these areas."* (71) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(T-72) *"I believe that prevention/intervention services within the criminal justice system are more cost effective, actually reduce crime, and should be prioritized at a higher level over incarceration."* (72) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

**Public Health**

Background: Seattle & King County Public Health protects the health of all county residents. Public Health's work includes: tracking infectious diseases like tuberculosis, influenza, and STDs, and helping coordinate the medical response; working with grocery stores and restaurants to ensure that employees handle and store food properly and remove dangerous recalled products; ensuring safe drinking water; improving access to health care and providing direct services at ten centers, and partnering with businesses and community groups to encourage healthy behaviors.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

**Please answer the following potential goal statements regarding public health.**

(T-73) *"King County should be involved in protecting and improving the health of residents."* (73) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(T-74) *"Preventing the transmission of communicable disease is an important government function."* (74) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(T-75) *"Walkable communities, good trail systems, or other elements that encourage healthy behaviors, are important to me."* (75) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(T-76) *"King County should be involved in providing health services for people who are uninsured, like immunizations, family planning, and maternal and child support."* (76) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(T-77) *"King County should provide a safety net for those with no other health care options."* (77) 1 2 3 4 5  
 Abstain Object  
 1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

**Human Services**

Background: In King County, "human services" refers to a wide range of programs and services that provide critical, life saving services for individuals and families in need. Services include counseling for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, therapy and treatment for veterans returning home from war with post traumatic stress syndrome, and services for youth at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system. These and other human services also help keep criminal justice costs down by addressing the causes of recidivism: homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

**Please answer the following potential goal statements regarding human services.**

- |        |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
|--------|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-78) | <i>"Funding human services should be a priority, even if it is not required by law for King County to provide these services."</i>  | <b>(78)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   Abstain   Object  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-79) | <i>"In a budget crisis, King County should focus on maintaining human services that provide critical, life saving services (such as emergency homeless shelters in the winter), because demand for these services rises as economic conditions worsen."</i> | <b>(79)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   Abstain   Object  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-80) | <i>"King County should preserve proven programs that prevent or reduce homelessness, even if other programs are cut."</i>   | <b>(80)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   Abstain   Object  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-81) | <i>"King County should preserve programs that assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, even if other programs are cut."</i>  | <b>(81)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   Abstain   Object  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-82) | <i>"King County should prioritize human services that are proven most effective in reducing involvement in the criminal justice system, even if other programs are cut."</i>  | <b>(82)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1   2   3   4   5   Abstain   Object  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |

**Metro Bus Service**

Background: King County Metro funds local and regional bus service throughout King County. It operates a fleet of 1,300 mass transit vehicles that serve an annual ridership of 100 million. Metro also operates the 600-vehicle vanpool program that makes more than 2.9 million trips per year.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

**Please answer the following statements regarding bus service.**

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|--------|--|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| (T-83) | <i>"Metro should reduce weekend and all day service on low ridership routes."</i>  | <b>(83)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-84) | <i>"I would prefer if metro reduced the amount of bus service available before they impact security and cleanliness of my bus trip."</i>   | <b>(84)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-85) | <i>"I would still use the bus if there were no longer shelters at transit stops."</i>  | <b>(85)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-86) | <i>"Whenever possible, Metro should prioritize service that gets people to and from light rail lines or train stops over directly serving other destinations."</i>   | <b>(86)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |
| (T-87) | <i>"Even though Metro will have raised bus fares by \$0.75 over two years (up to a total of \$2.75 each way for a commuter bus trip), I would rather pay an even higher fare if it means keeping bus routes intact."</i> | <b>(87)</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Abstain | Object |
|        | 1    2    3    4    5  |             |   |   |   |   |   |         |        |



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Answer Column

(T-94) Rather than having to make continued reductions, the one tax increase I would most be willing to support for **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** would be: (1) a Sales Tax increase; (2) a Property Tax increase; (3) a Utility Tax increase in the unincorporated area; (4) No tax increase for Criminal Justice; (5) Some other tax increase (indicate what kind in the answer column)

1      2      3      4      5      Abstain      Object

(94) 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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(T-95) Rather than having to make continued reductions, the one tax increase I would most be willing to support for **PUBLIC HEALTH** would be: (1) a Sales Tax increase; (2) a Property Tax increase; (3) a Utility Tax increase in the unincorporated area; (4) No tax increase for Public Health; (5) Some other tax increase (indicate what kind in the answer column)

1      2      3      4      5      Abstain      Object

(95) 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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(T-96) Rather than having to make continued reductions, the one tax increase I would most be willing to support for **HUMAN SERVICES** would be: (1) a Sales Tax increase; (2) a Property Tax increase; (3) a Utility Tax increase in the unincorporated area; (4) No tax increase for Human Services; (5) Some other tax increase (indicate what kind in the answer column)

1      2      3      4      5      Abstain      Object

(96) 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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(T-97) Rather than having to make continued reductions, the one tax increase I would most be willing to support for **BUS SERVICE** would be: (1) a Sales Tax increase; (2) a Property Tax increase; (3) a Utility Tax increase in the unincorporated area; (4) No tax increase for Bus Service; (5) Some other tax increase (indicate what kind in the answer column)

1      2      3      4      5      Abstain      Object

(97) 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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[NOTE: The following are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

(T-98) "Tax increases should be used to maintain existing programs before adding new programs."

1      2      3      4      5      Abstain      Object

(98) 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

Values and Performance of King County Government

Answer Column

(T-99) *"Tax increases should restrict implementation of any new programs, even those that have proven to be more successful than existing programs."*

1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(99) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

(T-100) *"Residents of the unincorporated areas of the County should pay similar taxes to residents in cities."*

1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(100) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**FROM THE CITIZEN COUNCILOR COORDINATOR**

In our previous Round 2 forums on the King County Budget, even though no questions were asked about it, many *Citizen Councilors* offered an opinion (both for and against) on the creation of a state and/or county income tax. Because it came up more often than we would have expected, we wanted your opinions on three increasingly specific statements about the creation of an income tax for the exclusive benefit of the county.

[NOTE: These are "end anchor" statements. Please choose "1" for "Strongly Agree", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Strongly Disagree", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

(T-101) *"The State Legislature should give King County voters the option of authorizing a county income tax on the very wealthiest income earners of our county."*

1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(101) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

(T-102) *"The State Legislature should give King County voters the option of authorizing a county income tax on the very wealthiest income earners of our county **but only if** one or more other general taxes (such as property and/or sales taxes) were reduced across the board for everyone by the same amount raised by the new county income tax."*

1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(102) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

(T-103) *"The State Legislature should give King County voters the option of authorizing a county income tax on the very wealthiest income earners of our county **but only if** one or more other general taxes (such as property and/or sales taxes) were reduced across the board for everyone by the same amount raised by the new county income tax **and only if** there were strict limits placed on total King County spending."*

1 2 3 4 5 Abstain Object

(103) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**PROCESS QUESTIONS**

Please help choose future topics for the *Countywide Community Forums*, and help evaluate and improve the process you have just experienced, by answering the following process questions.

**(P-1) What topic would you like to discuss in future Countywide Community Forums?**

(1) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

- 1. A specific transportation proposal, such as how best to replace the SR-520 ("Evergreen Point") bridge, how best to improve Metro Transit bus service or something else (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).
- 2. Environmental protection in King County
- 3. Tax Reform in King County
- 4. Public Safety and the Justice System in King County
- 5. Other (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).

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Abstain Object

**(P-2) Did you previously participate in Rounds 1 or 2 of the Countywide Community Forums? Round 1 was on the topic of Transportation in June/July 2008 while Round 2 was on the King County Budget in February/March 2009.**

(2) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

- 1. Yes. Both rounds
- 2. Yes. One of the two previous rounds
- 3. No. I only recently found out about the forums.
- 4. No. I knew about the forums, but was not interested in the previous topics.
- 5. No. I wanted to attend, but was not able to.

Abstain Object

**(P-3) How do you rate the information presented in the 20-minute "Values and Performance of King County Government" video?**

(3) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

- 1. Excellent
- 2. Good
- 3. Fair or average
- 4. Poor
- 5. Very poor

Abstain Object

*Values and Performance of King County Government*

**Answer Column**

**(P-4)** *In general, do you think the 20-minute “**Values and Performance of King County Government**” video was **fair and evenhanded?***

**(4)** 1 2 3 4  
Abstain Object

- 1. Very fair and even handed
- 2. Somewhat fair and even handed
- 3. Somewhat biased
- 4. Very biased

Abstain Object

**(P-5)** *Did you think the length of this **Opinionnaire®** has been:*

**(5)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

- 1. About right
- 2. Long but OK
- 3. Too long
- 4. Too short
- 5. Other (please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).

Abstain Object

**(P-6)** *How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement, “**Overall, I believe the Countywide Community Forums are on the right track.**”*

**(6)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Disagree  
Abstain Object

**IF YOU THINK ANY MAJOR ISSUES WERE MISSED, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE WRITE THEM IN THE ANSWER COLUMN.**

You can also email your comments and suggestions to [CommunityForums@KingCounty.gov](mailto:CommunityForums@KingCounty.gov)

You can also leave us voicemail at 206/296-1633.

Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you!  
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We appreciate your participation in the *Countywide Community Forums* of King County.

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**THANK YOU!**

Lined area for writing answers, consisting of approximately 25 horizontal lines.