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Local Services

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# King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

**Southeast King County**

**Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020**

# Welcome

## John Taylor, Director

King County Local Services



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# Schedule

1. Welcome ..... Local Services Director John Taylor
2. Opening remarks ..... Councilmember Reagan Dunn
3. Elections ..... Director Julie Wise
4. Assessor ..... Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff's Office ..... Chief Troy Olmsted
6. Community Partner Updates
7. Fiscal State of the County ..... Deputy Budget Director Aaron Rubardt
8. Local Services Updates ..... Director John Taylor
9. King County Briefings ..... Department Staff
10. Q&A / open house
11. Closing Remarks ..... Councilmember Reagan Dunn
12. Thanks and next steps ..... Director John Taylor



# Zoom meetings – housekeeping

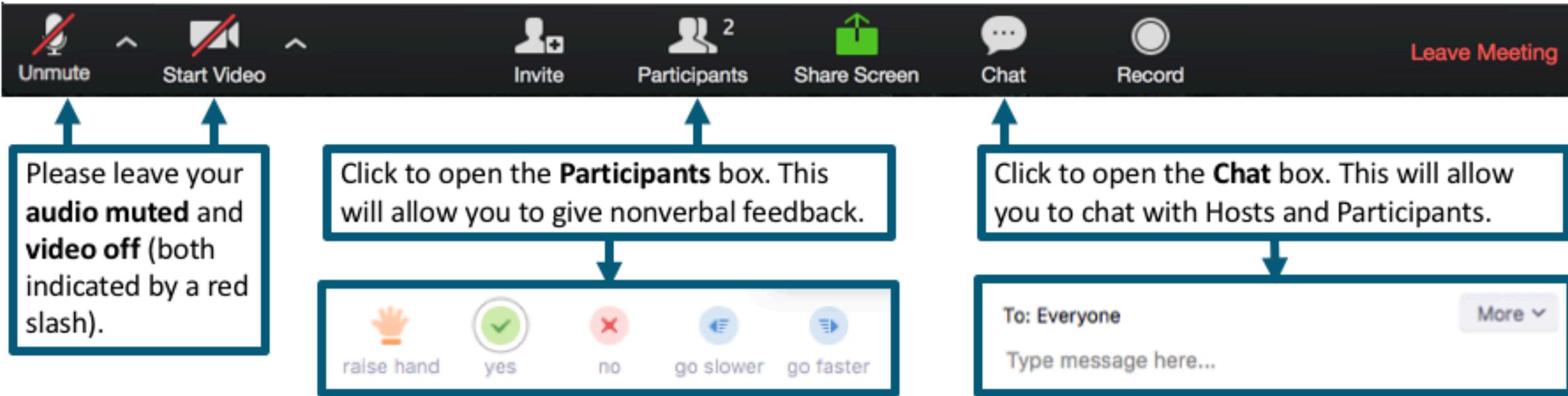
- Everyone starts with permission to use video and audio.
- Chat with everyone or a specific individual.
- We can hear you. *Mute your microphone please.*
- We can see you. *Turn off your video if you don't want to be seen.*
- Facilitator/Host can control all functions.
- Be succinct and clear. Use an appropriate volume.

Technology can be challenging and we are all trying our best.

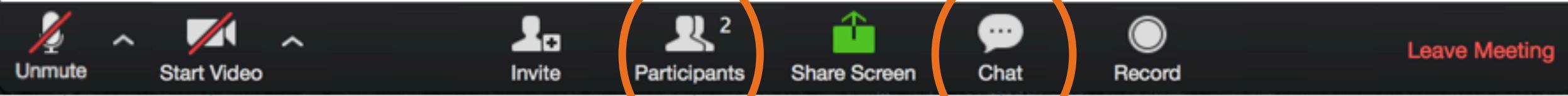
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# Zoom meetings – functions



# Questions?



Raise Hand

Chat

# *TOWN HALL*

## *SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY*

*Our regional response to COVID-19*



Councilmember Reagan Dunn  
District 9

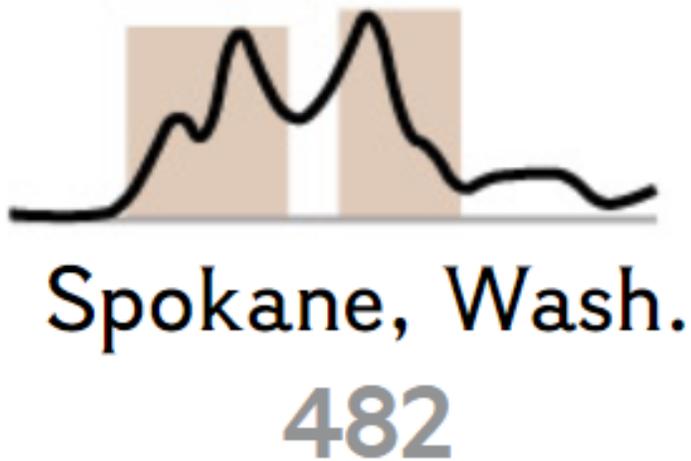
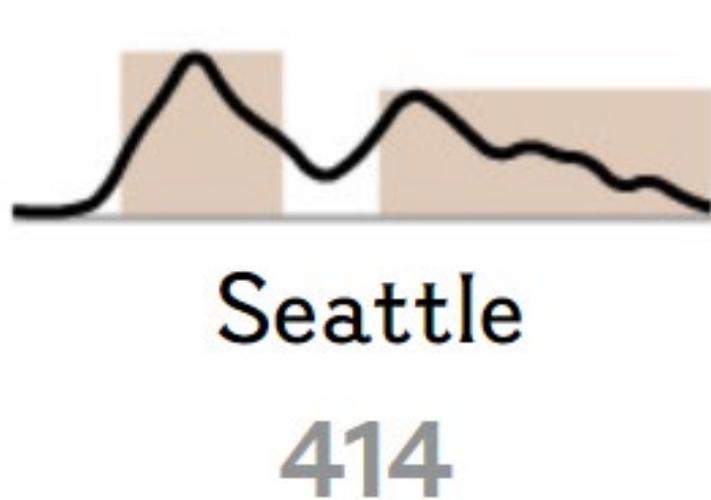
# WHAT KING COUNTY IS DOING TODAY

- **Flattening the Curve**
  - Daily KCC leadership meetings
  - Continued coordination with local jurisdictions
  - Quarantine/Isolation Sites , Assessment & Recovery Centers, and Shelter Sites
  - Increasing testing facilities
- **Mitigating the financial, economic & social impacts of COVID-19**
  - Passed 4 COVID-19 emergency budgets, funding a wide variety of COVID-19 operational programs and economic relief for individuals, businesses, & organizations.
  - Taking up 5th COVID-19 emergency budget late fall
  - Postponed property tax deadline to June 1; created property tax payment plans
  - Project CARE
- **Planning for the recovery**
  - Distributing 5 million cloth face coverings and 20 million disposable face coverings to residents, workers and businesses
  - Economic Recovery Work Group meeting on September 18
  - Updating pandemic and emergency plans
  - UW study of King County's response to the COVID-19 crisis

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# 1918 FLU PANDEMIC



Weekly deaths per 100,000 from 1918 pandemic above the expected death rate

807

Deaths per 100,000 after 24 weeks of pandemic



Duration of social distancing measures

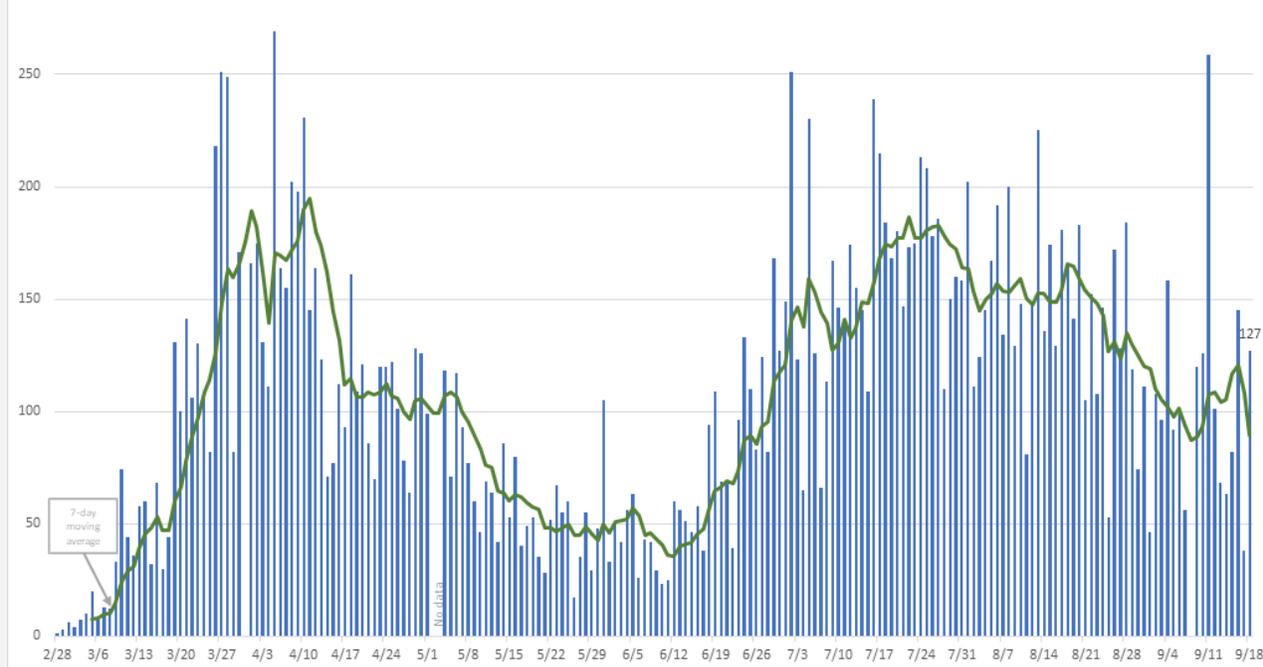


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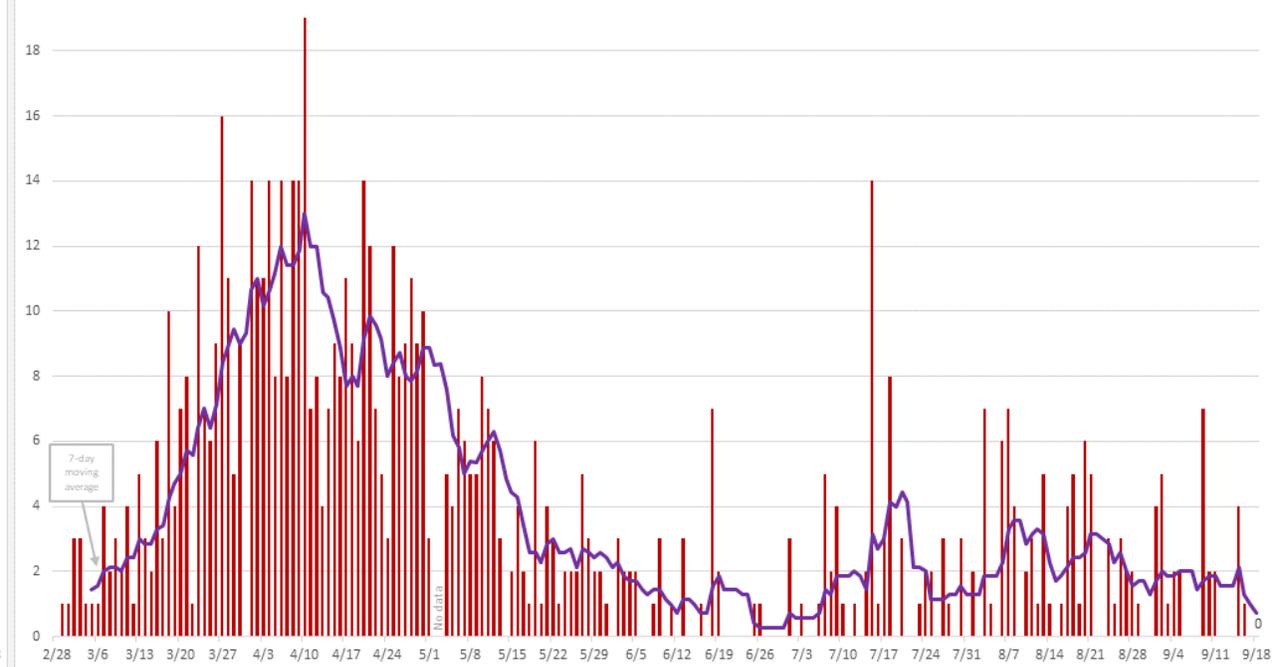
Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/03/how-cities-flattened-curve-1918-spanish-flu-pandemic-coronavirus/#close>

# *KING COUNTY COVID-19 CASES*

King County COVID-19 - New Cases (by day announced)



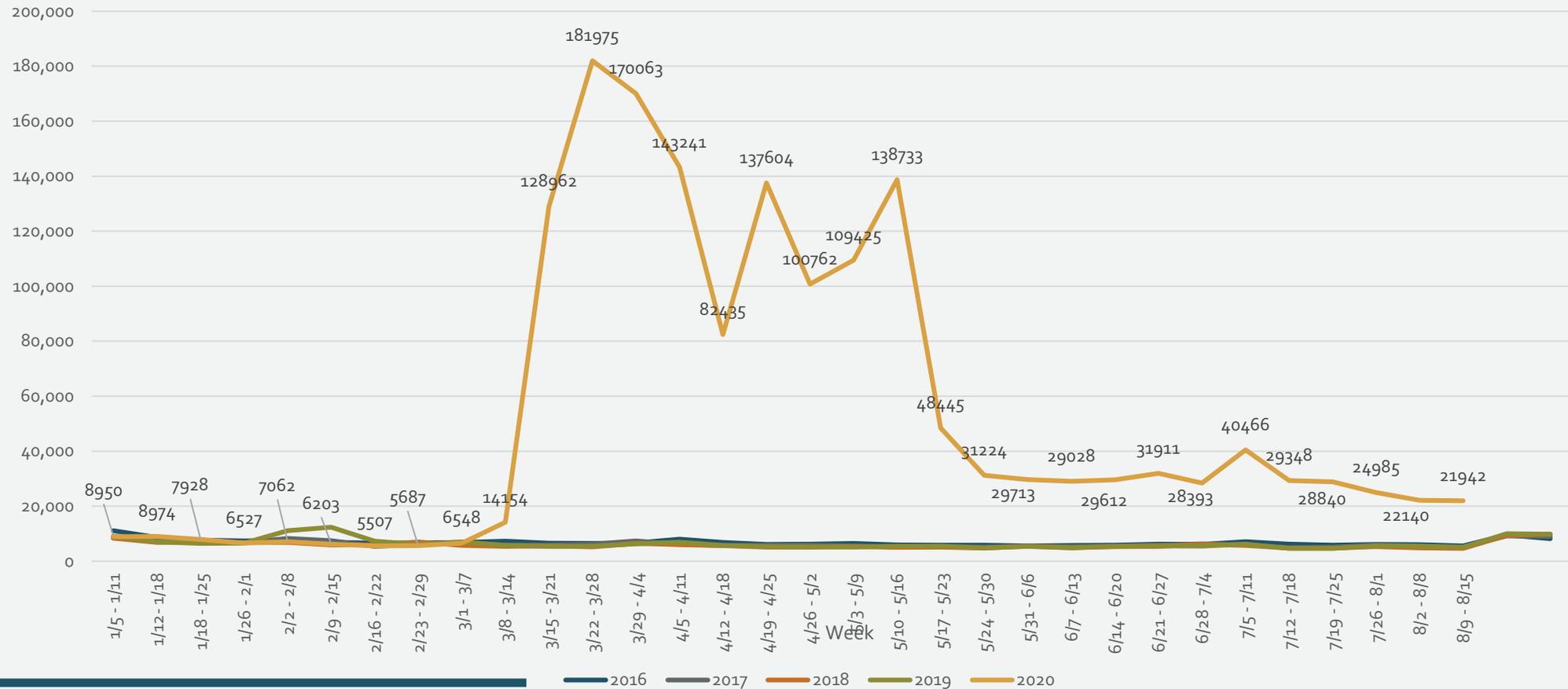
King County COVID-19 - Deaths (by day announced)



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# STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT SURGE

Initial Claims (Regular Benefits)  
 Claims Reported During the Week of August 9, 2020  
 Source: US Dept. of Labor & Labor Market and Economic Analysis, ESD



Councilmember Reagan Dunn



# 2020 BUDGET FORECAST

- **Impact on sales tax based funds including:**
  - General Fund – \$100 million decrease (mostly sales tax and fee revenues)
  - MIDD – \$10 million decrease (-13.4%)
  - Transit – \$92 million decrease (-13.5%) (sales tax only)
  - Lodging Tax – \$21 million decrease (-60.0%)
  - Rental Car – \$2 million decrease (-46%)
  - REET – \$720K decrease (-9.3%)
- **Permit revenue in Unincorporated King County has decreased significantly**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> COVID Emergency Budget appropriated \$1 million of General Fund's fund balance to cover the costs of the Permitting Division's operations for the remainder of 2020.
- **Metro will receive about \$244 million from the CARES Act, which offsets much of their financial loss for this year**
- **MIDD (behavioral health) and Metro are looking for ways to cut costs in anticipation of the 2021-2022 biennium**



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# LEGISLATION

- Project CARE (2020-0131) (approved 3/24) : [www.KingCounty.gov/CARE](http://www.KingCounty.gov/CARE)
- Payment plans for property tax bills (Motion 2020-0192) (approved 6/23) <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax/payment-plans.aspx>
- County-wide Pandemic Response Plans (Motion 2020-0183) (approved 6/23)
- UW report on the effectiveness of the County's COVID-19 response (Motion 2020-0182) (to be voted on 9/29)
- Hiring freeze on King County personnel (Ordinance 2020-0181)
- Task force to plan for economic recovery (Motion 2020-0166) (Joint Executive and Council leadership initiative in progress)
- Reinforce video conferencing privacy laws for remote addiction recovery meetings (Ordinance 2020-0201) (Heard in Law and Justice; second briefing in Law and Justice in December)
- Allow restaurants and retail services in the unincorporated areas to provide additional or new outdoor dining or retail opportunities (Motion 2020-0208) (Approved 6/23)



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# QUESTIONS?

## For more information:

Project CARE: [www.kingcounty.gov/CARE](http://www.kingcounty.gov/CARE)

Latest updates on COVID-19 in King County: [www.kingcounty.gov/covid](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid)

Financial resources: [www.kingcounty.gov/council/gethelp](http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/gethelp)

Property tax payment plans: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax/payment-plans.aspx>

Washington State Coronavirus Response: [www.coronavirus.wa.gov](http://www.coronavirus.wa.gov)



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# King County Elections



**Julie Wise**

**Director**

206-477-4140 or 206-296-VOTE

Julie.Wise@kingcounty.gov



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# Presidential election preview

- **Oct. 14** – Ballots and voters' pamphlets are mailed
- **Oct. 26** – **Deadline to register** or update information online or by mail for this election
- **Nov. 3 – Election Day** – ballots must be postmarked by today or returned to a ballot drop box
  - Voters may register or update their information in person at a Vote Center until 8 p.m.
  - Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp
- **Nov. 24** – Election Certification



# Hot Topics



- COVID-19 Service Changes
- United States Postal Service
- Ballot Drop Boxes
- Vote Centers



# What You Can Do

- Make sure your registration is up to date – [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)
- Call us 2060-296-VOTE or go online if you don't see your ballot by October 19
- Vote early!
- Help your friends and family make a plan to vote

**HNT 90** **vote!**

## VOTE PLAN

**I'M VOTING**

- Immediately after receiving my ballot
- The first weekend after receiving my ballot
- On Election Day (*not recommended*)

**I'M RETURNING MY BALLOT BY**

- Mail
- Drop box

**I HAVE**

- Registered to vote
- Checked my registration

**TAG TWO FRIENDS**

@kcelections  
206-296-VOTE (8683)  
[elections@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov)



# Questions?





# John Wilson King County Assessor

206-296-7300

[assessor.info@kingcounty.gov](mailto:assessor.info@kingcounty.gov)



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# We are still available to serve you!

- To access virtual services, you can email the Assessor's Office at [assessor.info@kingcounty.gov](mailto:assessor.info@kingcounty.gov), call 206-296-7300, or visit [www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor).
- You can apply online for property tax exemptions at [taxrelief.kingcounty.gov](http://taxrelief.kingcounty.gov), email [Exemptions.Assessments@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Exemptions.Assessments@kingcounty.gov), or call 206-296-3920.
- If you have a complex issue that requires a meeting with our staff, call or email to set up an appointment.
- For property tax payment changes, please visit our Finance and Business Operations website: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax.aspx>



# Residential home values have not been significantly impacted by COVID-19 to date.

## (Commercial properties are a different story)

- Overall, home values and sale prices have been relatively flat compared to last year.
- As always, values vary from city to city and neighborhood to neighborhood.
- One significant factor in residential home values in King County is the increase in values in Seattle suburbs, especially in the south end.
- While housing values have remained relatively steady so far, some commercial sectors have had their values severely impacted. These changes in value will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.



# Eligibility for the Senior Property Tax Reduction Program has been expanded, and you can apply online

- The annual household income limit is now \$58,423 including Social Security and other sources.
- Born in 1958 or earlier, or disabled and unable to work in 2019 or earlier
- Own the residence as of 12/31/2019. Occupy as a primary residence 9 months each year

Go to [TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov](https://www.kingcounty.gov/taxrelief) to apply online



# Let us know if the value of your commercial property was affected by COVID-19 restrictions

- Housing values have remained steady
- Some commercial sectors have had their values significantly hammered by being temporarily closed or their operations constrained.
- Changes in value caused by COVID will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.
- To help us accurately capture the effects COVID:  
**Commercial taxpayers can report COVID impacts at**  
[www.kingcounty.gov/COVID-value-review](http://www.kingcounty.gov/COVID-value-review)



# Questions?



# King County Sheriff's Office Southeast Precinct (Precinct 3)

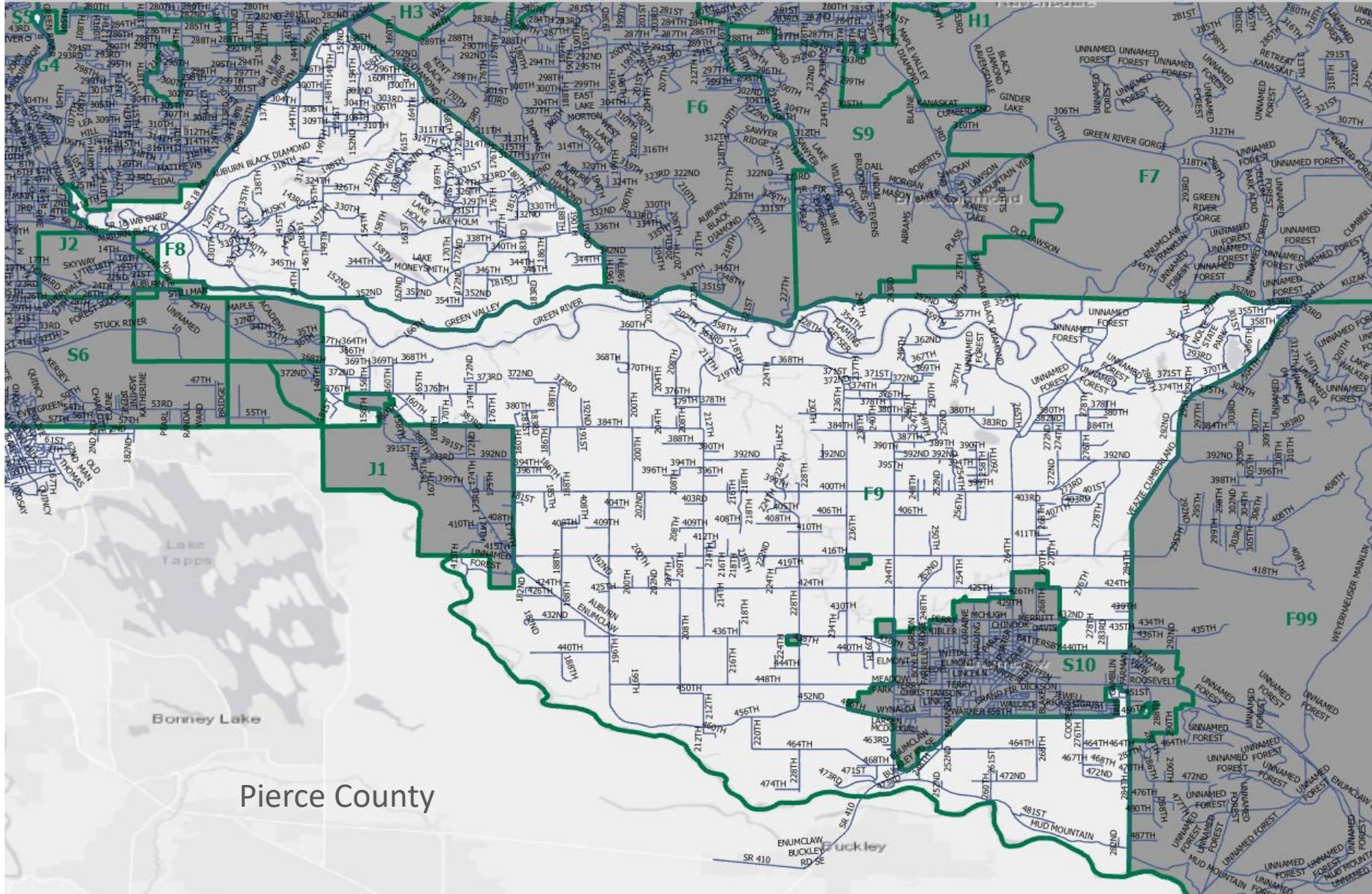


Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander

Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations

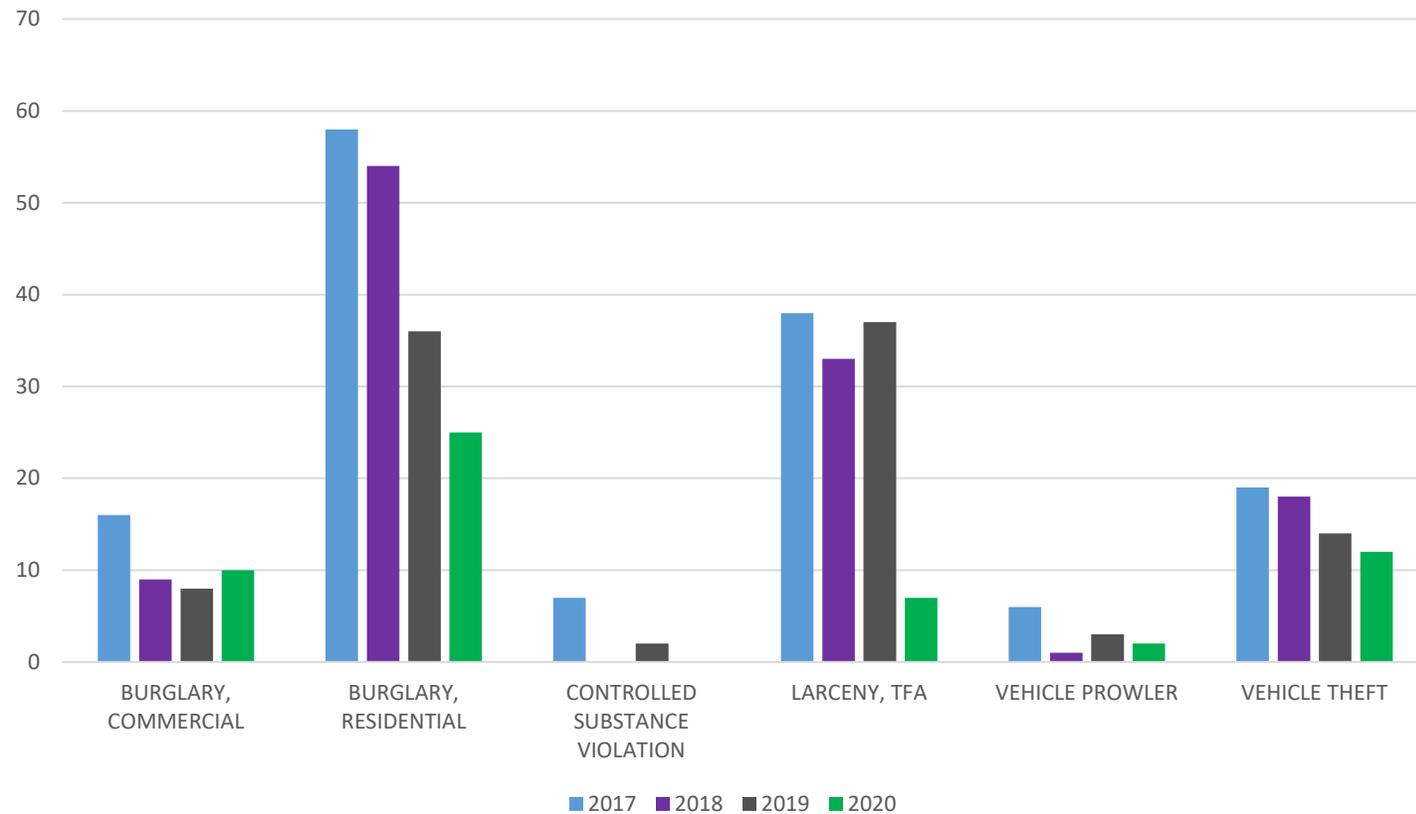
Captain Eric Muller, Investigations

# Patrol Districts F8 & F9



# F8 & F9 property crimes

Property crimes January-August 2017-2020



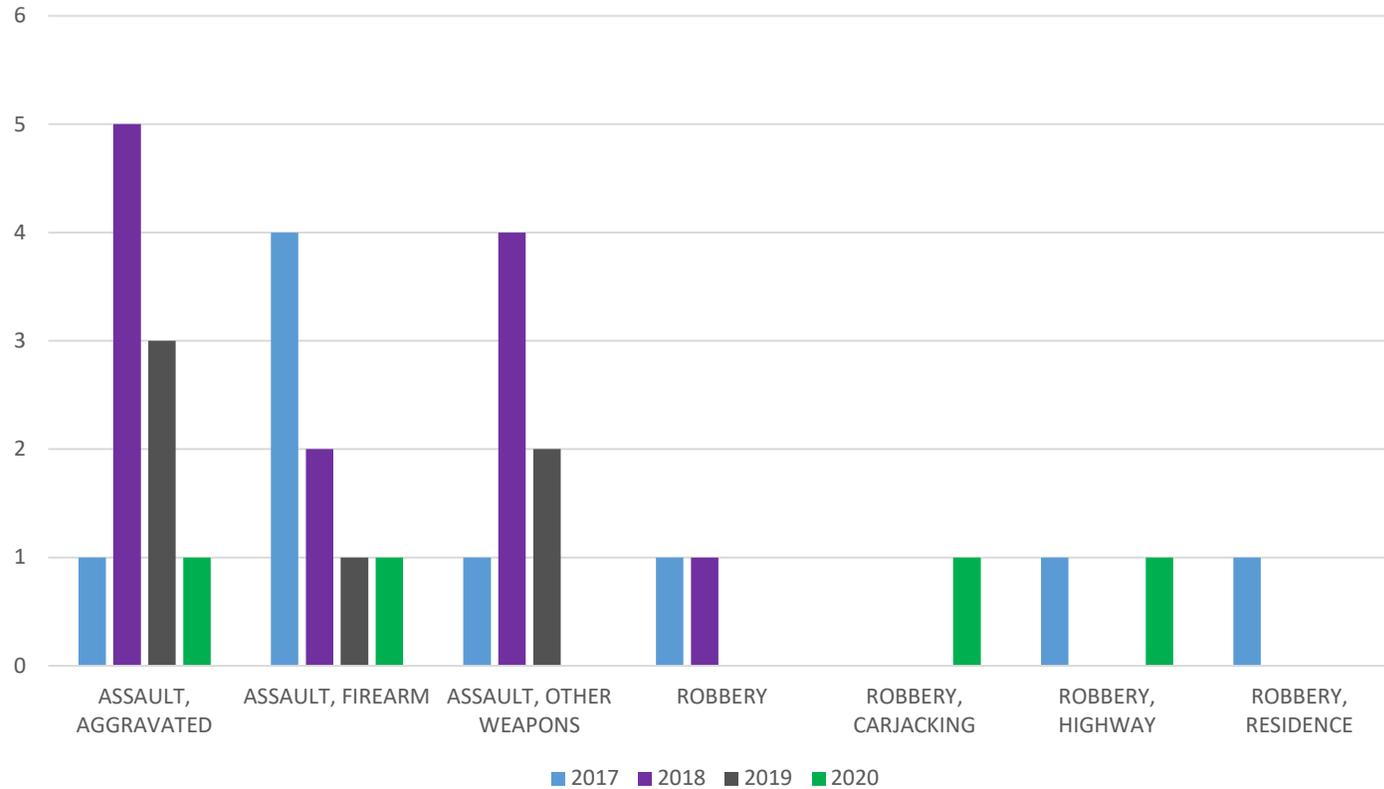
JANUARY TO AUGUST COMPARED FROM 2017 TO 2020					
Call Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
BURGLARY, COMMERCIAL	16	9	8	10	43
BURGLARY, RESIDENTIAL	58	54	36	25	173
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	7	0	2	0	9
LARCENY, TFA	38	33	37	7	115
VEHICLE PROWLER	6	1	3	2	12
VEHICLE THEFT	19	18	14	12	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>415</b>

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD IMPACTS IN F8 & F9	
Identity Theft Reports:	Total
2019 (Full Year)	6
2020 (Year to date)	102

Statistics are based on calls for service combined with reports submitted electronically by the public and are not official crime statistics.

# F8 & F9 persons crimes

Persons crimes January-August 2017-2020



JANUARY TO AUGUST COMPARED FROM 2017 TO 2020					
Call Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED	1	5	3	1	10
ASSAULT, FIREARM	4	2	1	1	8
ASSAULT, OTHER WEAPONS	1	4	2	0	7
ROBBERY	1	1	0	0	2
ROBBERY, CARJACKING	0	0	0	1	1
ROBBERY, HIGHWAY	1	0	0	1	2
ROBBERY, RESIDENCE	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>

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# Questions?



# Community partner updates



# Questions & comments



# King County Budget 2021-2022

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OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY AND BUDGET



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# Budget at a Glance

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\$12.4 BILLION PROPOSED  
FOR 2021-2022



15,000+ EMPLOYEES



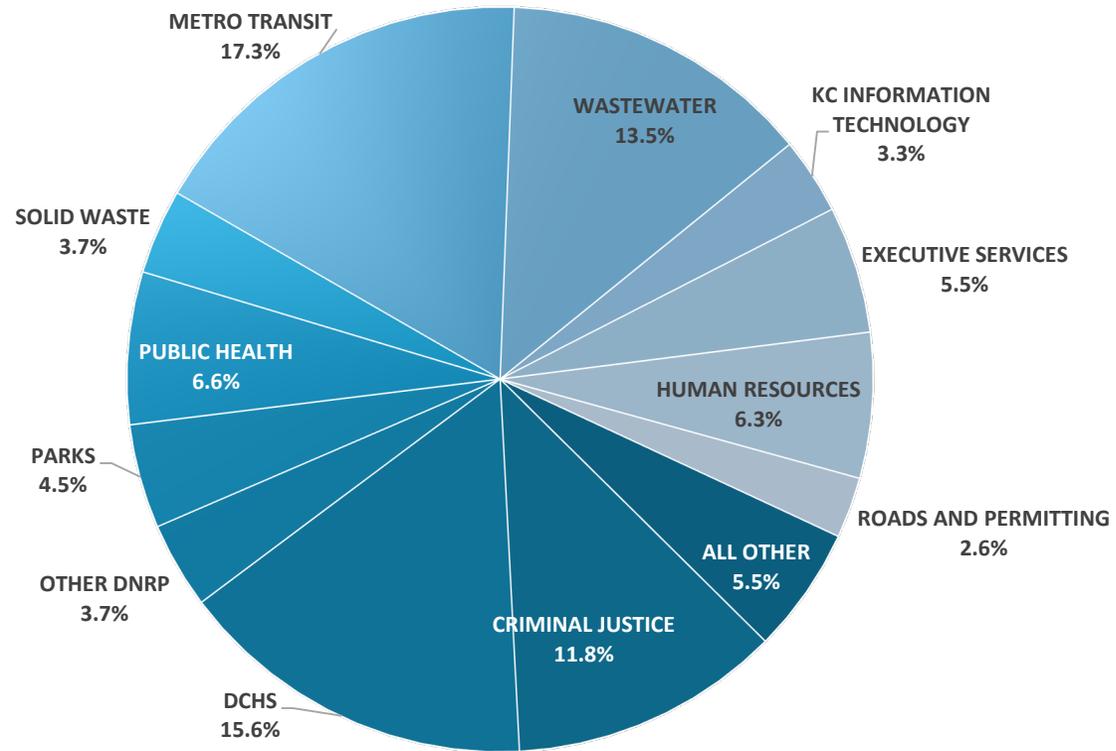
60+ PROGRAMS, BOTH  
REGIONAL AND LOCAL



SERVING 2.2 MILLION  
RESIDENTS (12<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST  
COUNTY IN THE U.S.)

# Where does our funding go?

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Based on 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

## Restrictions on revenue

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State law and the King County Charter impose restrictions on the uses of many revenues.

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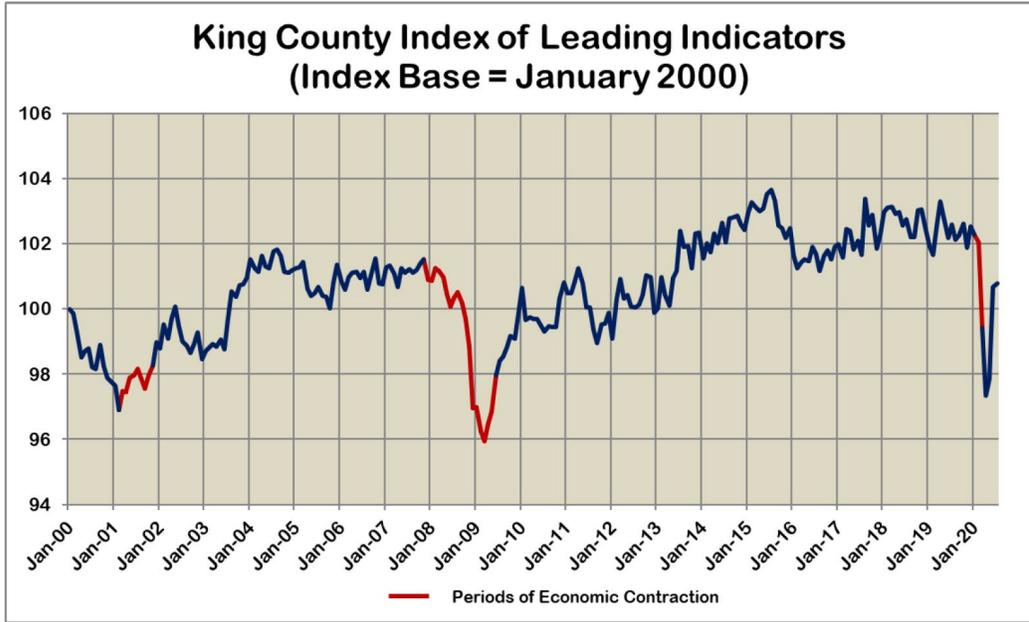
For example, revenues collected from solid waste disposal charges must be used for solid waste programs and cannot be diverted to parks or human services.

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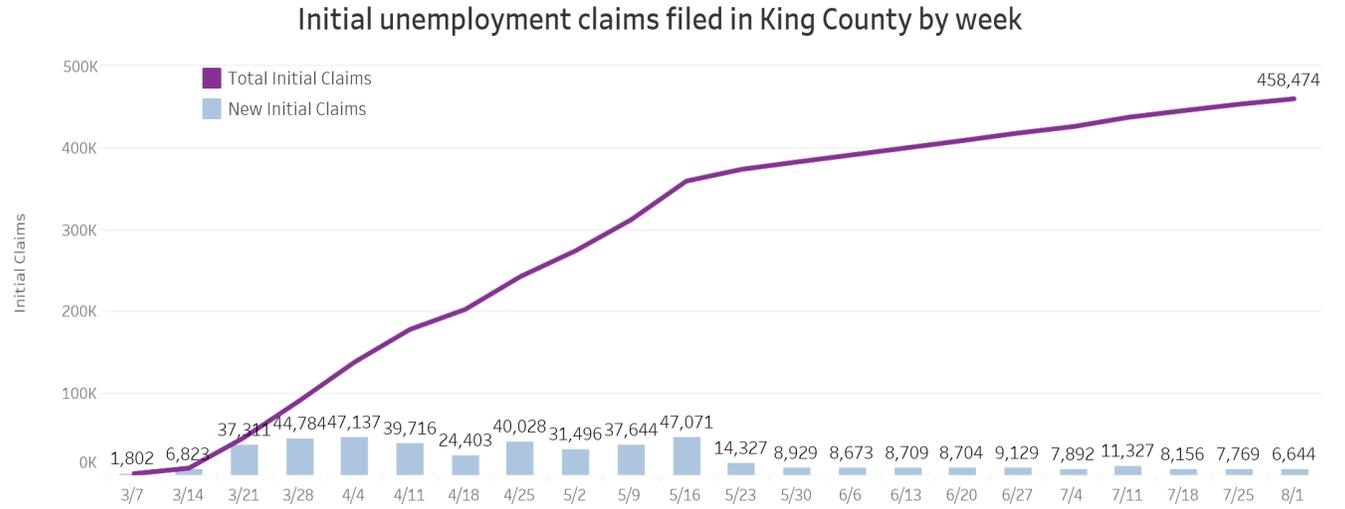
King County's finances are organized into about 140 different funds, each with its own revenue sources and expenditures.

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The only truly flexible source of funds is the General Fund. General Fund revenues are severely limited by State law. The State and cities have much more revenue flexibility than counties.



Leading Economic Indicators – 2000-2020: Largest single-month change ever in March but some parts of the economy have started to bounce back

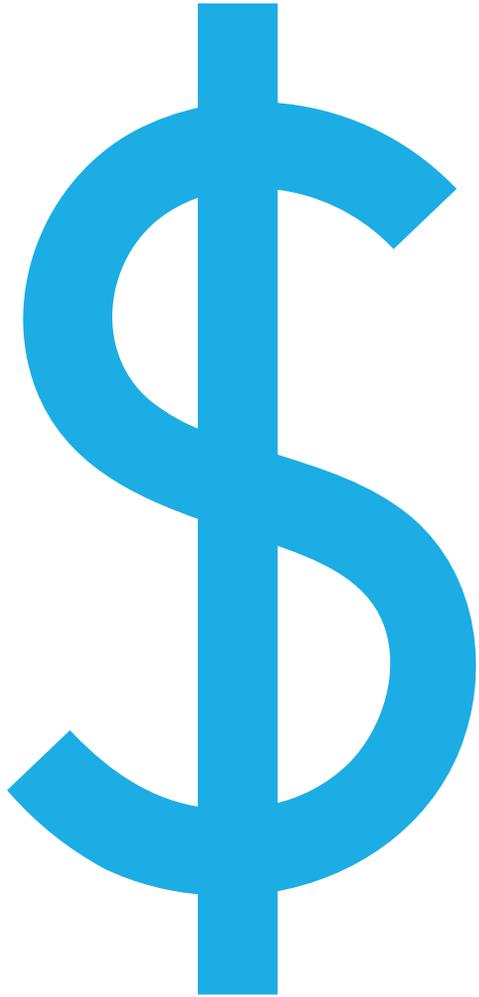


King County residents filed 458,474 new unemployment claims from March 1 – August 1;

July countywide unemployment rate was 8.3%;

July statewide unemployment rate was 10.2%

# King County's Economic Outlook



# August Revenue Forecast

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Decline in taxable sales from the March 1 forecast:

2020: -15.8%

2021: -14.8%

2022: -12.4%

Programs that are particularly impacted are those funded by the General Fund, Transit, Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD), rental car sales tax, and the lodging tax

# 2021-2022 Budget

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2021-2022 budget discussions will be dominated by three issues:

1. COVID-19 response (Public Health, homeless shelter deintensification, transit, etc.)
2. Revenue consequences of the recession caused by COVID-19
3. Anti-racism agenda

# COVID-19 Response

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- Activities in 2020 are paid for with federal and state funds:
  - Public Health testing, outreach, contact tracing, etc.
  - Homeless shelter deintensification
  - Isolation and quarantine facilities
  - Grants for food assistance, rental assistance, small business support, etc.
- Federal funding ends as of December 30, 2020; Congress is gridlocked on a new bill
- If no federal or state funds are provided, King County's COVID-19 response will be dramatically reduced in January
- Executive Constantine's Proposed Budget includes short-term funding to buy time for federal action in January

# How does a recession impact demand?

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Demand goes down: Transit, Solid Waste, Permitting (with correlated drops in fee-for-service revenue)



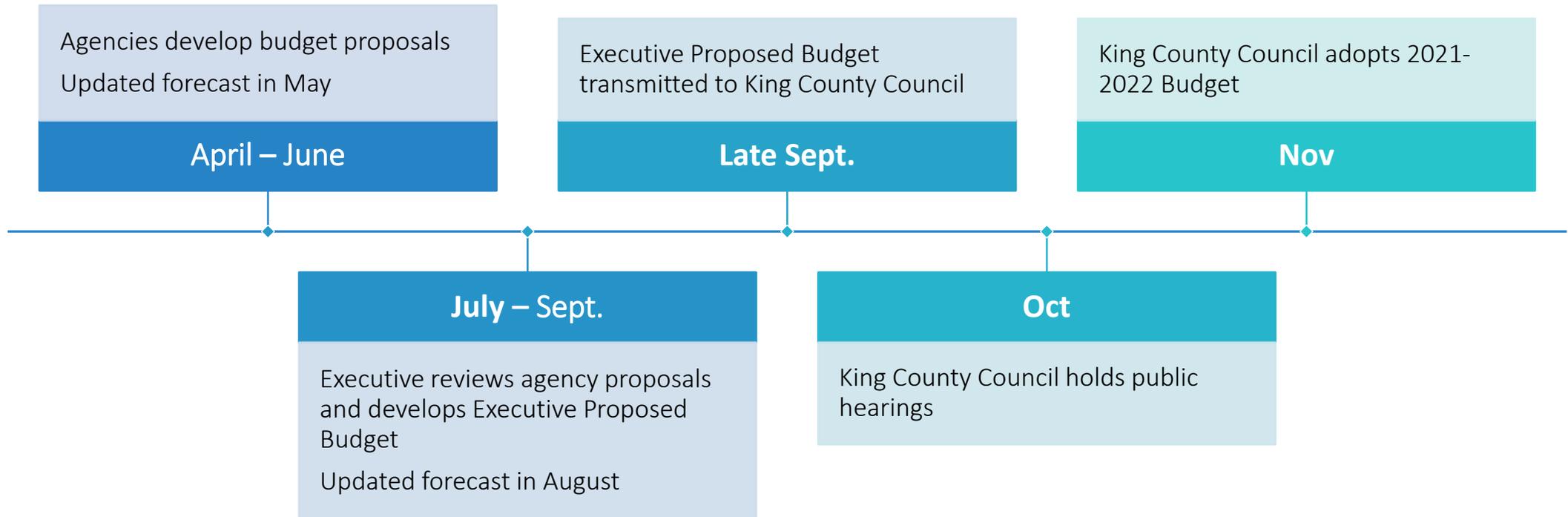
Demand goes up: Public Health clinics, Employment Services, Behavioral Health Medicaid services (with some correlated increase in Medicaid revenue for DPH and DCYS)



Inequities are exacerbated

# Budget Process

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## How you can get involved

### Agency Proposed

- Community and advisory groups

### Council Adopted

- Call your Councilmember
- Attend a community meeting

# Community Advisory Groups

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# Questions?



# **Local Services updates**

**John Taylor**

**Department Director**



# Assistance and grants

- COVID-19 small business technical assistance
- \$5000 grants to help small business that have been impacted by COVID-19 (Round 2 closed)
- 2021 \$5,000 Community Service Area Grants until Nov. 16
- Face covering and hand sanitizer distribution events every Thurs through December (Sept. 24: 10am-12:30pm at Hobart Church, 27524 SE 200th Street)
- Virtual meetings
- Reach out to CSA Liaison **Marissa Alegria** for support or questions



# A community needs list...

- Includes service, program, and capital improvement projects
- Supports the community's 20-year vision
- Is developed with community
- Clearly states whether the county can implement a project (and when)
- **Will be used to inform budget development**

<https://www.publicinput.com/SEKingCounty>



# Road Services Division



**Tony Ledbetter**  
Maintenance  
Operations Manager



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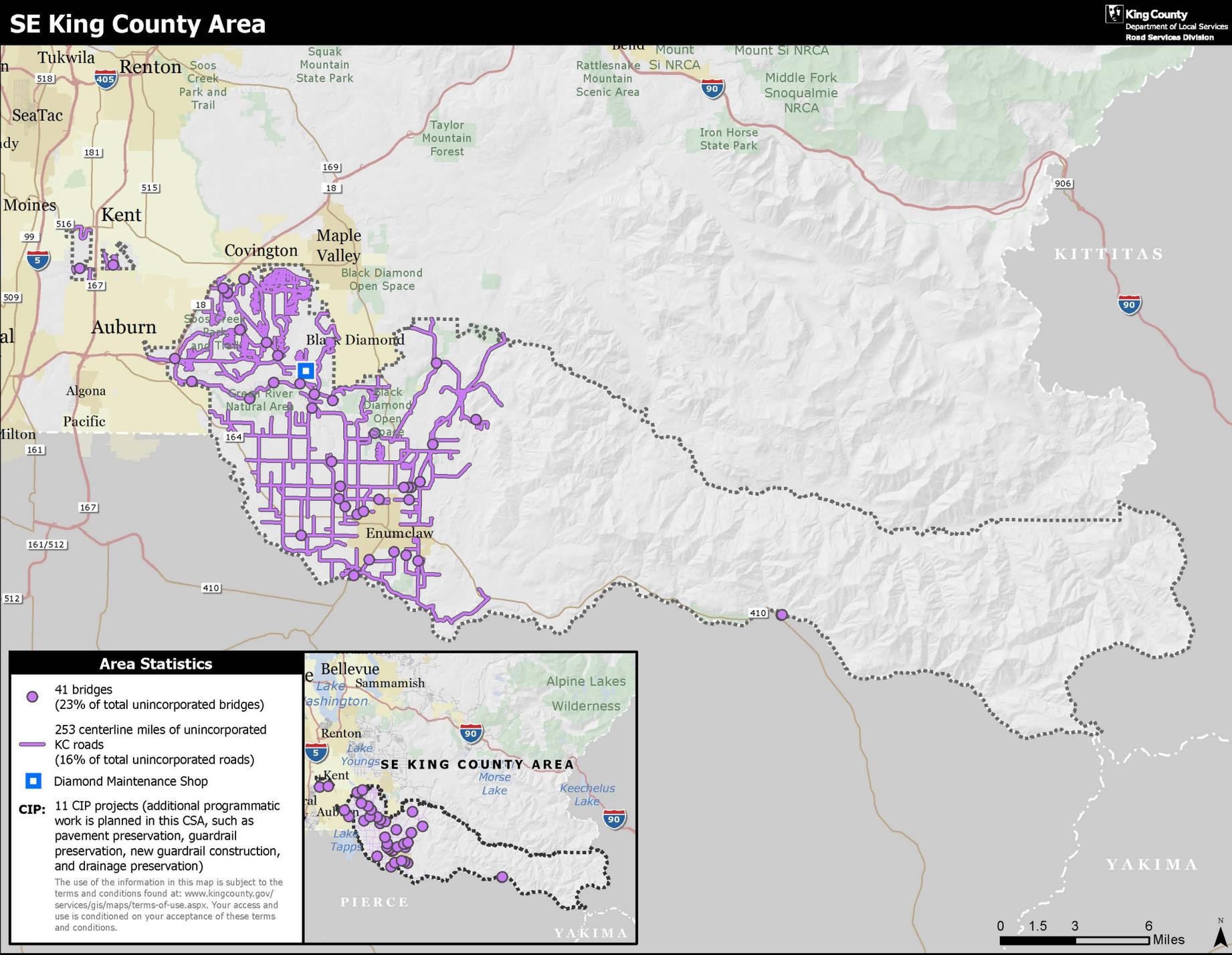
Contact us!  
24/7 Road Helpline: 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | [maint.roads@kingcounty.gov](mailto:maint.roads@kingcounty.gov)

# Town Hall

September 23, 2020

## Southeast King County

- 41 bridges (23% of total unincorporated bridges)
- 253 centerline miles of unincorporated King County roads (16% of total unincorporated roads)
- 1 maintenance shop
- 11 capital projects underway



# Current Capital Projects and Maintenance: Roads

Southeast King County

2 Roadway and roadside projects

5 Bridge projects

3 Traffic control and road safety projects

1 Drainage projects

Maintenance responds to critical safety issues and customer service requests, year round.

Typical maintenance and operations activities for this area include:

- pothole patching
- vegetation management
- traffic sign repair/replacement
- maintaining road shoulders
- repairing guardrail
- clearing blocked drainage assets
- removing debris



Coal Creek Bridge Replacement Project construction to start in 2021



Coal Creek Bridge girders (left) and abutments (right)



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# Permitting

Mark Rowe



# What's New in Permitting?

- 90% of our permits are available online through on **MyBuildingPermit.com**



- The remaining 10% of permits can be submitted online by emailing **permitcenter.DPER@kingcounty.gov**



# Online permits – MyBuildingPermit.com

- Adult Family Home Inspections
- Boundary Line Adjustments
- Code Interpretations
- Critical Areas Designation
- Damage Inspection Report
- Fire & Fuel Tank Permits, all types
- Legal Lot Determination
- Mechanical Permits
- Residential Permits, all types
- Shoreline Exemption
- Signs
- Special Events
- Zoning and Historical Certification





# Office of Emergency Management

Department of Executive Services

**Michelle Chatterton**

Public Information Officer

[Michelle.Chatterton@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Michelle.Chatterton@kingcounty.gov)



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# Personal preparedness: Who depends on you?

## Know your hazard

- What are you at risk for? [www.hazardready.org](http://www.hazardready.org)
- Note: they may be different depending where you spend your time

## Preparedness is key

- Have a kit
  - Minimum: Food, water, shelter
  - Think about work, transportation, home
  - Customize! Think about pets, medications, baby items, communications, comfort items, medical equipment!
  - To do! Watch [Kit on Shoestring Budget](#) (YouTube video)
- Create a plan
  - Consider how to communicate with loved ones
  - Who will support your family? Who can you support?
- **Flood season and winter weather are coming up!**

## Did you know??

- You should have 1 gallon of water per person
- The food in your kit should have a long shelf life and match your dietary needs
- You should carry a few small cash bills with you.

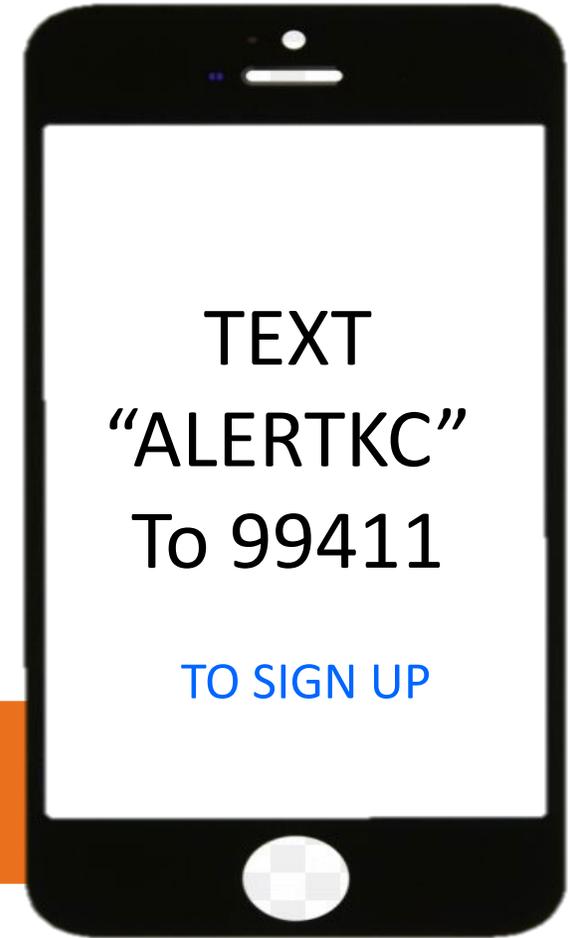


# Be informed and stay safe with ALERT King County

Timely messages about:

- Emergency situations relevant to your specific area
- Threats to public safety and health
- Significant impacts to major infrastructure

[www.kingcounty.gov/alert](http://www.kingcounty.gov/alert)



# Need more information?

- Get up-to-date information during an emergency  
[www.kcemergency.com](http://www.kcemergency.com)
- Explore King County specific information  
[www.kingcounty.gov/prepare](http://www.kingcounty.gov/prepare)
- Want winter weather preparedness information:  
[www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org)
- Need information on how to get prepared?  
[www.makeitthrough.org](http://www.makeitthrough.org)



# Natural Resources and Parks

Christie True, Director of DNRP



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# Environmental Plans

**KING COUNTY**  
**2020**  
**Strategic Climate Action Plan**

**King County**  
**CLIMATE ACTION**  
Clean Future. Strong Communities.



# Projects

Cedar Hills Support Facilities  
Relocation Project

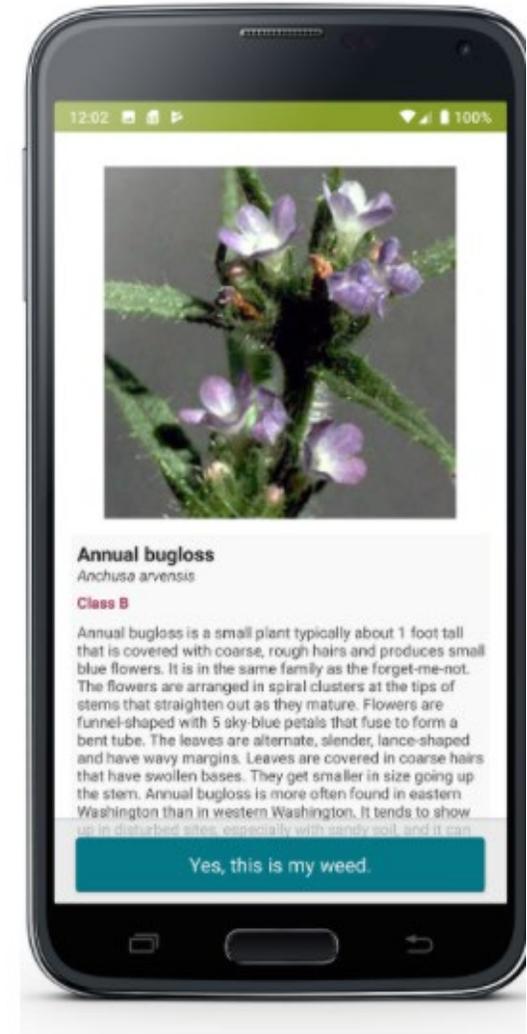
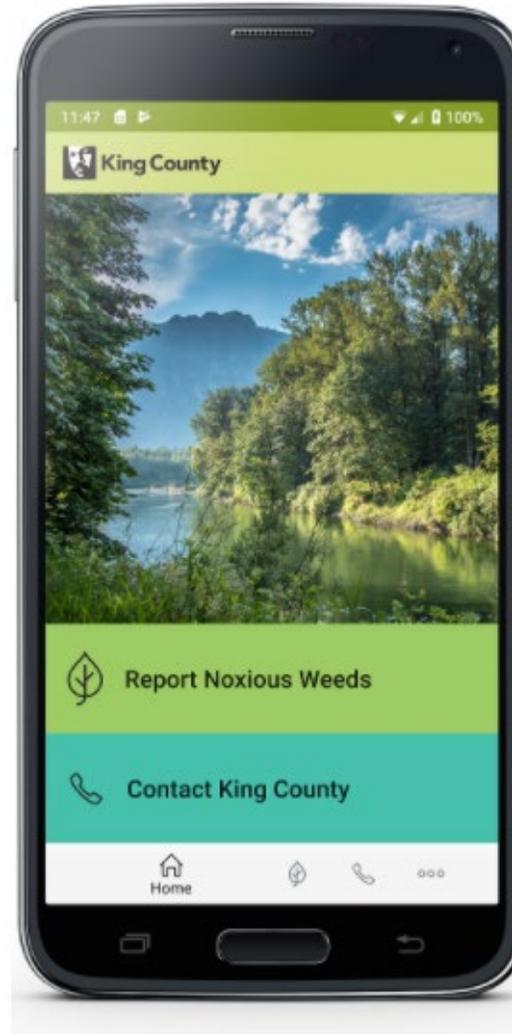
## Parks Projects

- Foothills Trail
- Little Lake Forest Trailhead Acquisition
- O'Grady-Hop Craze Trail Reroute
- Green to Cedar Rivers Trail Phasing



# Programs and Services

- Litter and illegal dumping program  
[kingcounty.gov/report-dumping](http://kingcounty.gov/report-dumping)
- Noxious weeds app  
[kingcounty.gov/noxious-weeds](http://kingcounty.gov/noxious-weeds)
- Managing Stormwater  
[kingcounty.gov/stormwater](http://kingcounty.gov/stormwater)
- Local food finder  
[farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder](http://farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder)
- Changes to King County Park Services  
[kingcountyparks.org/covid](http://kingcountyparks.org/covid)



# Closing remarks

**Councilmember Reagan Dunn  
District 9**

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# Survey

- Did you find this meeting valuable?
- Have you been to a Local Services Town Hall before?
- Were your questions answered?



**Thank you for joining us tonight!**

Email: [ASKLocalServices@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ASKLocalServices@kingcounty.gov)

<https://kingcounty.gov/local-services>

