

# How can we serve you?



# **King County Local Services**

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

**Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County** 

Monday, Oct. 26, 2020

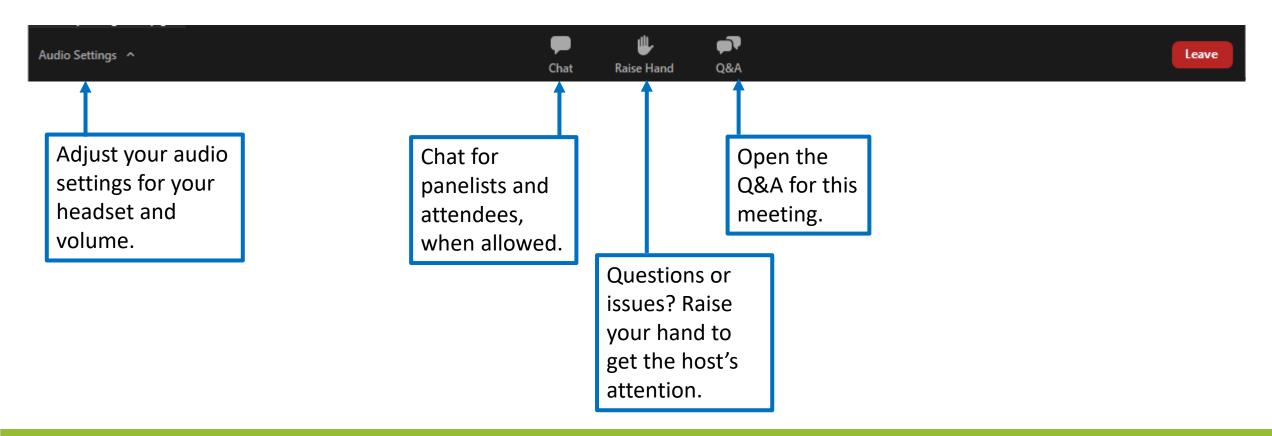
### Zoom meetings – housekeeping

- Everyone starts with video and audio off.
- Facilitator and co-hosts will enable speakers as needed.
- Raise your hand if you have a question or comment.
- If "enabled", we can hear you. Mute your microphone when not speaking.
- If "enabled", we can see you. Turn off your video if you don't want to be seen.
- Be succinct and clear. Use an appropriate voice volume.
- Chat will be set for everyone's use or for host's use only.
- Be an ally! If you see hateful, rude, or inappropriate behavior, use the chat feature or text 206-459-3928.

Technology can be challenging and we are all trying our best. Listen to Aretha: R-E-S-P-E-C-T



### **Zoom Webinar functions**





# Welcome

# John Taylor, Director

**King County Local Services** 

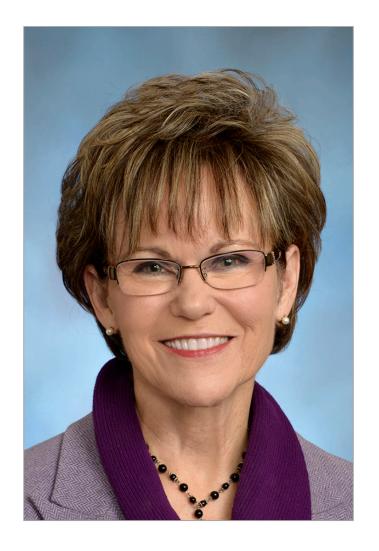




### **Schedule**

1.	Welcome	Local Services Director John Taylor
2.	Opening remarks	Councilmember Kathy Lambert
3.	Elections	Director Julie Wise
4.	Assessor	Assessor John Wilson
5.	Sheriff's Office	Major John McSwain
6.	Community partner updates	
7.	County COVID-19 update	Julie Horowitz
8.	Fiscal state of the county	Dwight Dively
9.	King County briefings	Department staff members
10.	Local Services updates	Director John Taylor
11.	Questions and answers	
12.	Closing remarks	Councilmember Kathy Lambert
13.	Thanks and next steps	Director John Taylor





# Councilmember Kathy Lambert

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## **King County Elections**

**Julie Wise Director** 

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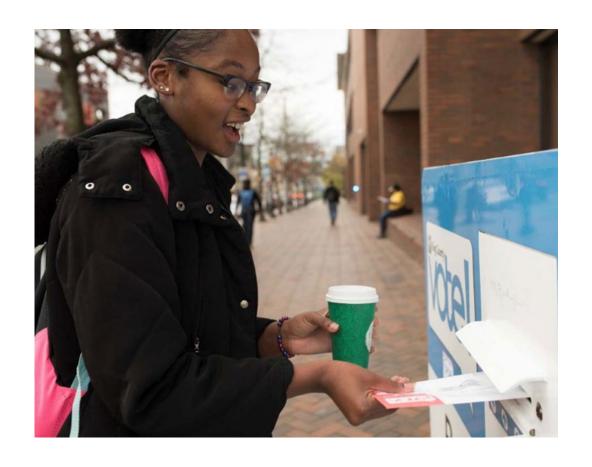
### Presidential election preview

- October 14 Ballots and voters' pamphlets mailed
- October 26 Deadline to register or update information online or by mail for this election
- November 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
- November 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 at votewa.gov
- Call us at 206-296-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





# Questions?





### John Wilson King County Assessor

206-296-7300 assessor.info@kingcounty.gov



#### We are still available to serve you!

- To access virtual services, you can email the Assessor's Office at assessor.info@kingcounty.gov, call 206-296-7300, or visit <a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor">www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor</a>.
- You can apply online for property tax exemptions at <u>taxrelief.kingcounty.gov</u>, email **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: <a href="https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax.aspx</a>



# 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

### Apply online at <a href="mailto:TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov">TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov</a>



# 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



# Questions?





# **King County Sheriff's Office North Precinct**

Major John C. McSwain North Precinct Commander

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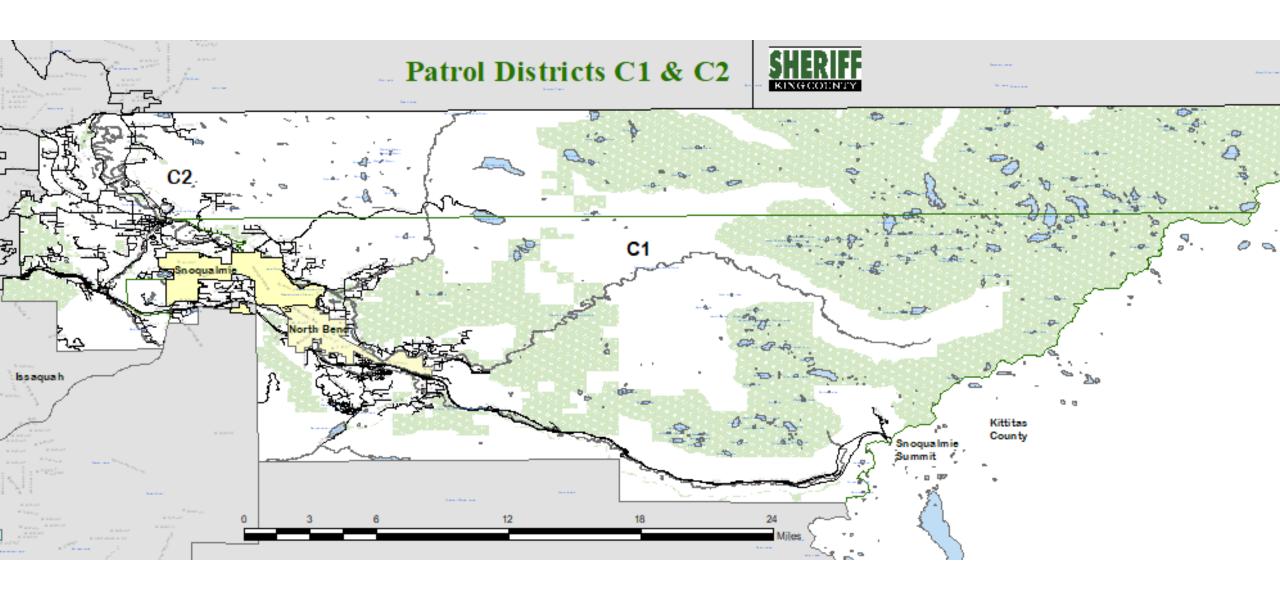


### **North Precinct goals**

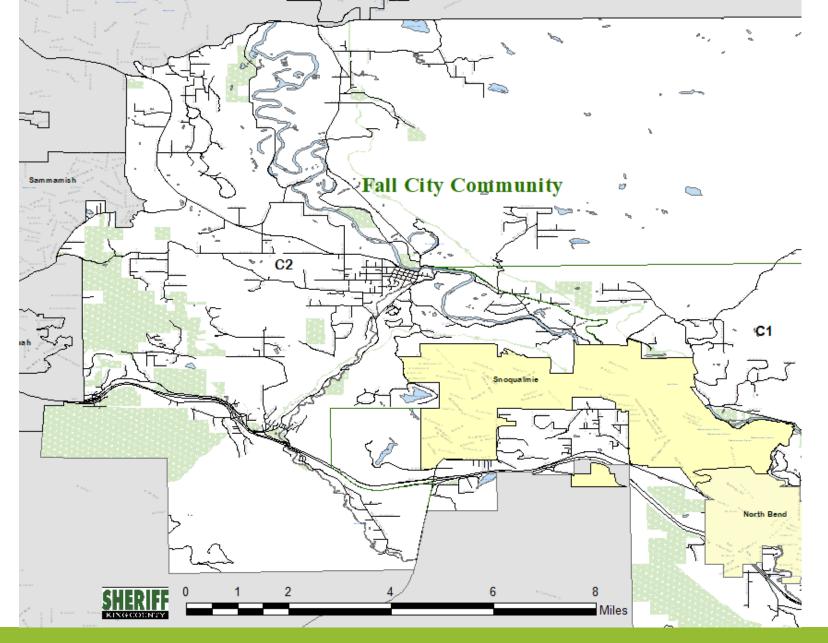
https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/about-us/mission.aspx

- Detective and patrol staff continue to work closely with Crime Analysis to develop usable statistics that direct resources to crime issues in our jurisdiction.
- Train and encourage our CID, SET, and precinct staff to respond to requests for non-emergency service within 24 hours.
- Continue to respond to traffic complaints, especially in high traffic areas around schools and identified problem areas. Also do a monthly review of accident data with an eye to morefocused enforcement.
- Precinct command staff continue to work monthly with regional entities to plan and prepare for large-scale events that could potentially involve north precinct unincorporated areas.
- Precinct and Sheriff's Office command staff collaborate with community members on policing priorities, partnering with outreach teams, addressing racial inequities, and improving quality of life in our King County communities.











		2020
C1 & C2 NIBRS Offense Classification – Group A	2019	(As of 8/31)
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter		1
Rape	3	1
Fondling	1	3
Aggravated Assault	10	11
Simple Assault	35	22
Intimidation	14	5
Kidnapping/Abduction		1
Violation of No Contact Orders	11	12
Robbery	2	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	40	18
Larceny - Theft Offenses	164	94
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	15
Arson	5	2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	33	33
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	
Fraud Offenses	33	222
Extortion/Blackmail		1
Stolen Property Offenses	2	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	7	5
Drug Equipment Violations	3	3
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	2
Weapon Law Violations	2	



# Questions?



# Community partner updates





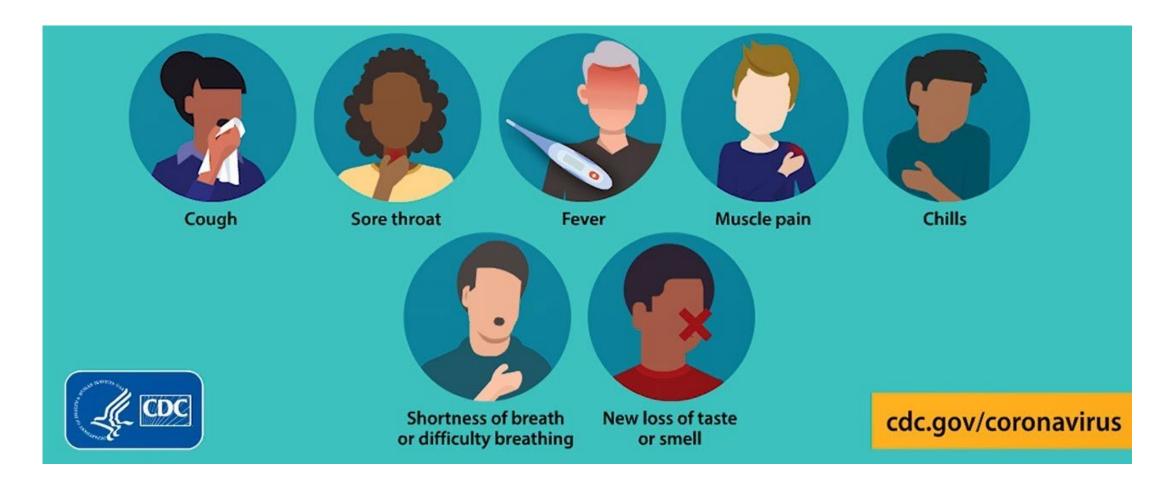
# Public Health – Seattle and King County

Julie Horowitz
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Environmental Health

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### **COVID-19** information





### **COVID-19 testing**

Get tested as soon as you feel symptoms

#### **King County free testing sites:**

https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing.aspx

206-477-3977 (language line available)



### **Protecting yourself and others**



wear masks



social distancing



stay home

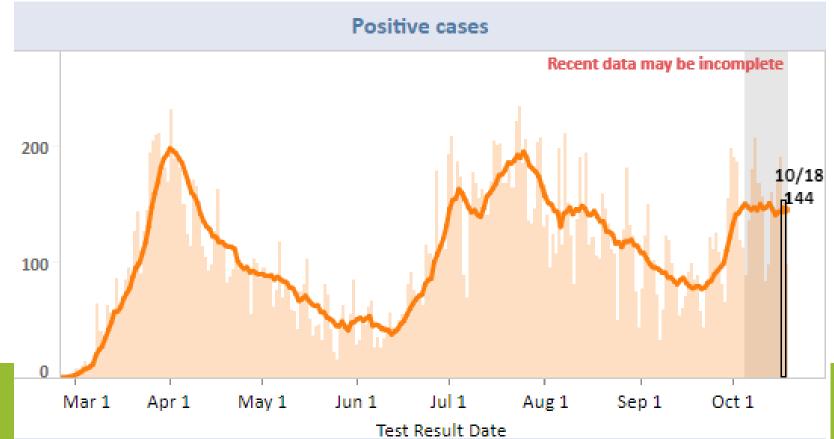




### **Current trends and data**

#### King County's COVID-19 data dashboards

The daily summary dashboard can be searched by geography <a href="https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data.aspx</a>





# More resources and COVID-19 questions

Subscribe to alerts on Public Health's website: www.kingcounty.gov/covid

Medical questions related to COVID 19: Call 206-477-3977 between 8am and 7pm

Non-medical questions about COVID-19, including compliance and business issues: King County COVID-19 Business and Community Information Line (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm) 206-296-1608 or submit a written inquiry or report online at https://blue.kingcounty.gov/about/contact

Safe Start

Learn more about King County's

plans and guidance for

reopening.







**Face Coverings** 

Learn more about the Local

**Health Officer Directive** 

For businesses



**Stay Informed** 

Read our latest updates and

press releases

Community and faithbased organizations



Symptoms, testing, and

care

For healthcare and service providers



COVID-19 Data Dashboards



Frequently Asked Ouestions

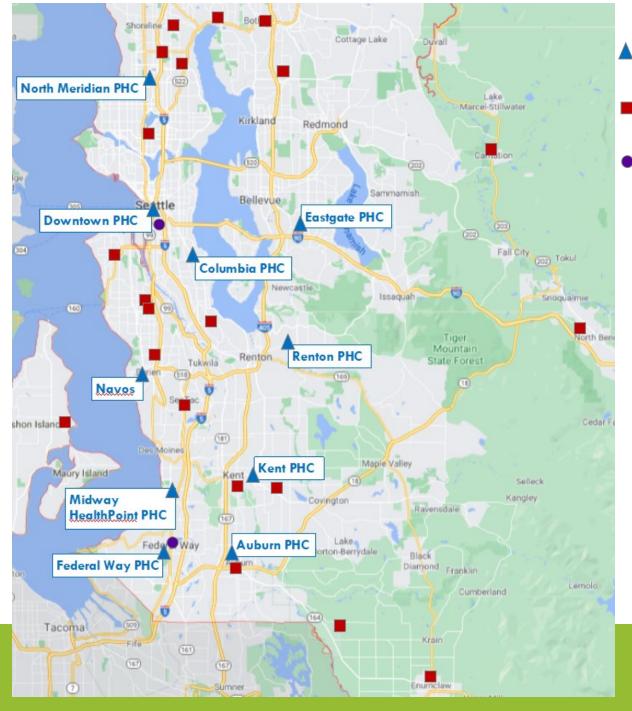


Community support and well-being



- ✓ WIC & First Steps all locations except Navos & Walk-In Enrollment Locations
- Nurse Family Partnership county-wide
- ✓ Dental Columbia, Downtown, Eastgate, North Meridian (separate Lake City location), and Renton
- Family Planning Auburn,
   Eastgate, Federal Way, and
   Kent
- Primary Care Downtown, Eastgate, and Navos
- ✓ Walk-In Enrollment Locations -Assistance with health insurance, basic food, Orca Lift, etc.





#### **Public Health Centers**

■ Part-Time WIC/First Steps Sites

Walk-In Enrollment Locations

### **Access & Outreach program**

#### We can help residents apply for the following programs:

- Health insurance (Apple Health, Medicaid, Qualified Health Plans, Take Charge Family Planning)
- Food Assistance & Utility-Energy Assistance Programs
- ORCA Lift (discounted fares)
- Access to medical & dental providers & ABCD (Access Baby Children Dentistry)
- Access to Breast Cervical Colon Health Program

For assistance please contact us: Community Health Access Program (1-800-756-5437). Individuals can apply by phone for all the above programs. www.kingcounty.gov/health/outreach Chap@kingcounty.gov



# Questions?



# King County Budget 2021-2022

OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY AND BUDGET



# Budget at a Glance



\$12.4 BILLION PROPOSED FOR 2021-2022



15,000+ EMPLOYEES

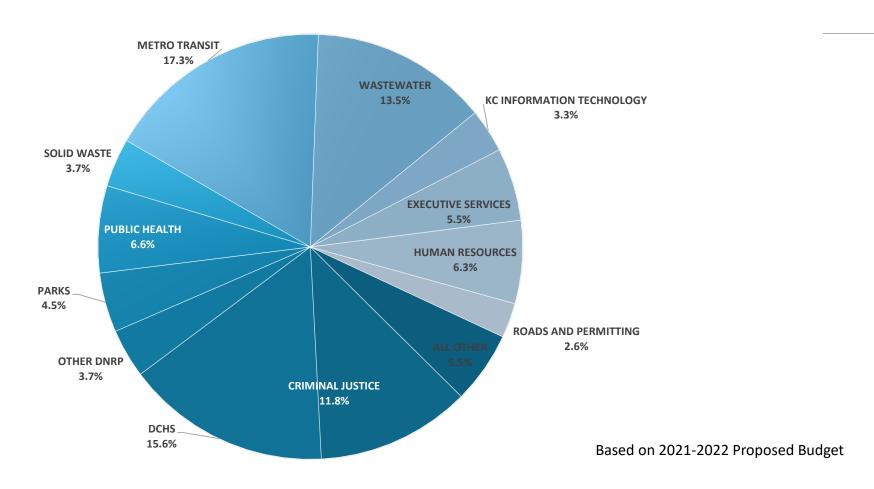


60+ PROGRAMS, BOTH REGIONAL AND LOCAL



SERVING 2.2 MILLION RESIDENTS ( $12^{TH}$  LARGEST COUNTY IN THE U.S.)

# Where does our funding go?



## Restrictions on revenue

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

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.

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

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.

## 2021-2022 Budget

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

- 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



### August Revenue Forecast

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

## How does a recession impact demand?



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

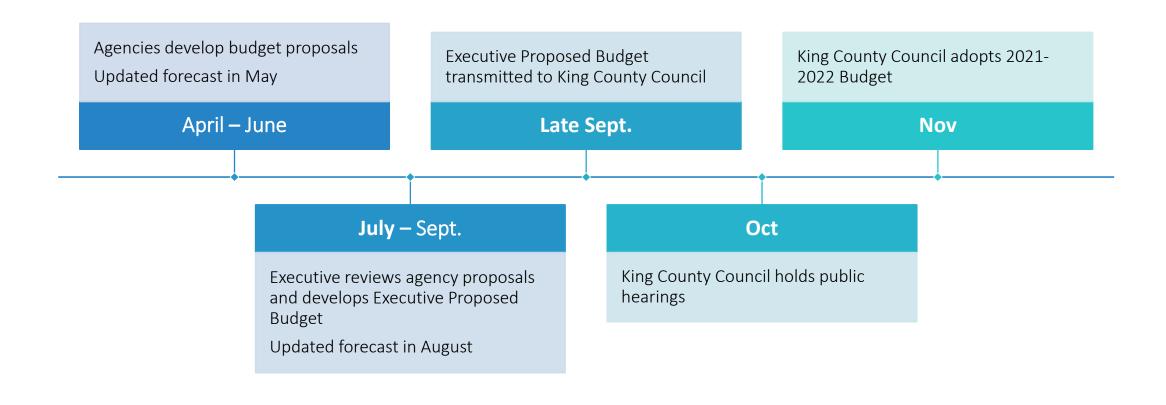


Demand goes up: Public Health clinics, Employment Services, Behavioral Health Medicaid services (with some correlated increase in Medicaid revenue for DPH and DCHS)



Inequities are exacerbated

## **Budget Process**



## Questions?





# Office of Emergency Management

**Department of Executive Services** 

Michelle Chatterton
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#### Personal preparedness: Who depends on you?

#### **Know your hazard**

- What are you at risk for? 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 <u>Kit on Shoestring Budget</u> (YouTube video)
- Create a plan
  - Consider how to communicate with loved ones
  - O 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 care a few small cash bills with you.



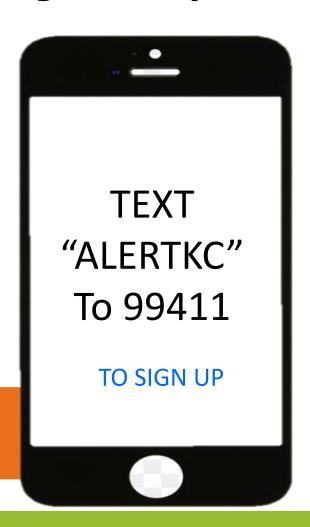


#### Be informed and stay safe with ALERT King County

#### 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





#### **Need more information?**

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





#### **Natural Resources and Parks**

**Christie True Director** 



#### **Environmental plans**







### **Parks projects**



Northeast Recycling & Transfer Station





#### **Programs and services**

- Litter and illegal dumping program kingcounty.gov/report-dumping
- Noxious weeds app kingcounty.gov/noxious-weeds
- Managing stormwater kingcounty.gov/stormwater
- Local food finder farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder
- Changes to King County Park services kingcountyparks.org/covid







## 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 (Thursday, Oct. 8: 10am-12:30pm at Cottage Lake Park parking area, 18831 N.E. Woodinville-Duvall Road, Woodinville)
- Virtual meetings
- Reach out to John Taylor for support or questions on this CSA



#### 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/SnoValleyNEKC



## Snoqualmie Valley/ Northeast King County Area Statistics

- 73 bridges (40% of total unincorporated bridges)
- 281 miles of unincorporated King County roads (19% of total unincorporated roads)

## Your input makes a difference. We want to hear from you!

- **24/7 Road Helpline** 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237
- maint.roads@kingcounty.gov
- W @kcroads











#### Safety is our top priority What we're doing in Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County

#### 29 capital projects

- 8 roadway/roadside projects
- 6 bridge projects
- 4 traffic safety projects
- •11 drainage projects



"Road closed" during construction hours sign on 356th Drive SE, east of Fall City.



**709 maintenance service requests** in your community

- 1,662 signs repaired or replaced
- 3,600+ lbs. of trash cleared from roads

- 125+ tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- 242 storm drains cleaned



#### 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



## Questions & comments



## **Closing remarks**

**Councilmember Kathy Lambert District 3** 

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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

https://kingcounty.gov/local-services

