



King County Councilmembers (from left): Vice Chair **Joe McDermott** (District 8), **Kathy Lambert** (District 3), **Girmay Zahilay** (District 2), Chair **Claudia Balducci** (District 6), **Dave Upthegrove** (District 5), **Jeanne Kohl-Welles** (District 4), Vice Chair **Reagan Dunn** (District 9), **Peter von Reichbauer** (District 7), and **Rod Dembowski** (District 1).

As your Metropolitan King County Council, we oversee the second largest government and the most populous county in Washington State. With over 2.2 million residents, King County is the 12th largest county in the United States in terms of population. There are more people living in King County than in 16 states! At 2,130 square miles, the county covers more territory than the states of Rhode Island or Delaware.

Our dedicated employees provide quality regional services every day to county residents. We are also the local government for approximately 248,000 people who live in unincorporated urban and rural areas, and we provide services by contract to many of the county's 39 cities.

As the legislative branch of county government, the council sets policies, enacts laws, and adopts budgets that guide an array of services, including:

- The criminal justice system of prosecutors and public defenders, District and Superior Courts, juvenile detention, and adult jails;
- The King County Sheriff's Office, which directly serves residents of unincorporated areas and contracts with many cities to provide police protection;

- Public health and human services;
- Metro Transit bus service, Water Taxi, King County International Airport (Boeing Field), and county roads;
- Wastewater treatment and solid waste management;
- Regional parks, open space, and trails; and
- Elections, records, and licensing.

Each of the nine members of the King County Council represents a geographical district averaging about 241,000 residents. Councilmembers are elected on a non-partisan basis and serve four-year terms.

The council has several standing committees that oversee specific functions of county government and a Committee of the Whole that includes all councilmembers. They also work closely with elected officials from local jurisdictions on three regional committees that address common interests in matters of policy, transit, and water quality.

The council's review of ordinances, motions, and budgets help ensure that county government operates in an efficient, transparent, and cost-effective manner, with equal access for all county residents.

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www.kingcounty.gov/council

Message from the Council Chair and overview of the county budget



Claudia Balducci, Chair

We have a big year ahead of us at the King County Council.

Our county's booming economy and rapid growth present opportunities and challenges that affect all of us, not just as individual cities and towns, but as a region.

The council is ideally situated to act as a leader and convener to work with our partners throughout King County and the Puget Sound and build solutions together. As Chair, I am committed to fiscal steward-

ship, regional collaboration, and quality government at King County in 2020.

Collectively, councilmembers bring a wealth of experience and deep knowledge of the King County communities we serve. Although we represent very different parts of the county, and may have different priorities and viewpoints independently, we all share a common commitment to our constituents: to provide excellent regional services, to advance equity and social justice, and to make the opportunities to live in and thrive in King County available to all people.

Ultimately, we are here to serve you. In 2020, be sure to make your voices heard and reach out to your councilmember with feedback, suggestions, and proposals to make a better King County for all of us.

Understanding the county budget

King County's operating budget is composed of two types of funds: dedicated funds and the General Fund. Dedicated funds are the largest portion, accounting for 82% of the total operating budget. By law, these funds are restricted to specific purposes, such as transit, sewage treatment, and voter-approved programs like regional Emergency Medical Services.

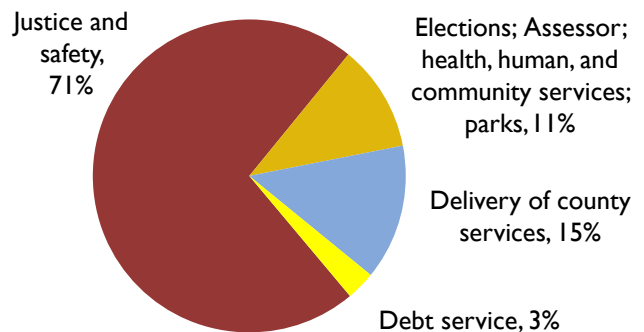
The discretionary portion of the county's operating budget is the General Fund, which amounts to 18% of the total budget. These funds pay for critical day-to-day services not supported by other revenues. Almost three quarters of the General Fund (71%) goes to pay for criminal justice and public safety, as mandated by the state. The remainder must fund other services, such as elections and human services (see pie chart).

The General Fund is supported mostly by property tax, sales tax, and fees. By law, King County collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the county. However, the county receives only 17 cents of every property tax dollar, with the rest going to other agencies (see bar graph). Similarly, the county receives less than one cent of the sales tax of 10 cents per dollar collected in most of the county.

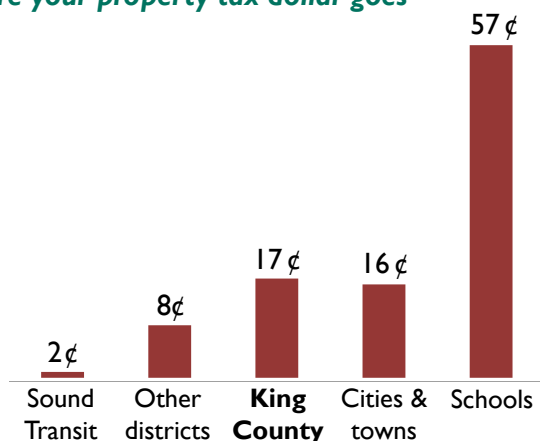
Since Washington State enacted the 1% cap on property tax increases, counties across our state have faced a gap between revenue and the cost of providing services. This structural gap has resulted in the General Fund being cut by several hundred million dollars, with consequent reduction in services to county residents.

The projected deficit in the General Fund to meet the targeted fund balance for the next biennium is \$9.4 million. In the fall of 2020, the council will review the biennial budget for 2021 and 2022. To learn more about the budget, please visit: www.kingcounty.gov/council/budget.

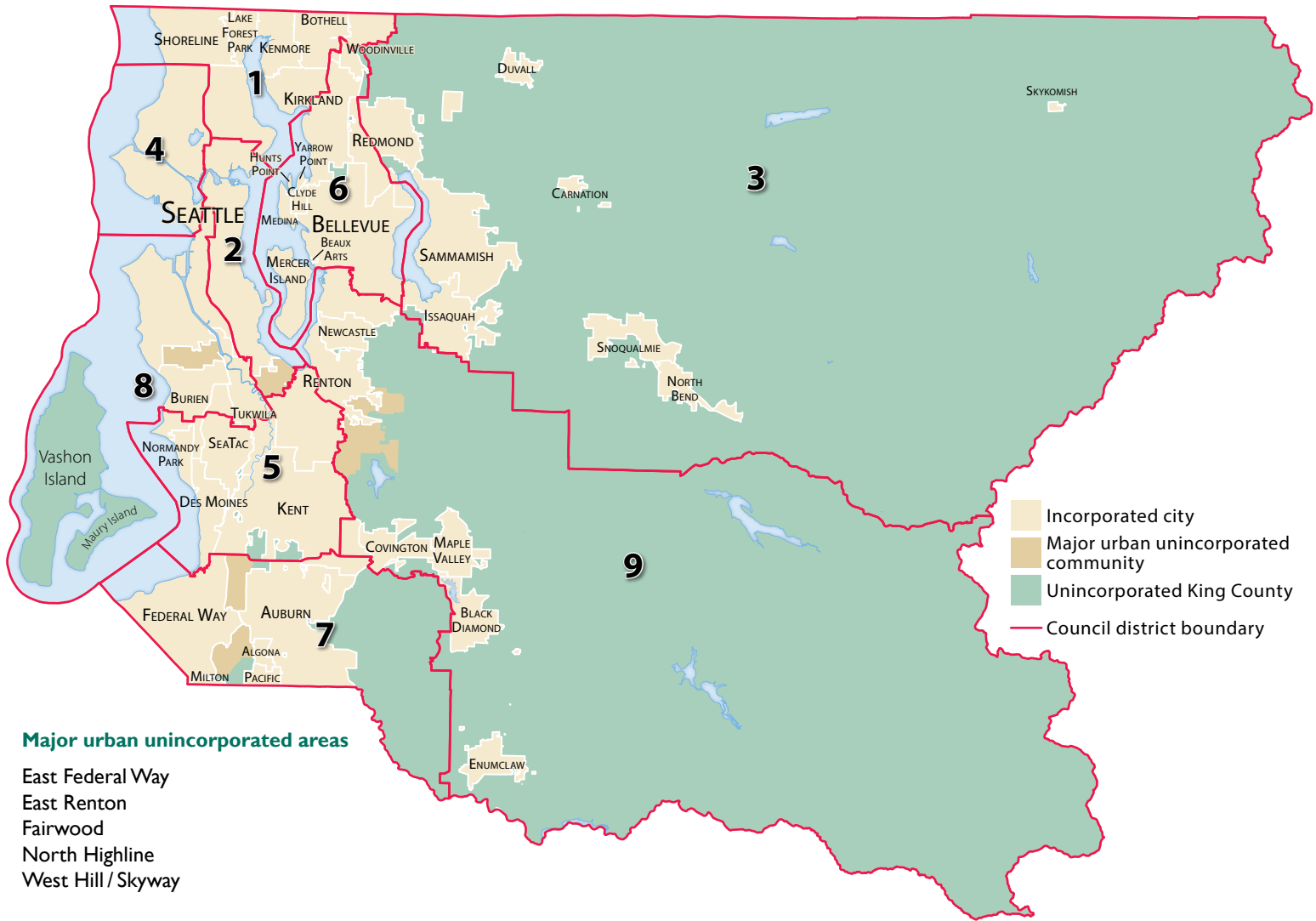
General Fund expenditures



Where your property tax dollar goes



Council districts map



Contact information

The council meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. All public meetings held in chambers are available live on King County TV (Comcast Cable Channels 22 and 322 (HD) and Wave Broadband Channel 722 (HD)). You can also stream meetings at www.kingcounty.gov/kctv. Agendas, minutes, and videos of past meetings are available on the council's website.

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Enter your address at www.kingcounty.gov/council/councilmembers/find_district

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The Council's standing and regional committees

The King County Council reviews proposed legislation through standing committees that oversee specific government functions. Councilmembers also work closely with elected officials from local jurisdictions on three regional committees that address common interests in policy, transit, and water quality. They also serve as the Board of Supervisors for the King County Flood Control District, a special-purpose government. Additionally, individual councilmembers serve on a variety of external committees, boards, and commissions, such as the Board of Health and the Sound Transit Board.

For more information on the committees, including descriptions, alternate members, and meeting agendas, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/council/committees.

Council committees

Committee of the Whole

Meets second and fourth Mondays at 12:30 pm (work session), 1:30 pm (committee)

Chair: Joe McDermott

Vice Chair: Reagan Dunn

Members: All councilmembers

Budget and Fiscal Management

Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Chair: Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Vice Chair: Rod Dembowski

Members: Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert, Joe McDermott, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay

Government Accountability and Oversight

Meets first and third Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Chair: Peter von Reichbauer

Vice Chair: Claudia Balducci

Members: Rod Dembowski

Community, Health and Housing Services

Meets first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Chair: Kathy Lambert

Vice Chair: Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Members: Reagan Dunn, Joe McDermott, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay

Law and Justice

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Chair: Girmay Zahilay

Vice Chair: Kathy Lambert

Members: Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Dave Upthegrove

Local Services

Meets first and third Mondays at 1:30 pm

Chair: Reagan Dunn

Vice Chair: Kathy Lambert

Members: Claudia Balducci, Girmay Zahilay

Mobility and Environment

Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Chair: Rod Dembowski

Vice Chair: Peter von Reichbauer

Members: Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe McDermott, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay

Regional committees

Regional Policy

Meets second Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Chair: Peter von Reichbauer

Vice Chair: Redmond Mayor Angela Birney

County Council: Rod Dembowski, Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Sound Cities Association: Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Algona Mayor Dave Hill, Bellevue Councilmember John Stokes

City of Seattle: Councilmember Lisa Herbold, Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda

Regional Transit

Meets third Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Chair: Dave Upthegrove

Vice Chair: Tukwila Councilmember Kathy Hougardy

County Council: Joe McDermott, Girmay Zahilay

Sound Cities Association: Auburn Councilmember Bob Baggett, Shoreline Councilmember Susan Chang, Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, Carnation Councilmember Kim Lisk, Renton Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Kirkland Councilmember Jon Pascal, Bellevue Councilmember Jennifer Robertson

City of Seattle: Councilmember Debora Juarez, Councilmember Dan Strauss

Regional Water Quality

Meets first Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Chair: Kathy Lambert

Vice Chair: (to be elected)

County Council: Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn

Sound Cities Association: Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, Kirkland Mayor Penny Sweet, Auburn Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Mercer Island Councilmember Benson Wong

Sewer District: Sammamish Plateau Water District Boardmember Tom Harman, Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner William Tracy

City of Seattle: Councilmember Lisa Herbold, Councilmember Alex Pedersen