



Redistricting KING COUNTY

**King County Districting Committee
Public Hearing on the Draft Redistricting Plan
Map for King County
November 30, 2021**

King County Districting Committee

- The King County Districting Committee is an independent, non-partisan committee made up of four members appointed by the King County Council and a fifth member selected by the committee who also serves as chair.
- The U.S. Census is conducted every 10 years. The Committee's sole responsibility is redrawing County Council districts based on the latest decennial Census data.
- The Districting Master is the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) expert who analyzes data and under the King County Charter is responsible for preparing the redistricting map.
- Members of the King County Districting Committee:



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Redistricting legal criteria

State law (RCW 29A.76) and the King County Charter (KCC Section 650) prescribe criteria for redistricting and the new district boundaries:

Nearly Equal Population

- Districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each other

Compact and Contiguous

- Districts are to be compact and comprised of contiguous territory

Existing Natural Boundaries

- To the extent feasible, district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and be composed of economic and geographic units

Communities of Interest

- To the extent feasible, districts boundaries shall preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest

Census Tracts + Municipalities

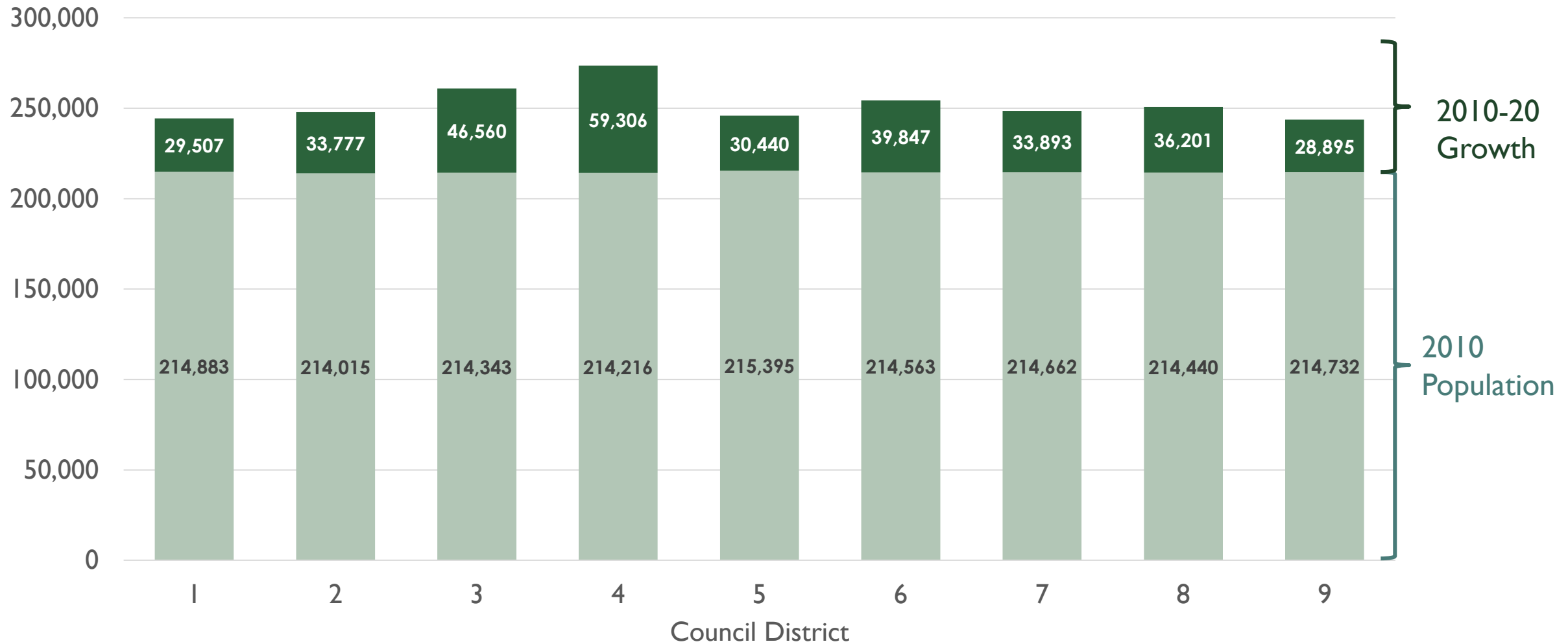
- As nearly as practical, district boundaries shall correspond with the boundaries of municipalities and census tracts

Not favor or disfavor a group

- Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party

Growth in King County Council Districts

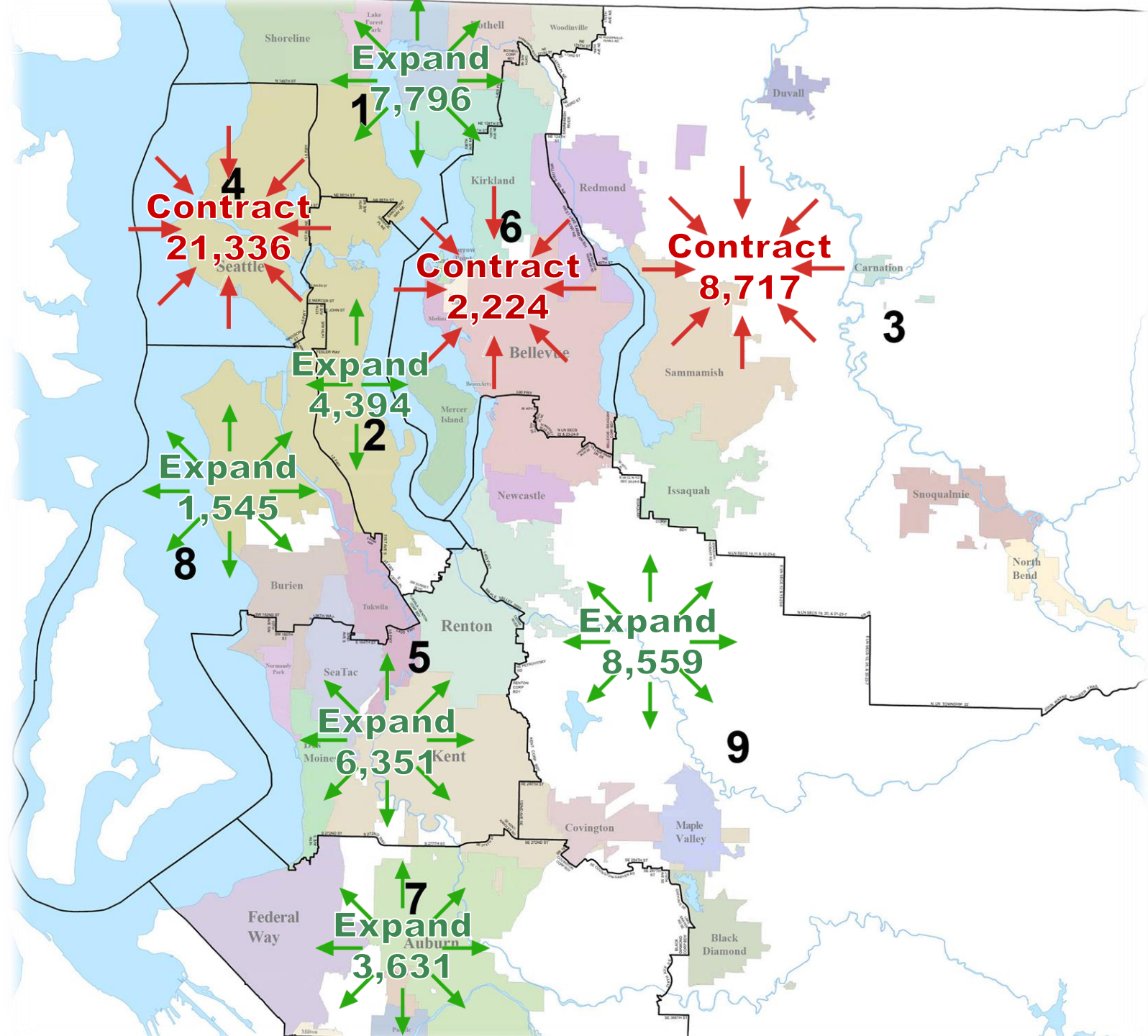
Source: U.S. Census, 2010-2020



Council Districts:

Population
changes
to achieve equal
population
districts

(Source: 2020 Census)



Community Listening Sessions

Between July 20 and September 7, the Committee held more than 20 community listening sessions working with more than 100 community-based organizations to learn about communities of interest and invite communities to participate in our process.

- 7/20: Co-hosts: Entre Hermanos and GSBA
- 7/21: Co-host: League of Women Voters
- 7/22: Local Jurisdictions
- 7/26: Co-host: Sound Cities Association
- 7/29: Rural Unincorporated Areas
- 8/1: Co-host: Korean American Coalition
- 8/3: Co-host: Chief Seattle Club
- 8/4: Co-host: Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
- 8/5: Co-host: OneAmerica
- 8/9: Urban Unincorporated Areas
- 8/10: Co-hosts: Pacific Islander Community Association and Pacific Islander Health Board
- 8/11: Co-hosts: Indian American Community Services, Muslim Community Resource Center, Nepal Seattle Society, Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle, PROJONMO, Punjabi Health Board, South Asian Americans Together for WA and Tasveer
- 8/11: Co-hosts: OCA Advocate Greater Seattle Chapter and CISC
- 8/12: Co-hosts: Friends of Little Saigon and Kandelina
- 8/16: Co-host: Filipino Community Center
- 8/18: Faith community listening session
- 8/19: Co-host: Community Response Alliance
- 9/1: Co-host: City Managers/Sound Cities Association
- 9/1: Co-host: Latino Community Fund
- 9/3: Co-host: Lived Experience Coalition
- 9/7: Co-host: Veteran Pathfinders

Redistricting Map Process

Following the community listening sessions, from September 7 - September 23 each member worked with Districting Master to prepare a draft map that meets all legal criteria.

September 30: The Committee reviewed similarities and differences between the draft maps. Two maps were combined. On October 7, the Districting Committee published three draft maps for review and public comment for the town hall meetings, Maps A, B and C.

Town hall meetings were held on the following dates:

Sunday, October 17 at 2pm

Tuesday, October 19 at 2pm

Wednesday, October 20 at 2pm

Thursday, October 21 at 7pm

October 22 - November 17: Following the Town Hall meetings, the Committee members drafted Maps D and E. The Committee then worked together to make decisions on district boundaries.

November 18: The committee agreed on final direction to the Districting Master for the preparation of a draft redistricting plan map.

November 23: The Districting Master published the draft redistricting plan map. The map is available on the districting website: kingcounty.gov/districting

November 30: Public hearing on Districting Master draft redistricting plan map.

December 1: Special meeting to address whether to direct the Districting Master to amend the draft map. If the draft map is amended, the Districting Master will publish the amended draft redistricting plan map for public comment.

December 7 or 8: Special meeting to adopt the Districting Master redistricting plan.

Presentation by the Districting Master of the Draft Redistricting Plan for King County

Procedures for Public Hearing Comment:

- Please use the raise your hand function on Zoom to provide public comment.
- When you are called on, please state your name for the record before providing comment.
- Comment is limited two minutes and must address only matters relating to the draft redistricting plan for King County.
- Comment may not be used for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition and must not include obscene speech. If a speaker fails to abide by these restrictions, the speaker will be required to exit the virtual meeting.
- **A note for interpreters:** If someone in your channel wants to provide comment, you will need to switch to the English channel to interpret the comment for them and then switch back to your language channel to relay the response, if any.



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