King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

West-North Highline

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020
Welcome

John Taylor, Director
King County Local Services
1. Welcome .................................................. Local Services Director John Taylor
2. Opening remarks ........................................ Councilmember Joe McDermott
3. Elections .................................................. Director Julie Wise
4. Assessor .................................................. Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff’s Office .......................................... Chief Jesse Anderson
6. Community Partner Updates
7. County COVID-19 Update ......................... Susie Levy
8. Fiscal State of the County ......................... Director Dwight Dively
9. Local Services Updates ............................... Director John Taylor
10. King County Briefings ............................... Department Staff
11. Q&A / open house
12. Closing Remarks ....................................... Councilmember Joe McDermott
13. Thanks and next steps ............................... Director John Taylor
Zoom meetings – housekeeping

- Everyone starts with permission to use video and audio off. Co-hosts and other staff are enabled and will enable others as needed.
- Chat is set to either host only or everyone publicly. Private chat between residents is disabled.
- For those enabled, we can hear you. Mute your microphone please when not speaking.
- For those with the function. 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.
- Be an ally! If you see hateful rude or inappropriate behavior let a host know immediately. If Co-host, follow meeting guidance.

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

- Adjust your audio settings for your headset and volume.
- Chat panelists and attendees when allowed.
- Questions or issues? Raise your hand to get the host’s attention.
- Open the Q&A for this meeting.
Councilmember

Joe McDermott

District 8

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Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/JoeMcDermott8
Presidential Election Preview

- **October 14** - Ballots and voters’ pamphlets are 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 – votewa.gov
- Call us (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 www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.

• You can apply online for property tax exemptions at taxrelief.kingcounty.gov, 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: 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 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
Questions?
King County Sheriff’s Office Southwest Precinct
White Center-North Highline

• Major Jeffrey Flohr-Precinct Commander
• Contact: Jeffrey.flohr@kingcounty.gov
• Community Engagement Specialist Manny Apostol
• Contact: Manuel.apostol@kingcounty.gov

The Sheriff’s Office is committed to collaborating with community members on policing priorities, partnering with outreach teams, addressing racial inequities and improving quality of life in our King County communities.
Hot Topics for White Center-North Highline

- Gun crimes and crimes of violence
- KCSO Transparency Initiatives
- Property theft and auto theft
- Camera Test Program
- Community Health and Safety
- Deputy body worn camera test program
Crime reduction and prevention efforts

• Precinct Special Emphasis Detectives continue to target violent criminals in an attempt to disrupt gun violence. This includes working on the Top 5 Offender emphasis program.

• Storefront Deputy Bill Kennamer continues to work with Community Members to address and solve local issues. Most recently Deputy Kennamer has been working on problem houses. His success with solving issues at a local house was recently mentioned at a NHUAC meeting.

• KCSO Patrol continues to staff the area 24/7 with (2) Deputies to handle 911 calls and patrol duties.

• CSO Peter Truong continues to work out of the White Center storefront office. Peter works with the Community on a host of issues. He continues to partner with Deputy Kennamer on issues.

• Highlight example: KCSO Warrant Unit Detectives recently arrested a subject from WA most wanted. They located him in White Center and took him into custody without issue.
Transparency-KCSO

• Use of Force Dashboard-Community can search use of force incidents by zip code, gender, race, type of force used by Deputies, and much more.

• IIU Case report dashboard and reporting-Community can review Internal Investigations and results.

• Online Reporting in 10+ different languages-Helps bridge the gap with ESL Community Members.

• Links posted to chat by Community Specialist Manny Apostol.
KCSO and Community Health and Safety

• The Sheriff’s Office partnered with the King County Department of Local Services to provide masks to residents and businesses in Skyway and White Center. The efforts were a wonderful collaboration. Thousands of masks and bottles of hand sanitizer were handed out.
COVID 19 PPE Handout Events
Camera Test Program

• Target implementation is the 4th quarter of 2020.
• 90 Day testing process.
• (10) Body worn cameras (2) in car cameras.
• Testing areas are Skyway, White Center, and Vashon Island.
• Testing will include functionality, policy review, public disclosure, digital evidence, and many other issues.
• Community Input is being gathered by Major Flohr and Manny Apostol.
KCSO Information

• Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht

• Emergency dial 911

• Non emergency dial 206-296-3311

• Online reporting: reporttosheriff.org
Questions?
Community Partner Updates
Public Health – Seattle and King County

Susie Levy
Government Affairs
Public Health- Seattle and King County
slevy@kingcounty.gov
COVID-19 Information

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

cdc.gov/coronavirus

King County Local Services
COVID-19 Testing

Get tested as soon as you feel symptoms

King County free testing sites:


206-477-3977 (language line available)
Protecting yourself and others

- Wear masks
- Social distancing
- Stay home
- Keep gatherings small
Current trends and data

King County’s COVID-19 data dashboards

The daily summary dashboard can be searched by geography

COVID-19 and racial inequities

Public Health 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 8 am-7 pm

Non-medical questions about COVID-19 including compliance and business related issues:
King County COVID-19 Business and Community Information Line (Monday - Friday) 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at 206-296-1608, or submit a written inquiry or report online.
Public Health-Seattle & King County Community Health Services

CHS strengthens King County’s safety net services and partnerships to deliver equitable and responsive health care for marginalized communities

- **Primary Care** - Adults & Pediatrics – *Eastgate, Downtown, Navos*

- **Family Planning** – Low-barrier access to high quality birth control, pregnancy testing with options counseling and referrals, sexually transmitted infection services, breast and cervical cancer screenings. Services are delivered at four PHC’s (*Eastgate, Federal Way, Kent, & Auburn*)

- **Dental** – Delivers preventive and restorative dental services to a variety of clients, including a homeless focus at the Downtown PHC. Services are offered at five PHC’s (*Renton, Downtown, North, Eastgate, and Columbia*) and through the Mobile Dental Van.
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- **Women Infants & Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program** - Provides access to nutritious foods, nutrition education, referrals, and breastfeeding support for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and infants and children up to age five. *(County-wide)*

- **Parent Child Health (PCH)** - Provides support for healthy pregnancies and babies through education and counseling. Two of PCH’s primary services are Maternity Support Services (MSS) and Infant Case Management (ICM). *(County-wide)*

- **Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)** – Partners clients with a nurse from pregnancy to age 2 to support first time parents and give babies the best possible start in life. *(County-wide)*

- **Family Ways (coming soon)** - Serves pregnant and parenting families from communities facing the greatest health disparities. *(County-wide)*
- **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.
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?
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 (12TH LARGEST COUNTY IN THE U.S.)
Where does our funding go?

Based on 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
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.
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%
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.
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
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
Anti-Racism Agenda

• The Executive, Council, and many communities are committed to an anti-racism agenda

• This agenda is reflected in Executive Constantine’s 2021-2022 Proposed Budget; including:
  ➢ Keeping jail population low post-COVID
  ➢ Shifting marijuana tax revenue from law enforcement to community programs (no cuts to unincorporated patrol staffing)
  ➢ Continuing to reduce juvenile detention and adult caseload through community diversion and restitution
  ➢ Engaging communities in program design and participatory budgeting
  ➢ Expanding community investment (housing, jobs, etc.)

• Goal is to gradually shift funding over several budget cycles
Budget Process

- **April – June**: Agencies develop budget proposals. Updated forecast in May.
- **Late Sept.**: Executive reviews agency proposals and develops Executive Proposed Budget. Updated forecast in August.
- **Oct**: King County Council holds public hearings.
- **Nov**: King County Council adopts 2021-2022 Budget.
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

• Mask and hand sanitizer distribution event for West Hill on Thurs, Nov. 5: 10am-12:30pm at Fire District 20, 12424 76th Ave S

• 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/northhighline
Road Services Division

Lydia Reynolds-Jones
Strategic Business Operations Section Manager

Contact Us!
24/7 Road Helpline - 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov | @kcroads
White Center/ North Highline Area Statistics

- **1 bridge** (1% of total unincorporated bridges)
- **55 miles of unincorporated King County roads** (3% 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**
  @kcroads
- White Center/North Highline Community Service Subarea Plan
- King County Roads American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
Safety is our top priority
What we're doing in your area
White Center/ North Highline

7 projects in your community:
2 Pavement preservation projects
   (SW Roxbury St; Des Moines Memorial Drive S)
3 Pedestrian projects
   (SE 107th St; SE Roxbury; 16th Ave SW)
1 School safety project
   (Beverly Park Elementary)
1 Drainage projects
   (South 106th St)

331 maintenance service requests from White Center leading to:
1023 signs repaired/replaced
45,000 + lbs. trash cleared from roads
25 + tons asphalt used to patch potholes
134 storm drains cleaned

Pavement preservation on Des Moines Memorial Dr S from S 96th Street north to Seattle City limit. Completed summer 2020.

Contact Us!
24/7 Road Helpline - 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov | @kcroads
What’s New in Permitting?

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

Welcome to MyBuildingPermit

One-stop portal for development service applications, inspection scheduling, permit status information, and tip sheets for government agencies.

• 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
King County

Department of Community and Human Services

Mark Ellerbrook, Director, Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Division

DCHS: Aging/senior services, behavioral health, children/youth/family services, developmental disabilities, homeless assistance, affordable and supportive housing development, veterans services, COVID-19 response

www.kingcounty.gov/dchs

206-263-9100
Do you need a safe place to quarantine or recover from COVID-19?

- 24/7 onsite health care and regular medical check-ins
- Meals, snacks and toiletries provided
- Language access available
- Transportation to and from the facility

Call: 206-477-3977
8 AM–10 PM
Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program

If you are at risk of eviction due to COVID-related loss of income, King County may be able to help.

- Funding is prioritized for people at lower income levels. Must be a King County resident.
- Program works with tenants, landlords and property owners.
- Application assistance is available in 27 languages.
- [www.kingcounty.gov/covid/rent](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid/rent)
Anti-Displacement Workshops
Skyway-West Hill and North Highline
Learn more/register: https://www.publicinput.com/anti-displacement

October 17
Workshop 1: Strategies to Increase Affordable Homeownership
• Community Land Trusts
• Rent-to-own and down payment assistance programs
• Property tax exemption opportunities

November 7
Workshop 2: Strategies to Mitigate Displacement when Development Happens
• Community preference and right to return policies
• Residential community benefit agreements
• Relocation assistance requirements
• Local and inclusionary employment prioritization

December 5
Workshop 3: Strategies for Preservation and Creation of Affordable Housing
• Inclusionary Zoning
• Manufactured Home Community preservation
• "No net loss"
• Redevelopment assistance programs
Resources

• Visit our website: www.kingcounty.gov/dchs
• Subscribe to our blog *Cultivating Connections*: www.dchsblog.com
• Information on COVID response - isolation & quarantine, eviction prevention, mask giveaways, and other help: www.kingcounty.gov/dchs/covid
Office of Emergency Management
Department of Executive Services

Michelle Chatterton
Public Information Officer
Michelle.Chatterton@kingcounty.gov
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
  o Minimum: Food, water, shelter
  o Think about work, transportation, home
  o Customize! Think about pets, medications, baby items, communications, comfort items, medical equipment!
  o To do! Watch [Kit on Shoestring Budget](https://www.youtube.com) (YouTube video)
• Create a plan
  o 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

TEXT “ALERTKC”
To 99411
TO SIGN UP
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

Mo McBroom, Deputy Director of DNRP
Environmental Plans

- Functioning river flood plains
- Resilient coast lines
- Cleaner, controlled storm water runoff
- Better fish habitat
- Reduced toxics & fecal pathogens
- Healthy forests and more green spaces
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)
Questions & comments
Closing remarks
Councilmember Joe McDermott
District 8

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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