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How can we serve you?



King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River

Thursday, June 3, 2021

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.

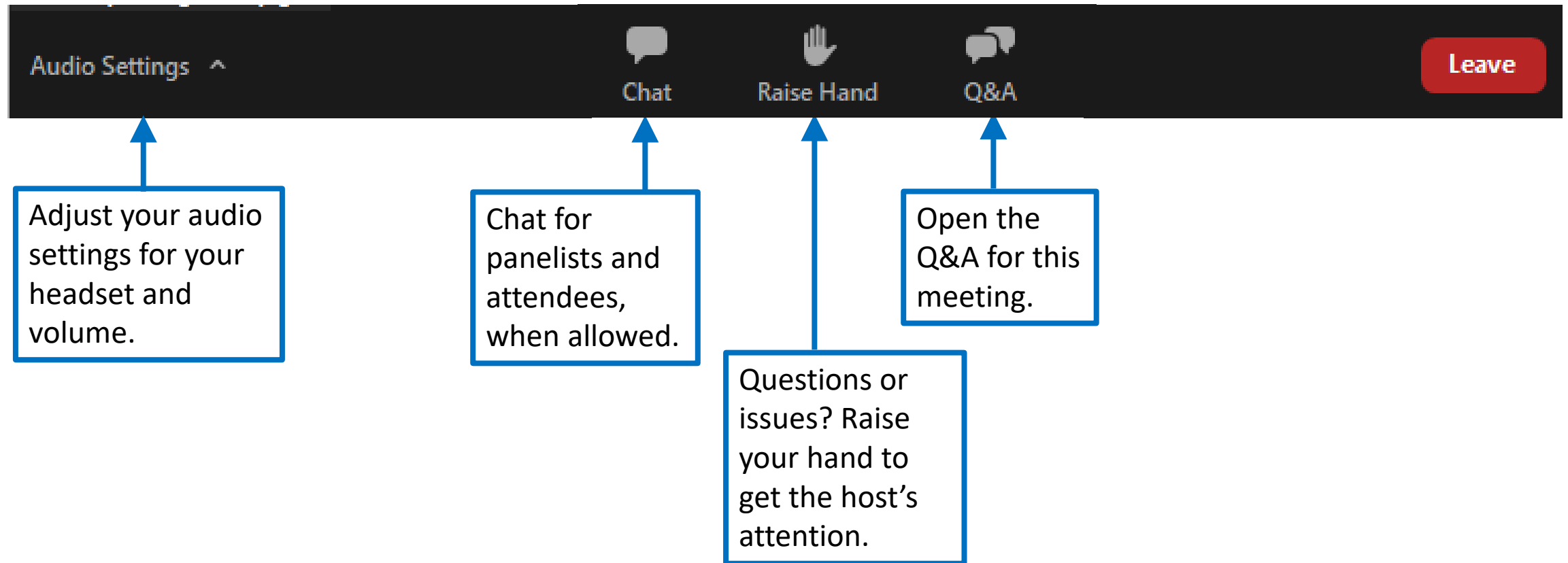
Technology can be challenging, and we are all trying our best.

Listen to Aretha: R-E-S-P-E-C-T



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Zoom Webinar functions



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..... Kendall LeVan Hodson
4. Assessor..... Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff's Office..... Major Patrick Butschli
6. County COVID-19 update..... Debra Berliner
7. King County briefings..... Director John Taylor
8. Q&A / open house
9. Closing remarks..... Councilmember Reagan Dunn
10. Thanks and next steps..... Director John Taylor





King County Update with Councilmember Reagan Dunn

Distribution of Community Grants

I have been working hard to make sure that we are investing in local community organizations, and in turn, investing in our community as a whole.

Here is just a small portion of the investments we have made over the last year:

- \$61,000 for Maple Valley Food Bank
- \$5,000 for Tahoma School District
- \$5,000 for Vine Maple Place
- \$5,000 for Tahoma Lacrosse Club
- \$5,000 for Tahoma Bears Junior Football
- \$5,000 for Valor Soccer
- \$5,000 for Maple Valley Pony Baseball & Fast Pitch - for Johnny Lazor Field
- \$5,000 for Rock Creek Sports
- \$4,000 for Tahoma School Foundation
- \$2,500 for Maple Valley/Black Diamond VFW 5052



Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

As a direct result of my 2019 budget proviso, King County Parks performed outreach to the Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River community about how to best spend Parks Levy dollars funding.



We listened, and with the help of all of you came up with the extension project of the Green to Cedar Rivers Trail to the Black Diamond Open Space - serving as a regional connector.

Final design and planning begins this year and will include a gravel trail, safety improvements at crossings, and bridging of the BNSF rail corridor.

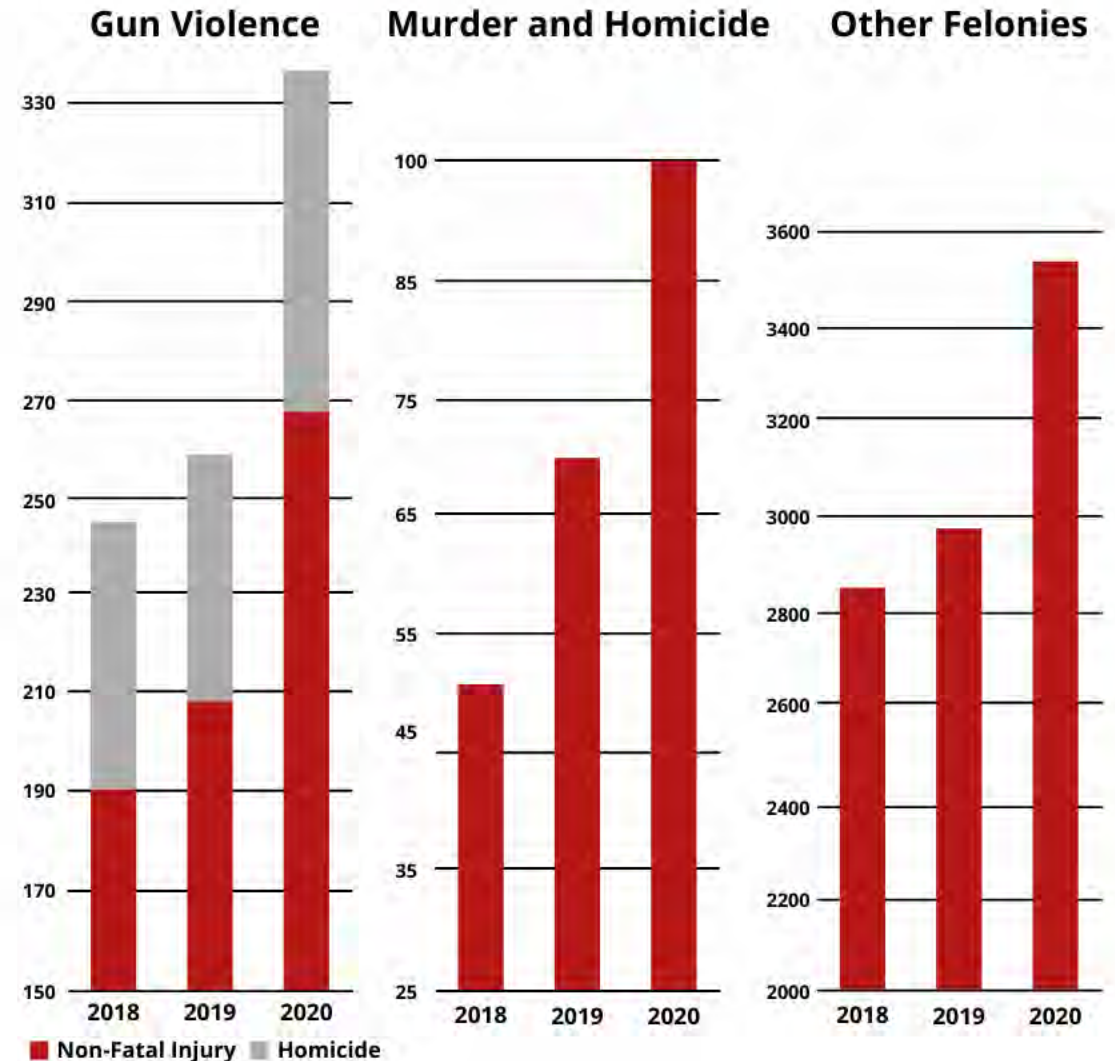
I am grateful to everyone throughout the community and many local leaders for helping me make your voice heard to the County.

The Safety of Our Community

Violent Crimes Spike in King County

King County experienced a dramatic increase in violent crimes during 2020, including a spike in gun violence and a record number of homicides.

- **Homicides and murders have spiked 86% since 2018** - The number of homicides has increased from 51 in 2018 to 70 in 2019 and 95 in 2020.
- **Firearm violence rose significantly in 2020** - Instances of violence are up by 19% compared to the three-year average. The number of overall shooting victims has increased nearly 36% from the three year average.
- **Other felonies are also on the rise** - Less serious felonies including minor violence that doesn't result in injury, less serious economic or property offenses, and some burglaries and car thefts have increased by 24% over the past three years.



Our Sheriff's Office

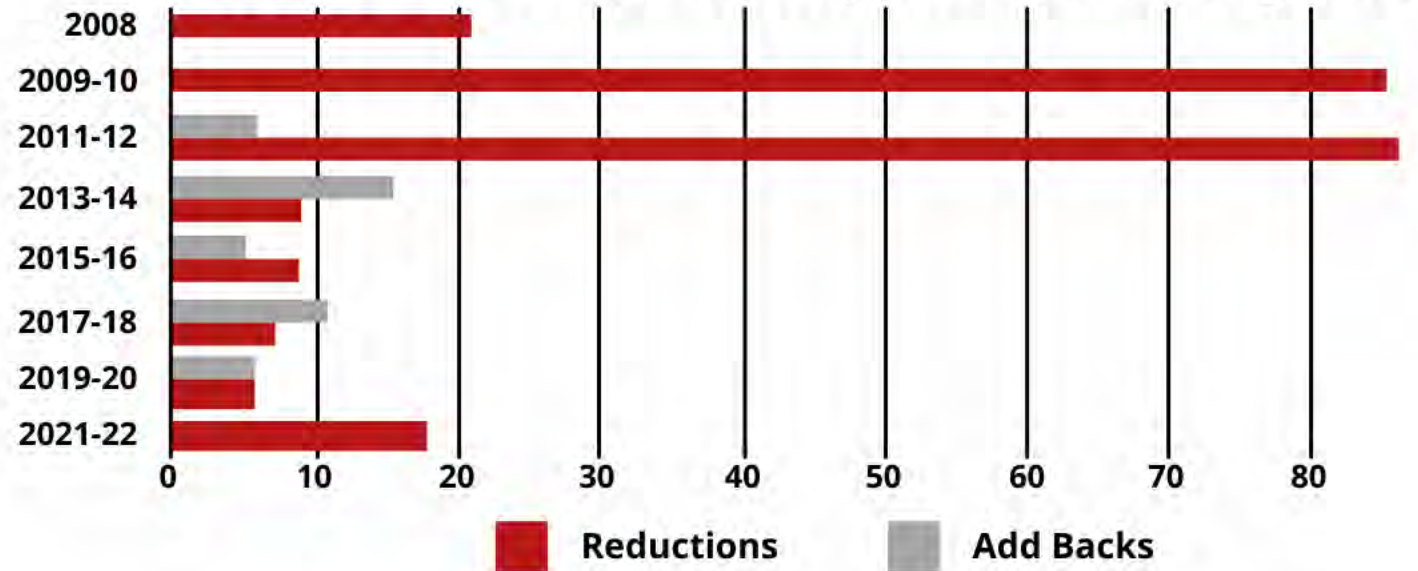
Changes and Cuts to the King County Sheriff's Office

Since 2008, the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) has taken

- 223 position cuts, which amounts to about a 40% reduction in KCSO employees
- 35% reduction in law enforcement services. Continued cuts like these cannot be sustained without putting the health and safety of our communities at risk.

During my time on the Council, I've worked with my colleagues on many occasions to reverse or prevent cuts to KCSO.

KCSO Position Cuts (Unincorporated and Regional)

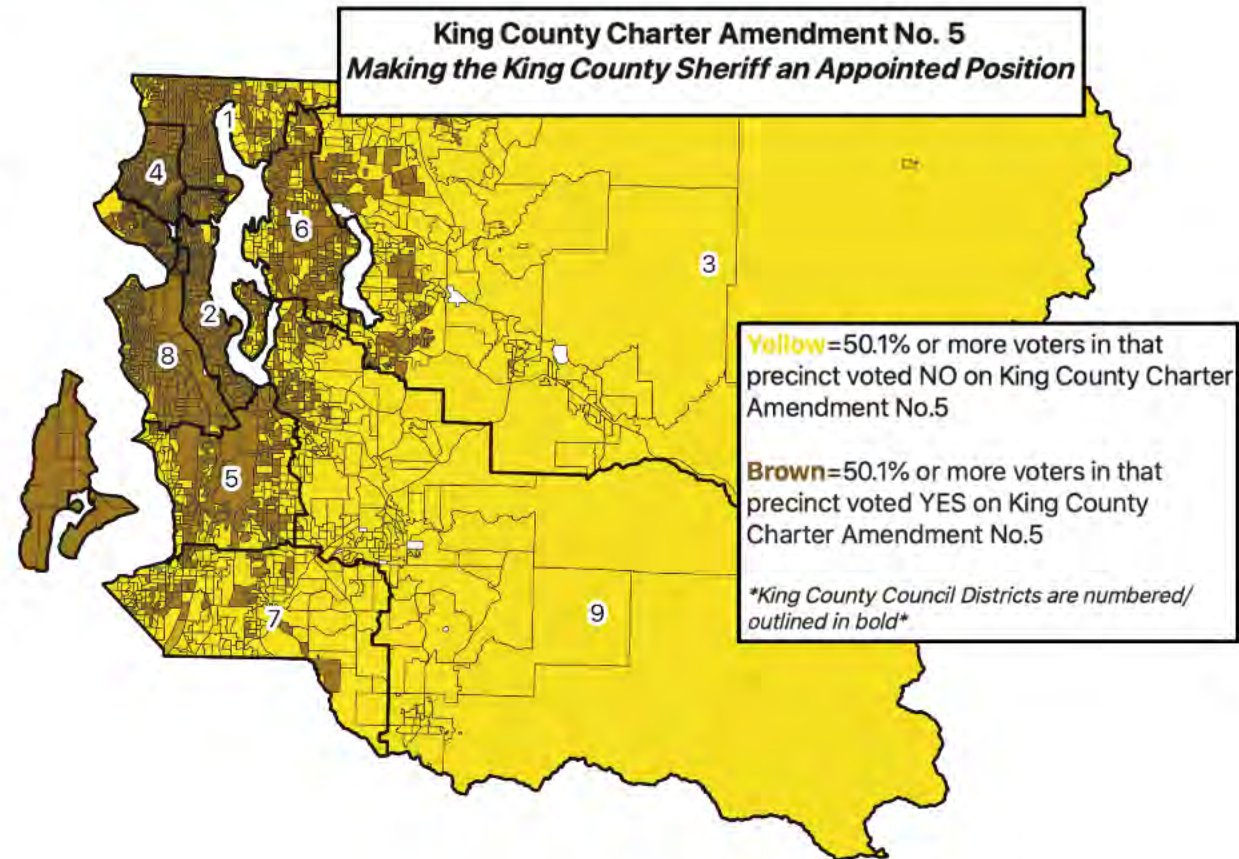


Sheriff's Office Continued

The Future of the King County Sheriff's Office

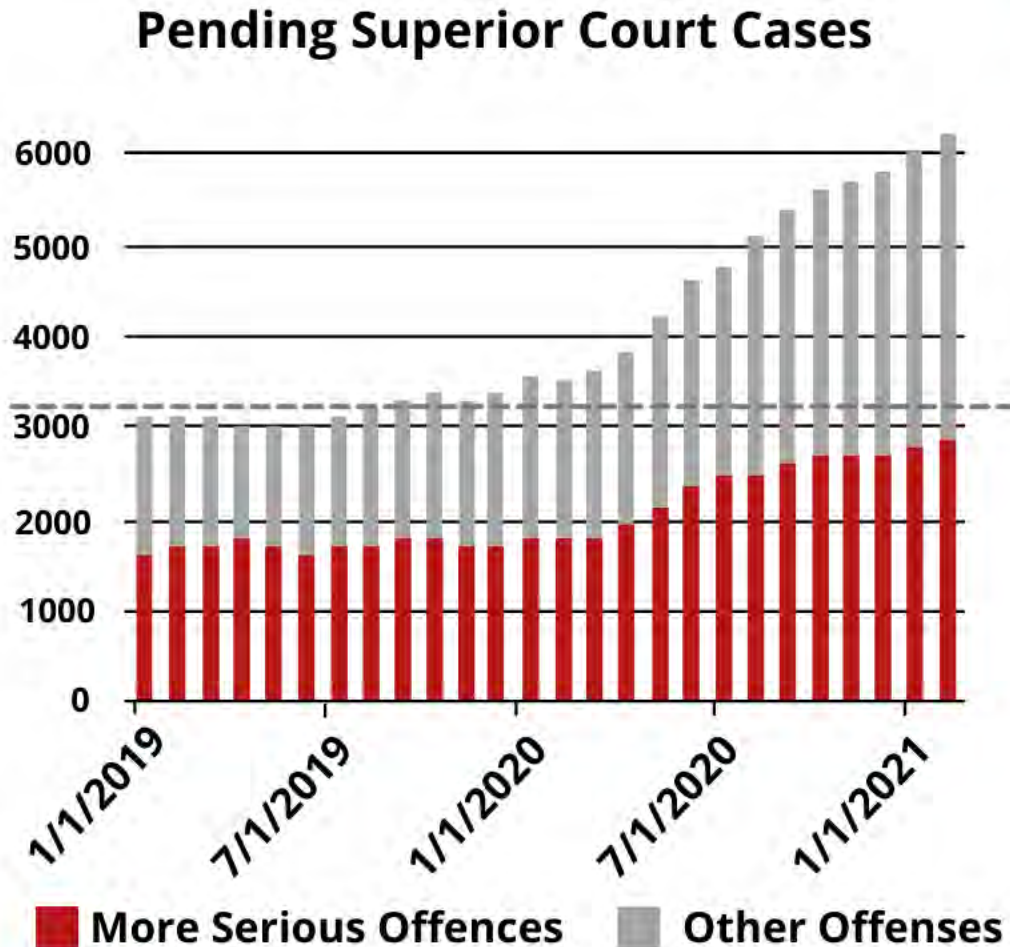
The Law and Justice Committee will soon begin the process of implementing King County Charter Amendments 5 and 6, which were approved by voters in the November 2020 election. These Charter Amendments task the King County Council with appointing a new sheriff and reimagining the duties and role of the Sheriff's Office.

Although both of these charter amendments passed countywide, they failed overwhelmingly in District 9, where large unincorporated areas and many contract cities depend on the King County Sheriff's Office.



Our Criminal Justice System

Many violent Crimes Left Unresolved



Despite the rise in serious crime, the caseload at the King County Superior Court has become severely backlogged and record levels of felony cases have been left pending due to COVID-19 restrictions and a lack of funding.

- Offenses including homicide, rape, domestic violence, robbery, and shootings have risen from 1,700 to 28,00 cases.
- Pending felonies have risen from an average of 3,250 to over 6,450 and are projected to rise to up to 9,000 by this summer.
- There are 3,300 unfiled felony cases. Of those, 600 have been reviewed and are ready to be filed. However, 2,700 of those cases are “backlogged” and are currently awaiting review.

Our Prosecutor's Office

Addressing the Needs of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Our criminal justice system is facing unprecedented pressures due to challenges related to its significant slow-down as the result of COVID-19.

The PAO is requesting 160 positions to address urgent and immediate needs in the following areas:

- Criminal Division – a significant number of pending cases and COVID-related backlog
- State mandates regarding resentencing and sentence review
 - Blake decision - including 50,000 defendants who are now entitled to a vacation of their King County conviction
 - SB 5288 - Resentencing for any defendant who was sentenced to life sentence as a persisted offender
- Civil Division – necessary capacity related to federal COVID relief funding

This includes positions like Trial PDAs, Trial Paralegals, Victim Advocates, Word Processors, and Discovery Unit Personnel to keep up with the demands present in the criminal justice system.

The COVID 7 Budget

We recently passed a \$631 million COVID-19 Supplemental Budget

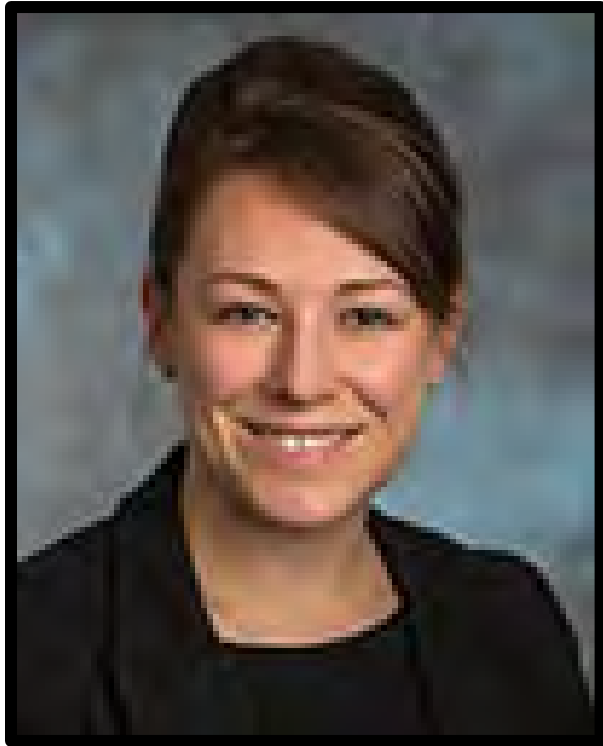
What was included:

- Behavioral health funding that included \$4 million for rural behavioral health
- Rental assistance and housing supports for both tenants and landlords
- Food assistance and culturally appropriate food
- Grants for emerging community needs

What was left out:

- Funding for the criminal justice system, including the Superior Court, District Court, Prosecutors, and Public Defenders
- Hate and Bias Crime Unit in the Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Office
- Support for a KCSO wellness program

Elections Chief of Staff Kendall Hodson



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King County Elections

- Local election year
 - ▶ 330 offices up for election – city council members, school board directors, fire and park commissioners
 - ▶ More than 600 candidates
- Primary election – Aug. 3
- General election – Nov. 2



King County Assessor – John Wilson



Contact:
(206) 296-7300 or
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, call 206-296-7300, or visit www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.
- You can apply online for property tax exemptions at taxrelief.kingcounty.gov, or 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 [Finance and Business Operations](#).



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Residential home values have risen sharply, despite the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- We are now mailing out annual re-valuation notices to taxpayers. Notices will be arriving in King County neighborhoods over the next several months.
- As the news media has reported , King County home values have risen sharply, and commercial values have remained steady, despite the economic effects of COVID-19.
- Median home values have risen by double digits in many areas where valuations have been so far completed. Values have risen sharply in fast growing eastern King County.

No one knew what to expect a little over a year ago when this public health emergency began. Now we know that the primary impact on property values has been caused by homeowners not wanting to sell at this time, leading to reduced supply and big price and value increases.



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 1959 or earlier, or disabled and unable to work in 2020 or earlier
- Own the residence as of 12/31/2020. Occupy as a primary residence 9 months each year

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



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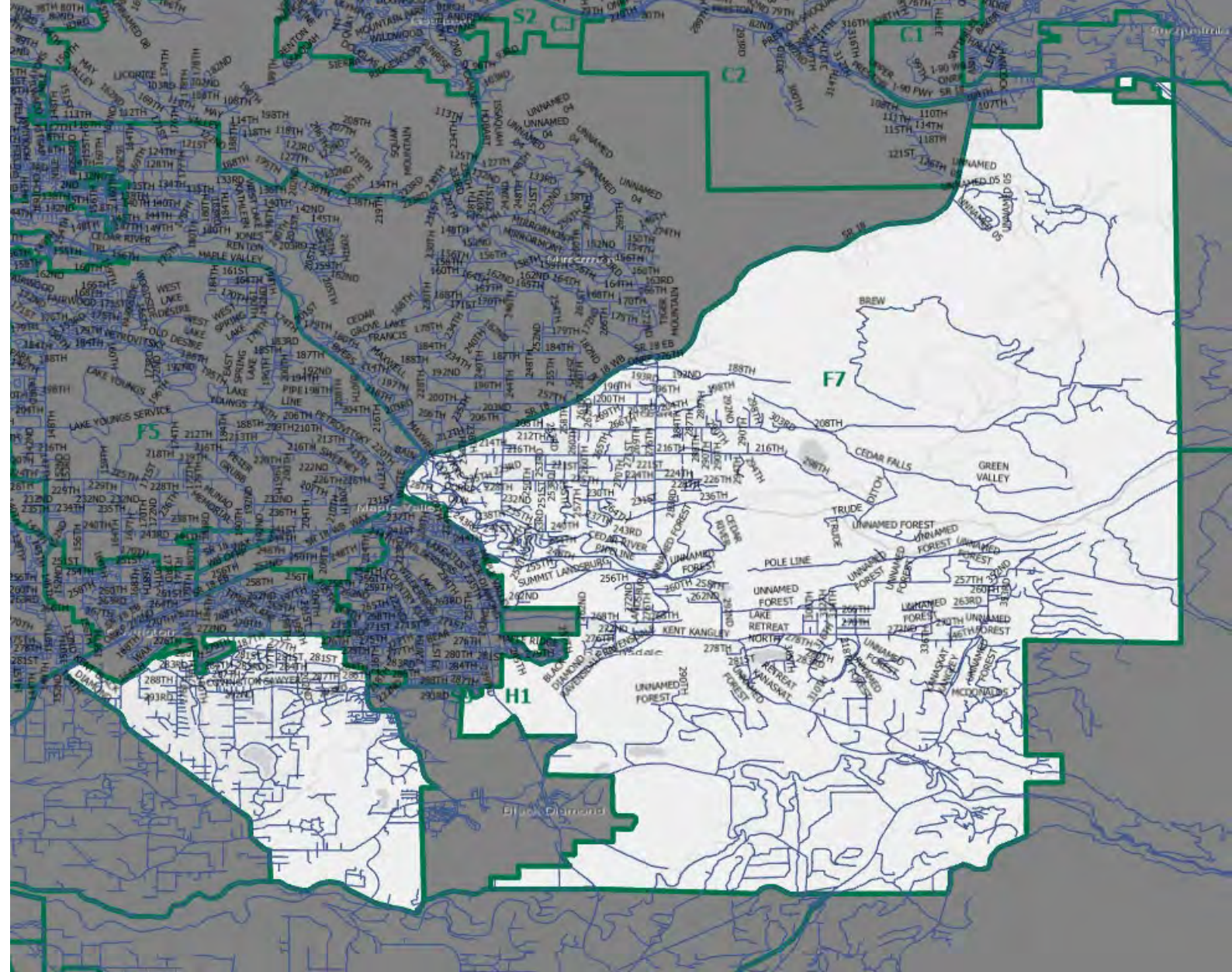
King County Sheriff's Office Southeast Precinct (Precinct 3)



Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander
Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations
Captain Noel Fryberger, Investigations



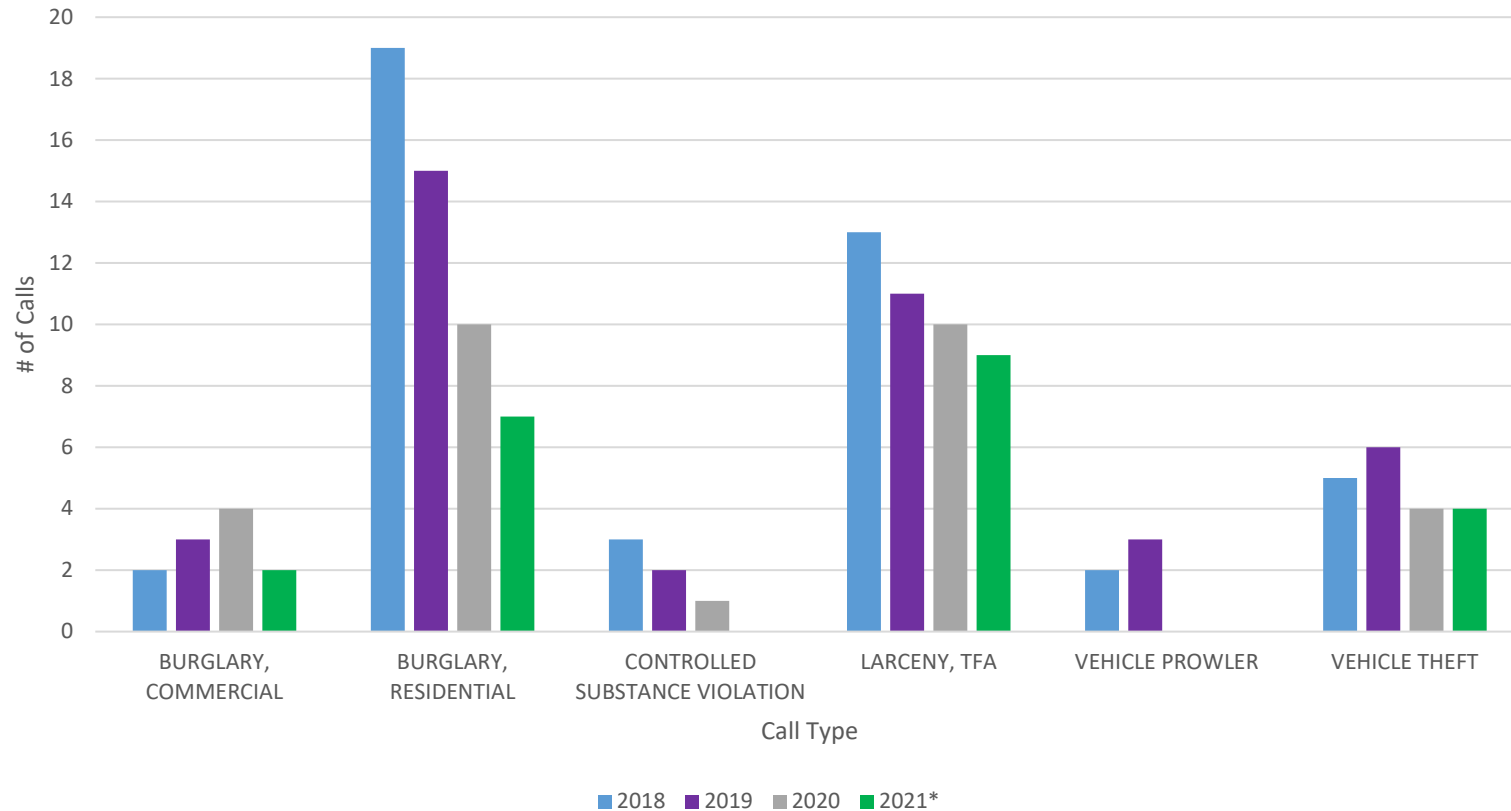
Patrol Districts F6 & F7



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F6 & F7 property crimes

Property Crimes January - April 2018 - 2021*



Calls for Service: January to April 2018 - 2021*					
Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021*	Total
Burglary, Commercial	2	3	4	2	11
Burglary, Residential	19	15	10	7	51
Controlled Substance Violation	3	2	1	0	6
Larceny, TFA	13	11	10	9	43
Vehicle Prowler	2	3	0	0	5
Vehicle Theft	5	6	4	4	19
Total	44	40	29	22	135

Unemployment Fraud Impacts in F6 & F7	
Identity Theft Reports	Total
2019 (Full Year)	6
2020 (Full Year)	5
2021 (January 1 – April 29)	2

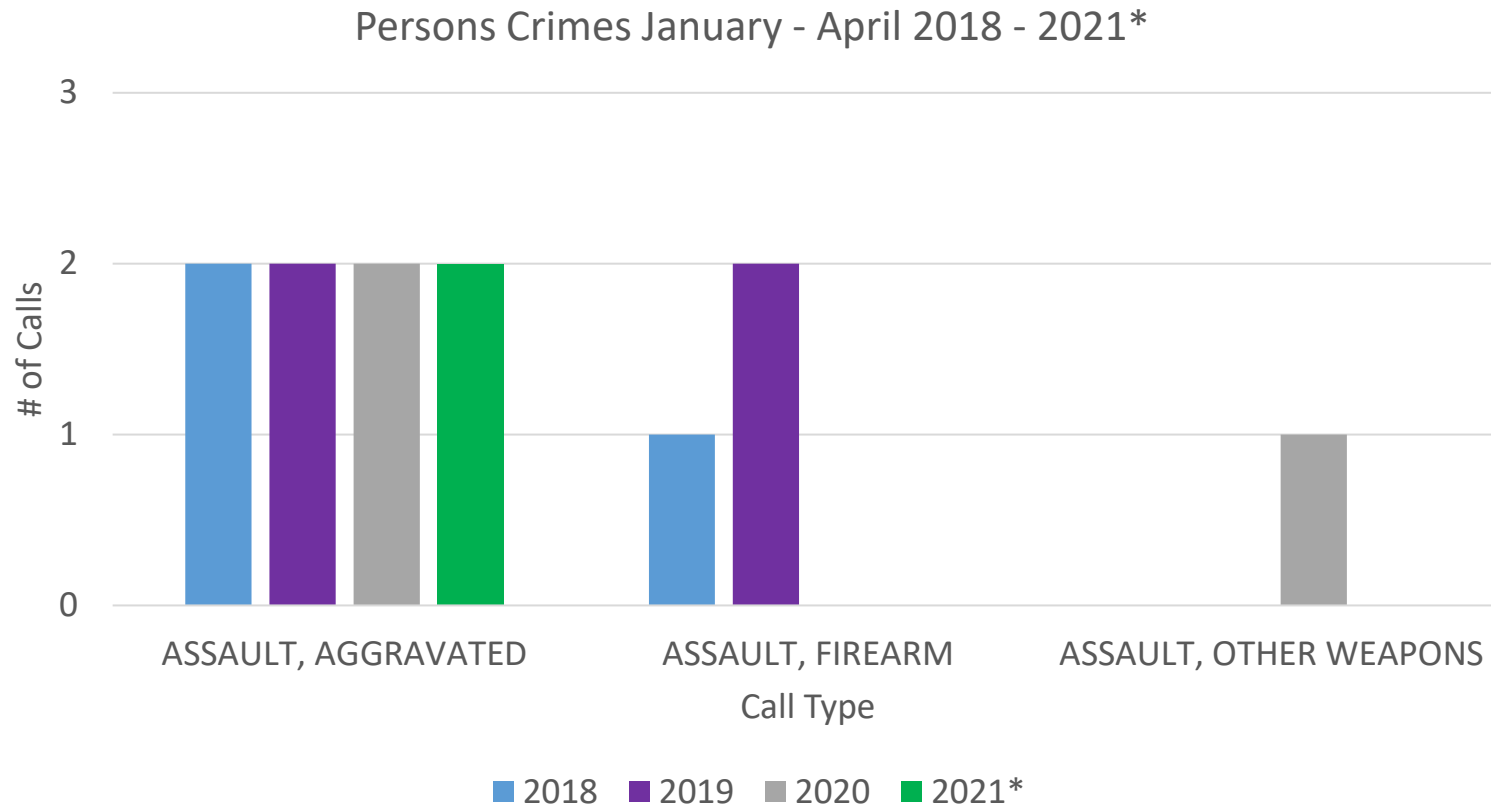
*2021 Data is shown January 1 – April 29

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



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F6 & F7 persons crimes



Calls for Service: January to April 2018 - 2021*					
Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021*	Total
Assault, Aggravated	2	2	2	2	8
Assault, Firearm	1	2	0	0	3
Assault, Other Weapons	0	0	1	0	1
Total	3	4	3	2	12

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King County's COVID-19 community mitigation response:

Vaccinations for COVID-19



COVID-19 vaccines available for everyone 12+

COVID-19 vaccines are **FREE** and available regardless of...

- health insurance
- citizenship
- immigration status

Your healthcare provider cannot charge you for an office visit if you only go in to get the vaccine.



HOW TO GET VACCINATED



Find a vaccination site

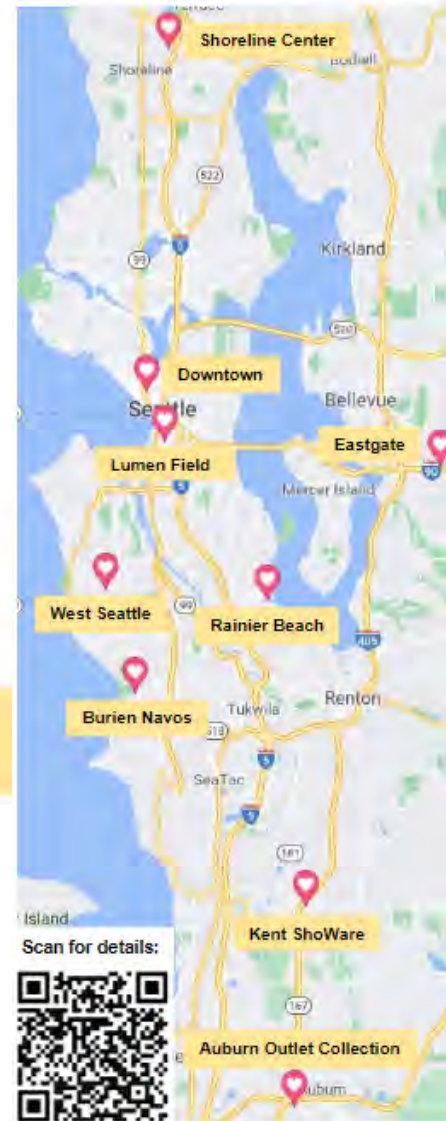
- Check out **King County vaccination options** (many don't require appointments) at kingcounty.gov/vaccine
- **Call your doctor's office or healthcare provider** to see if they have vaccination options available.
- **Find pharmacies and other locations** by zip code using vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov
- **Need help over the phone?** Call the King County COVID-19 Call Center any day between 8 AM – 7 PM at 206-477-3977. Interpreters are available – state the language you need when you are connected.



Get your COVID-19 vaccine today

No appointment needed!

All sites are **ADA accessible** and offer **interpretation** services. **Need a ride?** Call 425-943-6706.
All vaccination is available at no cost. Call the numbers below to ask what vaccine types are offered.



For more vaccination locations, assistance, and resources, visit: [KingCounty.gov/Vaccine](https://www.kingcounty.gov/Vaccine)

Auburn: Auburn Outlet Collection Clinic
1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1333, Auburn, WA 98001
Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm (206-477-3977)

Bellevue: Eastgate Public Health Center
14350 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98007
Mon, Thu, Fri, 8:30am-11:45am & 12:30pm-3:30pm
(206-477-3284)

Burien: Public Health Primary Care at Navos
1210 SW 136th St., Burien, WA 98166
Wednesdays in May, 8:30am-11:45pm & 12:30pm-3:30pm
(206-477-3284)

Kent: ShoWare Center Clinic
625 W James St, Kent, WA 98032
Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm (206-477-3977)

Seattle: Downtown Public Health Center
2124 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121
Mon-Fri, 8:30am-11:45am & 12:30pm-3:30pm (206-477-3284)

Seattle: Lumen Field Event Center
330 S Royal Brougham Way, Seattle, WA 98134
Wed & Sat, 11:15am-5:45pm (206-684-2489)

Seattle: Rainier Beach
8702 Seward Park Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118
Mon-Sat, 9am-4:30pm (206-684-2489)

Seattle: West Seattle
2801 SW Thistle St., Seattle, WA 98126
Mon-Sat, 9am-4:30pm (206-684-2489)

Shoreline: Shoreline Center
18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155
Mon-Fri, 7:30am-6:30pm, Sat & Sun 8am-3:30pm
(206-520-8700)

In-home vaccination is now available

For people who...

- Have not yet been vaccinated
- AND
- Have an injury, developmental disability or medical condition that makes it difficult to leave the home
- AND
- Would require considerable and taxing effort to get vaccinated outside the home



To request an appointment, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center:


206-477-3977* (8 a.m. – 7 p.m.)

*Interpretation is available.



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COVID-19 vaccine

 Languages ▾

March 31 update

Newly eligible groups include anyone 60 and older, people with 2 or more underlying health conditions, and workers in construction, manufacturing, and restaurants and food services. See “Who can get vaccinated now” below for details.

Please see “How to get vaccinated” for options for appointment scheduling, including at King County Vaccination Partnership sites in Auburn, Kent, Redmond, and Seattle.

 **How can I get the COVID-19 vaccine in King County?**

This page is also available in the following languages

አማርኛ — Amharic	한국어 — Korean	Español — Spanish
العربية — Arabic	Kajin M̧ajel — Marshallese	ትግርኛ — Tigrinya
简体中文 — Chinese, Simplified	Afaan Oromoo — Oromo	lea fakatonga — Tongan
繁體中文 — Chinese, Traditional	Русский — Russian	Українська — Ukrainian
Français — French	Gagana Sāmoa — Samoan	Tiếng Việt — Vietnamese
ភាសាខ្មែរ — Khmer	af Soomaali — Somali	

Community vaccination resources

Please use and share these materials to help spread the word about COVID-19 vaccination and encourage people in your community to get vaccinated.

Check back for new materials and additional translations!

Quick links

- [Flyers](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Resources](#)

Flyers



Getting Vaccinated in King County

Two-sided flyer with basic information about vaccine safety, cost, effectiveness, and how to schedule a vaccination appointment.

Amharic	Arabic	Chinese (汉语)	Chinese (漢語)	Chuukese	Dari
English	Fijian	French	Hindi	Japanese	Khmer
Korean	Maay-Maay	Marshallese	Nuer	Oromo	Punjabi
Russian	Samoan	Somali	Spanish	Swahili	Tagalog
Tigrinya	Tongan	Ukrainian	Vietnamese		

Is it True? COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Checking

King County Updates



Top Concerns from PublicInput.com Survey

1. Proposed asphalt plant
 2. Traffic flow in area
 3. New developments/construction
 4. Increase funding for Sheriff's Office
 5. Extend public transit (more connections to cities on the Eastside)
 6. Environmental impacts from landfill
 7. Improve broadband connectivity
 8. Infrastructure investment on sidewalks and trails
 9. Preserving natural areas/open land
- And then: property taxes, homeless services, trash, road maintenance, drainage



COVID-19 recovery investments in unincorporated King County

The 7th COVID budget, approved by Council, includes these investments:

- \$4M to address permitting wait times and reduce their backlog
- \$4.5M for a small business grant program in unincorporated King County
- \$0.7M to install public wireless in three parks (Skyway, Steve Cox, and South County Ballfields)
- A jobs and housing program that includes expanded litter removal, road crew work, and conservation programs in unincorporated King County
- Several new grant programs that will be available to residents

The County Council will appropriate remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds later in the summer. Spending will further support COVID-19 response and recovery.



Permitting highlights

Service enhancements

- Permitting is 100% fully staffed as of the end of Q1 2021
- Leveraging customer-paid overtime and consultant review services to reduce backlog of applications
- Moving permitting processes online means customer service changes and improvements. Examples:
 - ▶ MyBuildingPermits.com (94-95%), remainder can also be accepted electronically
 - ▶ Digitization of records for eventual web-based self-service access



Road Services Division

SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

Active and recently completed projects

- **1** roadway and roadside projects
- **1** bridge projects
- **12** traffic control and road safety projects
- **3** drainage projects

Visit us online: kingcounty.gov/roads

What we're doing in Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River area



Southeast Kent-Kangley Road at Landsburg Road
Southeast intersection improvement

183 maintenance service requests
in your community so far this year

- **1000+** signs repaired or replaced
- **6000+** lbs. of trash cleared
from roads

- **300+** tons of asphalt used to
patch potholes
- **16** storm drains cleaned



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Contact Us!
24/7 Road Helpline - 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov | [@kcroads](https://twitter.com/kcroads)

6-Year Levy Lid Lift

Short-Term Funding Option



Nov. 2021: Voter Approval

2022: Increase levy for unincorporated areas to statutory limit (\$2.25 per \$1,000 in Assessed Value)

2023-2027: Levy total amount grows at limiting factor (Inflation + Population Increase) for 5 years

2028: Levy amount growth returns to legal maximum (Growth of 1% per year, plus new construction)

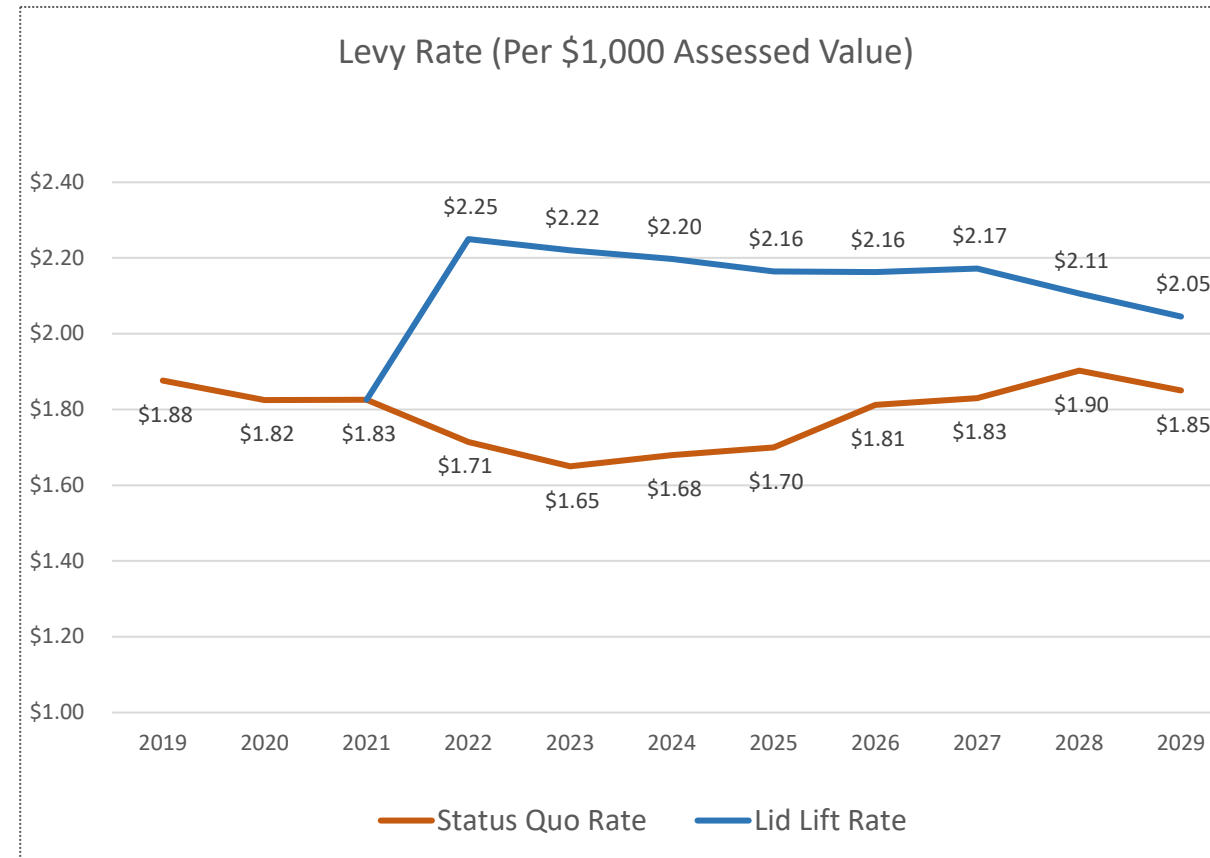


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Impact of 6-Year Levy Lid Lift on Property Taxes

2022 property taxes would increase by \$0.42 per \$1,000 in AV over 2021 rates*

This is an estimated \$223 increase in property taxes for the average property owner** in UKC over 2021 amounts



*According to OEFA Projections as of April 2021. Assumes no annexation of unincorporated areas.

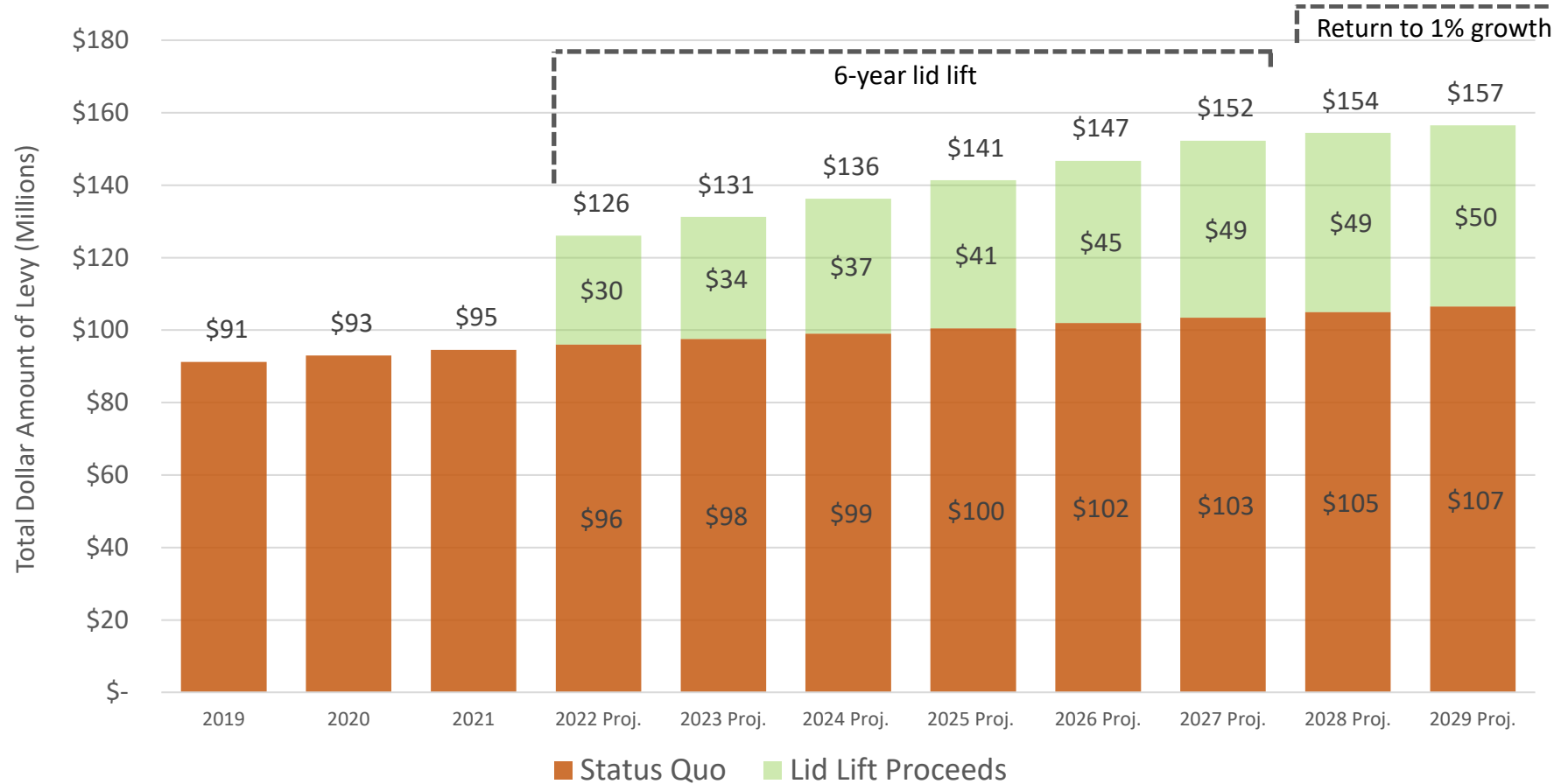
**Assuming median assessed value of \$525,000



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6-Year Levy Lid Lift

\$335 Million (41%) Increase from Status Quo from 2022-2029*



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Spending Plan for Potential Proceeds

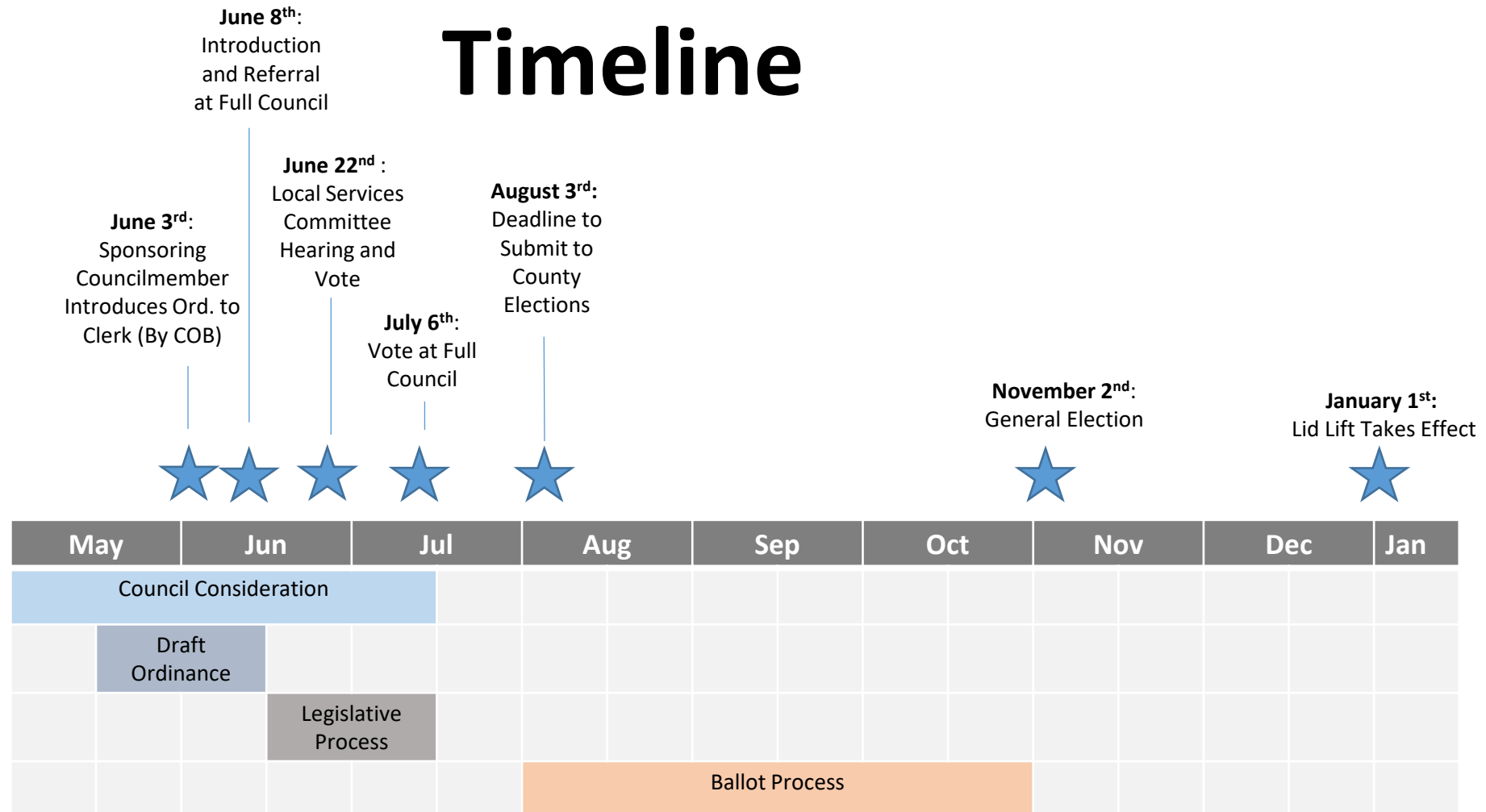
2022-2029



Project Type	Amount	% of Total
Safety & Traffic Control	\$86m	26%
Roadway	\$68m	20%
Bridges & Drainage	\$58m	17%
Operating	\$54m	16%
Grant Matching & Contingency	\$33m	10%
Quick Response	\$20m	6%
Roadside	\$11m	3%
2030-31 Programming	\$5m	1%
Total	\$335m	100%



Timeline



Department of Natural Resources and Parks

- Taylor Mountain Forest
- Green to Cedar South Interim Trail Segment A – Planning Phase
- Cedar River Trail Access & Striping
- Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Site Development/ Facilities Relocation Updates
- Riverbend Restoration Project
- Annual Large Wood in King County Rivers Meeting
- Construction planned for SR 169 Flood Risk Reduction Project



Community and Human Services

<https://kingcounty.gov/dchs>

Director Leo Flor

- **2021 Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program**

Help for residents one or more months behind in rent and/or utilities as a result of COVID. Call **206-3481**, Email **DCHSRentalAssistance@kingcounty.gov**, or visit <https://kingcounty.gov/covid/rent>



- **Housing Repair Program**

Help for low-to-moderate income residents of King County for septic systems, electrical, plumbing, roofs, heat, disability accommodation, and more.

Call **206-263-9095** or go to <https://kingcounty.gov/housingrepair>



- **Best Starts for Kids projects in District 9**

Maple View Middle School, Summit Trail Middle School, Tahoma School District, Childhaven, Enumclaw School District, Hazelwood Elementary School, JJ Smith Birth to Five Center, Greater Maple Valley Community Center



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Metro Transit – Terry White, General Manager

- COVID-19 safety updates
- Service Restoration: what we can expect for Fall 2021
- Updates to Metro policies
- What's on the horizon
 - Electrifying the fleet; Safety and Security Reform
- Renton-Kent-Auburn Mobility Project Updates



Executive Services – Emergency Management

Public Education/Alert & Warning

- **Be informed and stay safe** with ALERT King County emergency notifications: kingcounty.gov/alert or text ALERTKC to 99411
- **Know your hazards:** kingcounty.gov/prepare
- **Get #KingCountyReady:** makeitthrough.org
- **Contact us!** We love to talk preparedness:
kcoempubed@kingcounty.gov



Questions & comments



Closing remarks

**Councilmember Reagan Dunn
District 9**

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Please take our survey

- Did you find this meeting valuable?
- Have you been to a Local Services Town Hall before?
- Were your questions answered?
- Write your email address in the meeting chat to join our mailing list and receive updates



Thank you for joining us tonight!

AskLocalServices@kingcounty.gov

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



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