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# King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

**Southeast King County**

**Tuesday, June 8, 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.

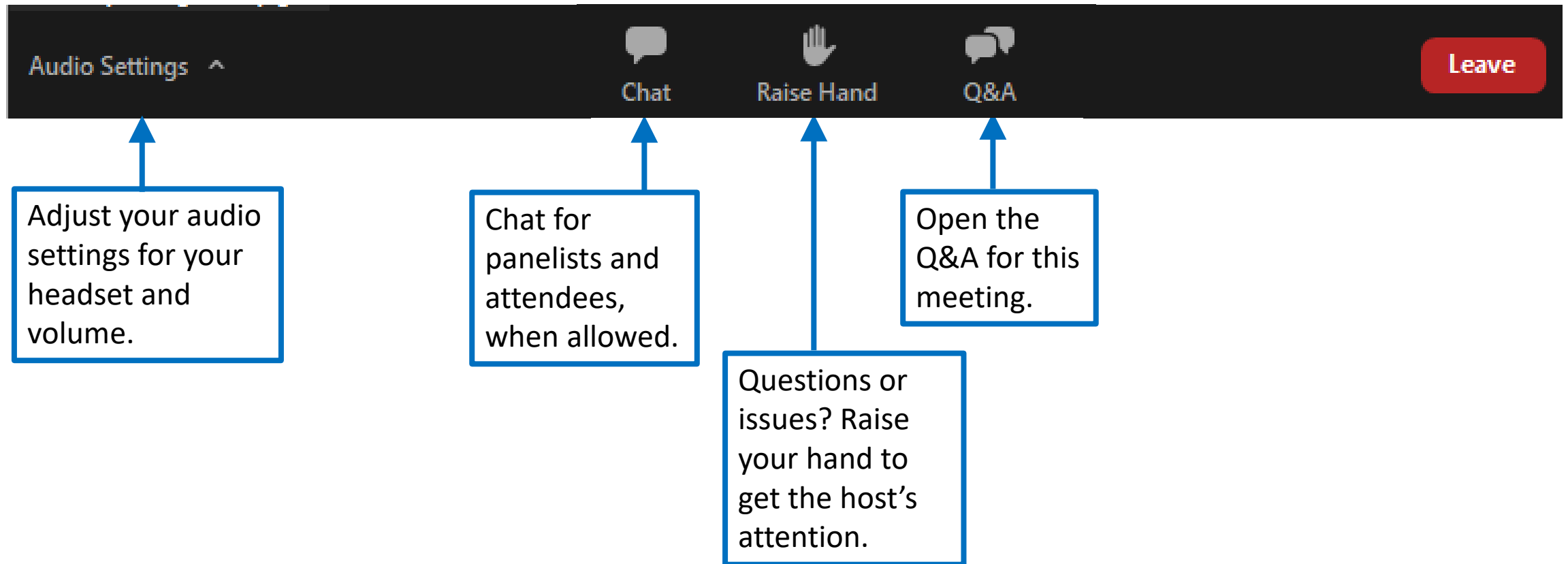
Technology can be challenging, and we are all trying our best.

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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 ..... Director Julie Wise
4. Assessor ..... Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff's Office ..... Major Patrick Butschli
6. County COVID-19 update ..... Becky Reitzes
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**  
Southeast King County  
*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:

- \$250,000 to Mt. Peak Fire Lookout (more on next slide)
- \$49,500 for the Enumclaw Expo Center
- \$10,000 for the Enumclaw Senior Center
- \$10,000 for the Enumclaw Schools Foundation
- \$10,000 for Enumclaw High School
- \$6,000 for Plateau Outreach Ministries
- \$5,000 for Enumclaw VFW 1949
- \$5,000 for Cascade Foothill Soccer Club
- \$5,000 for Chinook Little League
- \$2,500 for the Enumclaw Historical Society





# Mt. Peak Lookout

Earlier this year, I helped facilitate a ten-year community grant partnership between King County Parks and the Mt. Peak Historical Fire Lookout Association. This new agreement will provide a \$250,000 grant to rebuild, operate, and maintain the historic fire lookout on top of Mt. Peak.



There has been tremendous energy from the community to rebuild what will be a regional landmark, and I'm pleased to help get this project off the ground.

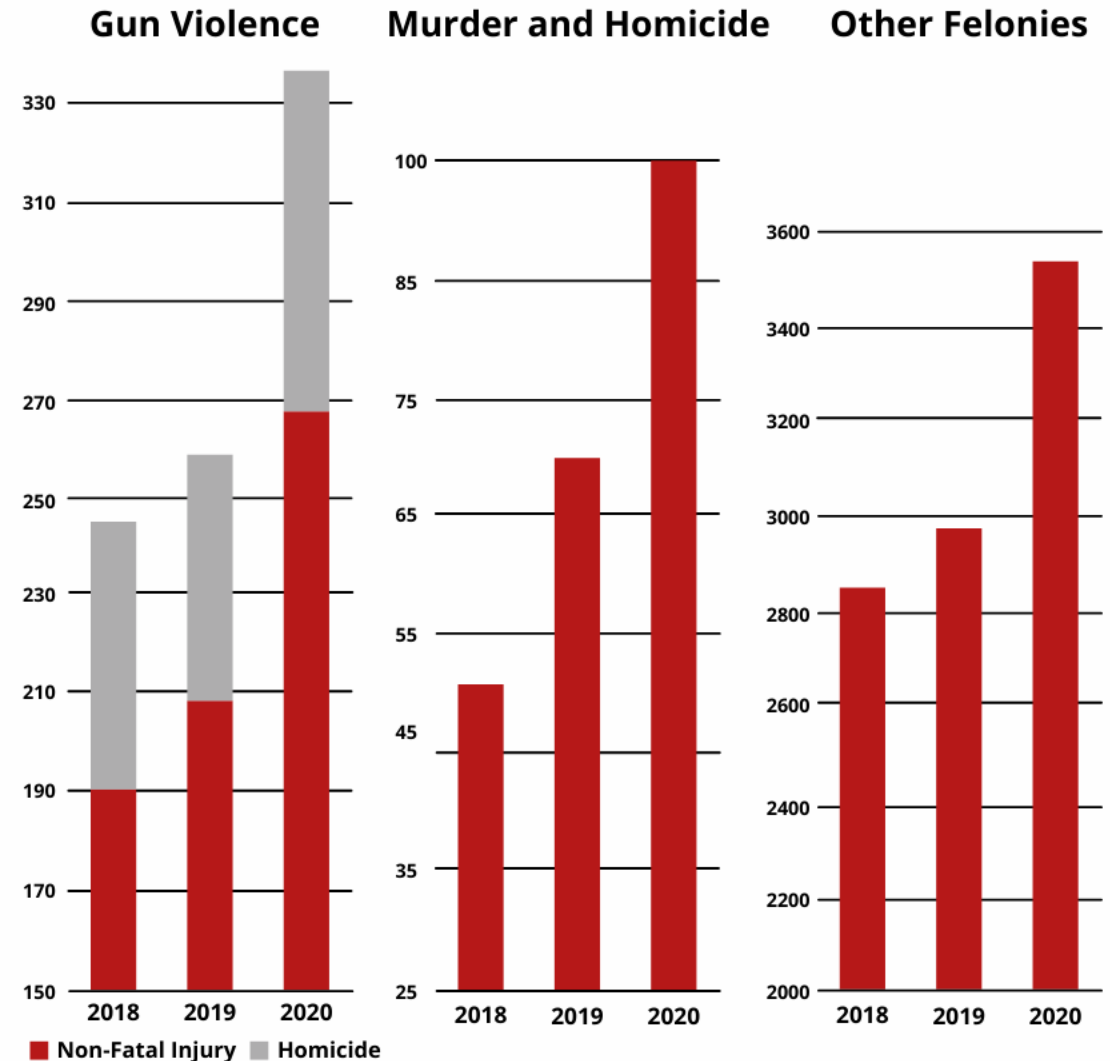
Right now, the Mount Peak Historical Fire Lookout Association has picked a contractor and is expecting building to begin this month and be completed in late August or early September.

# 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

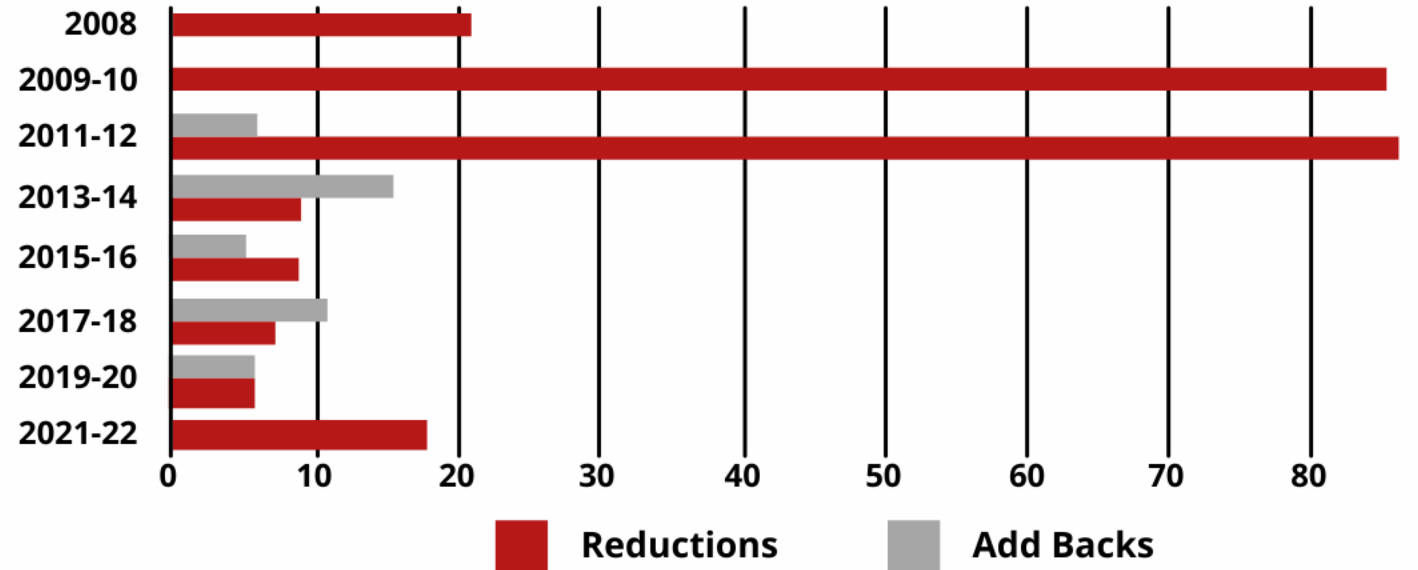
## Changes and Cuts to the King County Sheriff's Office

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)**



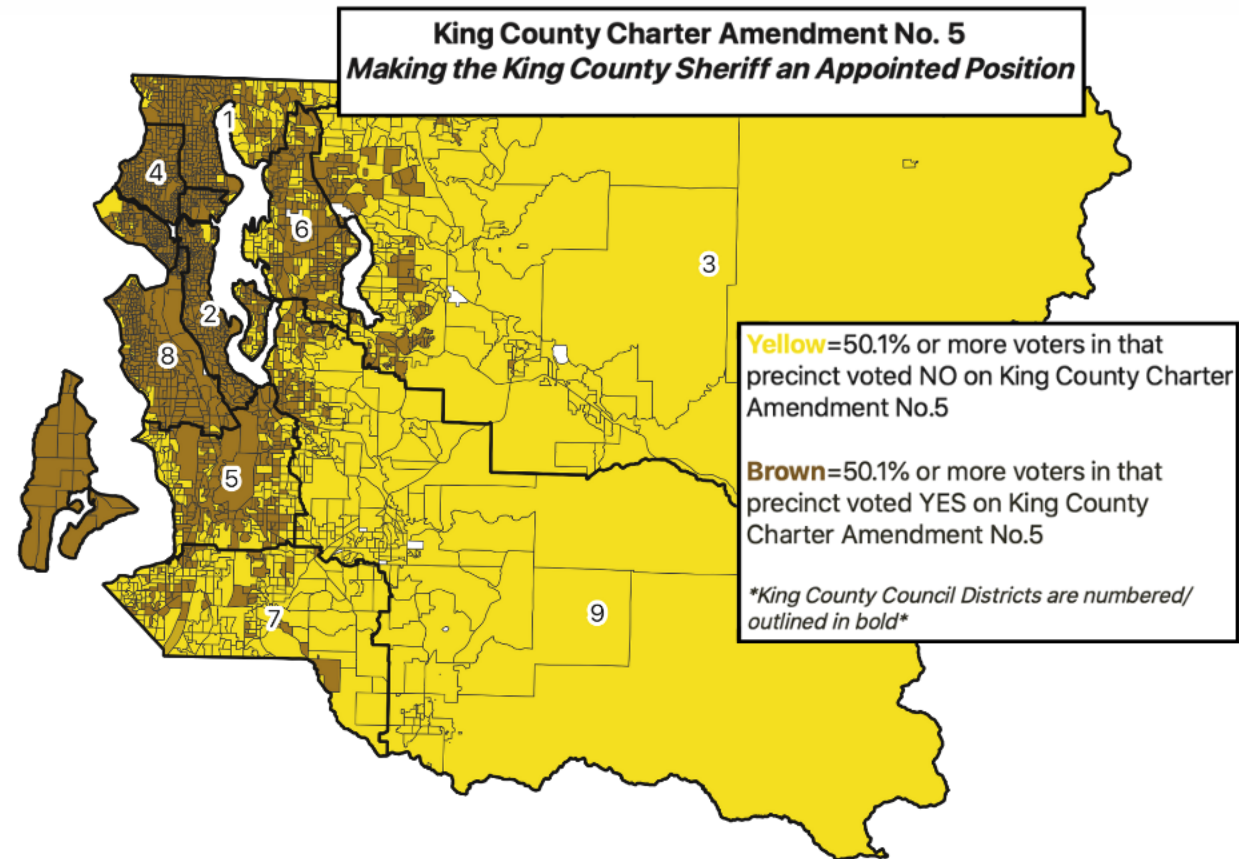


# Sheriff's Office Continued

## The Future of the King County Sheriff's Office

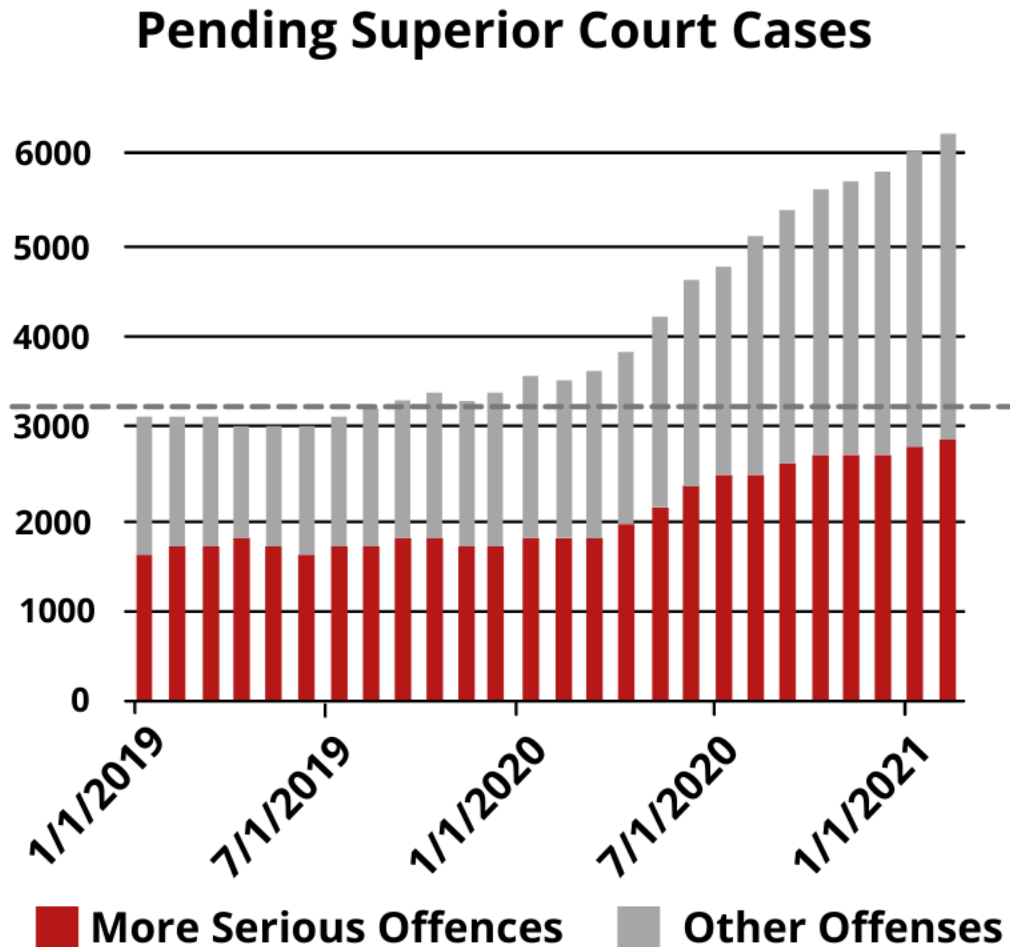
The Law and Justice Committee will soon begin the process of implementing King County Charter Amendments 5 and 6, which were approved by voters in the November 2020 election. These Charter Amendments task the King County Council with appointing a new sheriff and reimagining the duties and role of the 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 2,800 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 unfilled 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





# Questions?

# Elections Director Julie Wise



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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



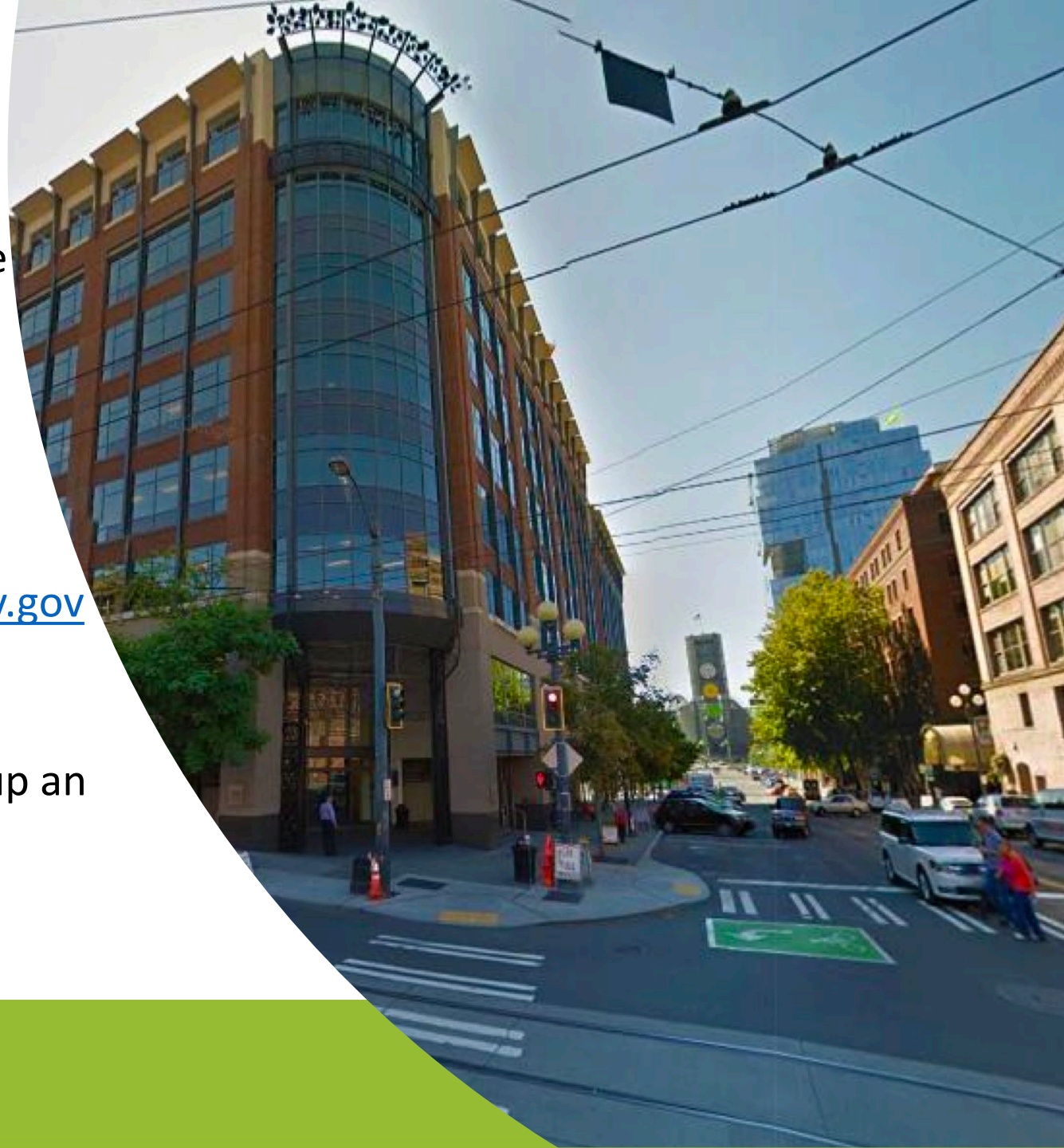
Contact:  
206-296-7300 or  
[assessor.info@kingcounty.gov](mailto:assessor.info@kingcounty.gov)



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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](mailto:assessor.info@kingcounty.gov), call 206-296-7300, or visit [www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor).
- You can **apply online for property tax exemptions** at [taxrelief.kingcounty.gov](http://taxrelief.kingcounty.gov), or email [Exemptions.Assessments@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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](#).





## 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 have 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)

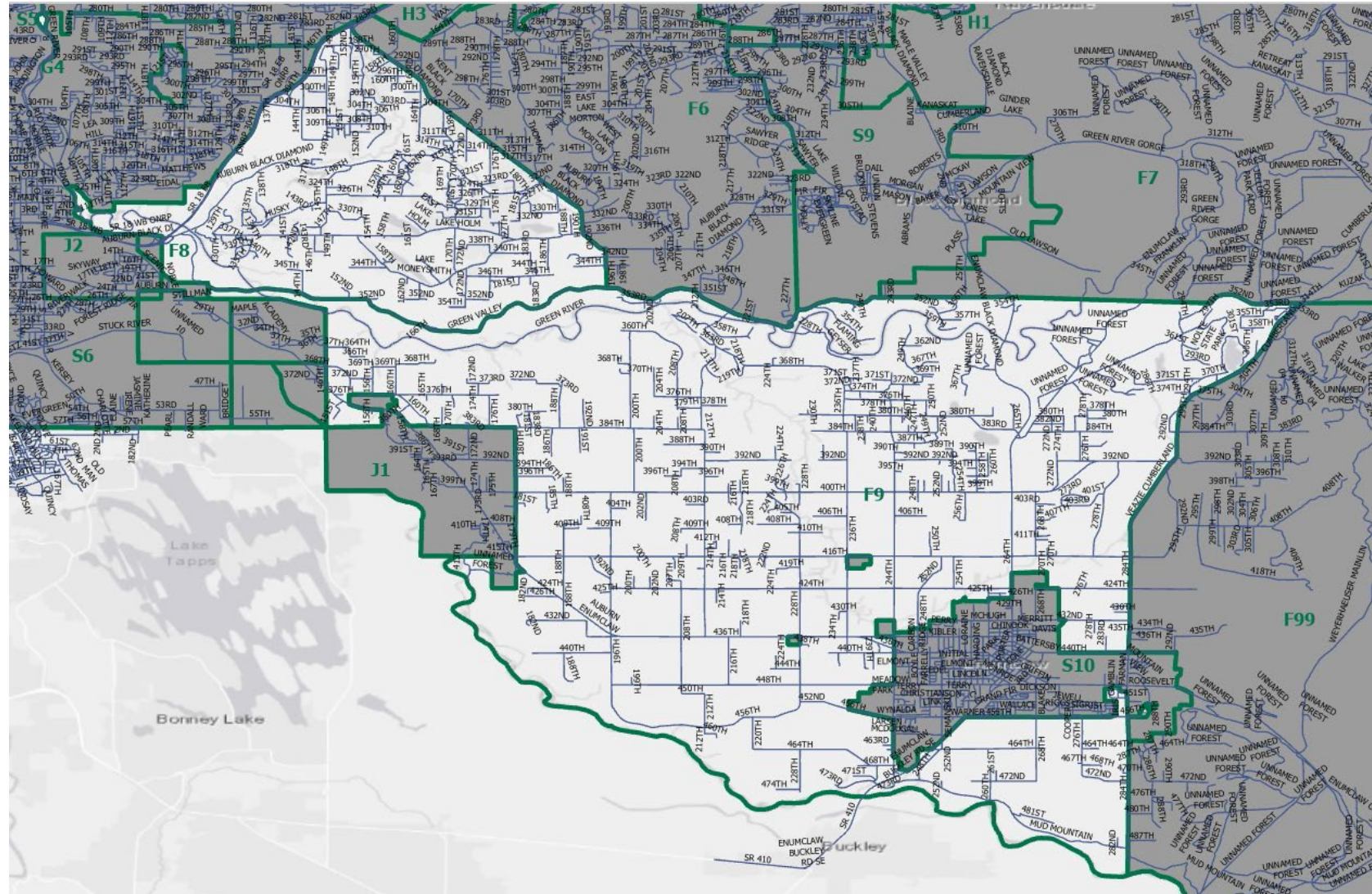


Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander  
Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations  
Captain Noel Fryberger, Investigations



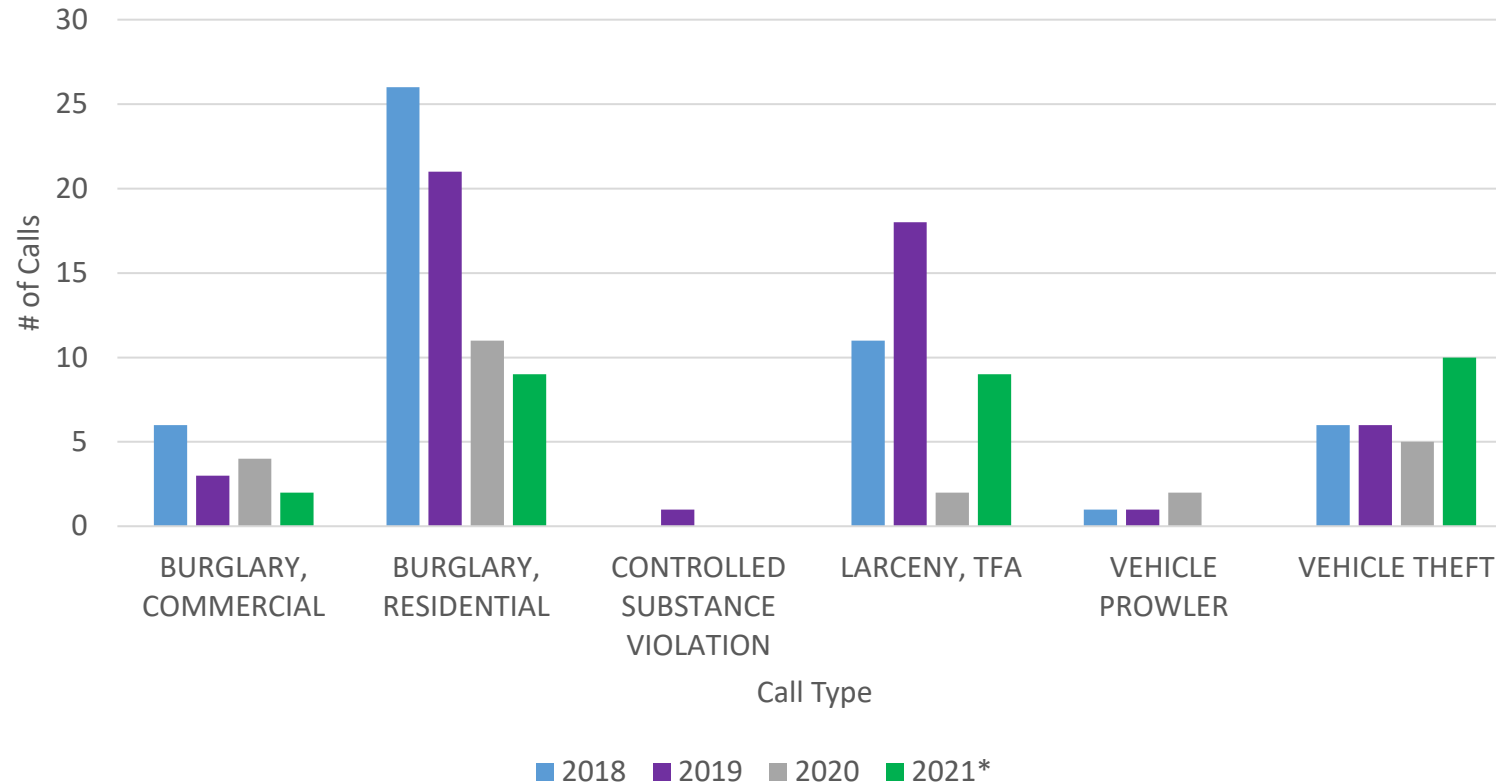


# Patrol Districts F8 & F9



# F8 & F9 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	6	3	4	2	15
Burglary, Residential	26	21	11	9	67
Controlled Substance Violation	0	1	0	0	1
Larceny, TFA	11	18	2	9	40
Vehicle Prowler	1	1	2	0	4
Vehicle Theft	6	6	5	10	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>154</b>

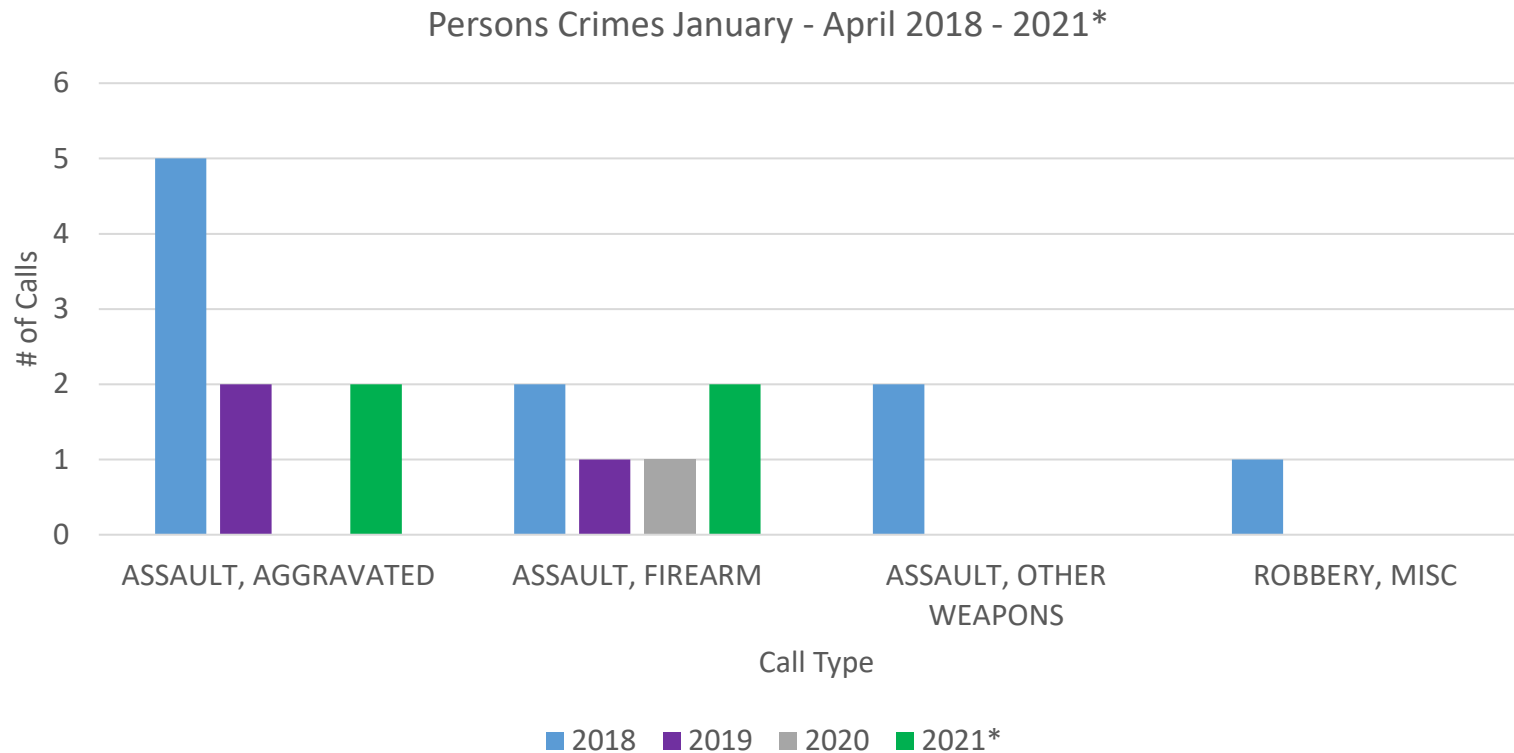
Unemployment Fraud Impacts in F8 & F9	
Identity Theft Reports	Total
2019 (Full Year)	7
2020 (Full Year)	11
2021 (January 1 - April 29)	7

\*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.



# F8 & F9 persons crimes



Calls for Service: January to April 2018 - 2021*					
Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021*	Total
Assault, Aggravated	5	2	0	2	9
Assault, Firearm	2	1	1	2	6
Assault, Other Weapons	2	0	0	0	2
Robbery, Misc	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	10	3	1	4	18

\*2021 Data is shown January 1 – April 29  
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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](https://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](https://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.

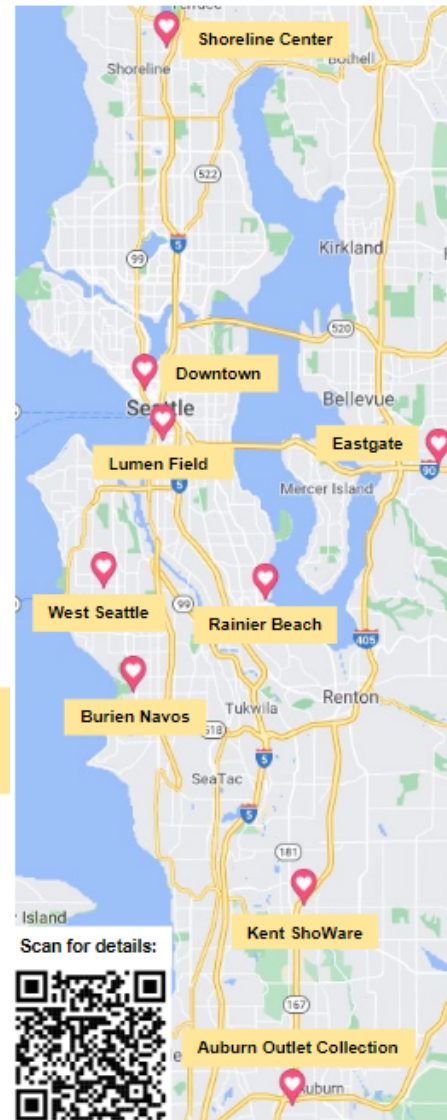




# Get your COVID-19 vaccine today

## 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

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<a href="#">繁體中文 — Chinese, Traditional</a>	<a href="#">Русский — Russian</a>	<a href="#">Українська — Ukrainian</a>
<a href="#">Français — French</a>	<a href="#">Gagana Sāmoa — Samoan</a>	<a href="#">Tiếng Việt — Vietnamese</a>
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## 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.

<a href="#">Amharic</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>	<a href="#">Chinese (汉语)</a>	<a href="#">Chinese (漢語)</a>	<a href="#">Chuukese</a>	<a href="#">Dari</a>
<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Fijian</a>	<a href="#">French</a>	<a href="#">Hindi</a>	<a href="#">Japanese</a>	<a href="#">Khmer</a>
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#### Is it True? COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Checking



# King County updates





# Top SE King County Concerns from PublicInput.com Survey

1. Need for better and more internet options
2. Ways to lessen impact of the homeless on local neighborhoods
3. Fire prevention and management
4. Zoning of industrial sites on rural areas
5. Concern that future growth and development will turn our unincorporated areas into urban/suburban zones
6. Traffic from cities using rural roads
7. Enumclaw to Buckley traffic and need for a second bridge
8. Infrastructure investment from public utilities (underground power lines and sewer system upgrades)
9. Secure the Lake Holm public boat launch after hours
10. Road maintenance and expansion

And then: more police, Auburn Black Diamond Rd tree clearing, expand public transportation



# COVID-19 recovery investments in unincorporated King County

The 7th COVID budget, approved by the County 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 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

- 3 roadway and roadside projects
- 8 bridge projects
- 9 traffic control and road safety projects
- 4 drainage projects

Visit us online: [kingcounty.gov/roads](https://kingcounty.gov/roads)

What we're doing in  
Southeast King County area



Flaming Geyser Bridge Repainting  
completed in Fall 2020

**205** maintenance service requests  
in your community so far this year


- **1000+** signs repaired or replaced
- **25,000+** lbs. of trash cleared  
from roads

- **100** tons of asphalt used to  
patch potholes



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### Contact Us!

24/7 Road Helpline – 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | [maint.roads@kingcounty.gov](mailto:maint.roads@kingcounty.gov) |  @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 (1% per year, plus new construction)



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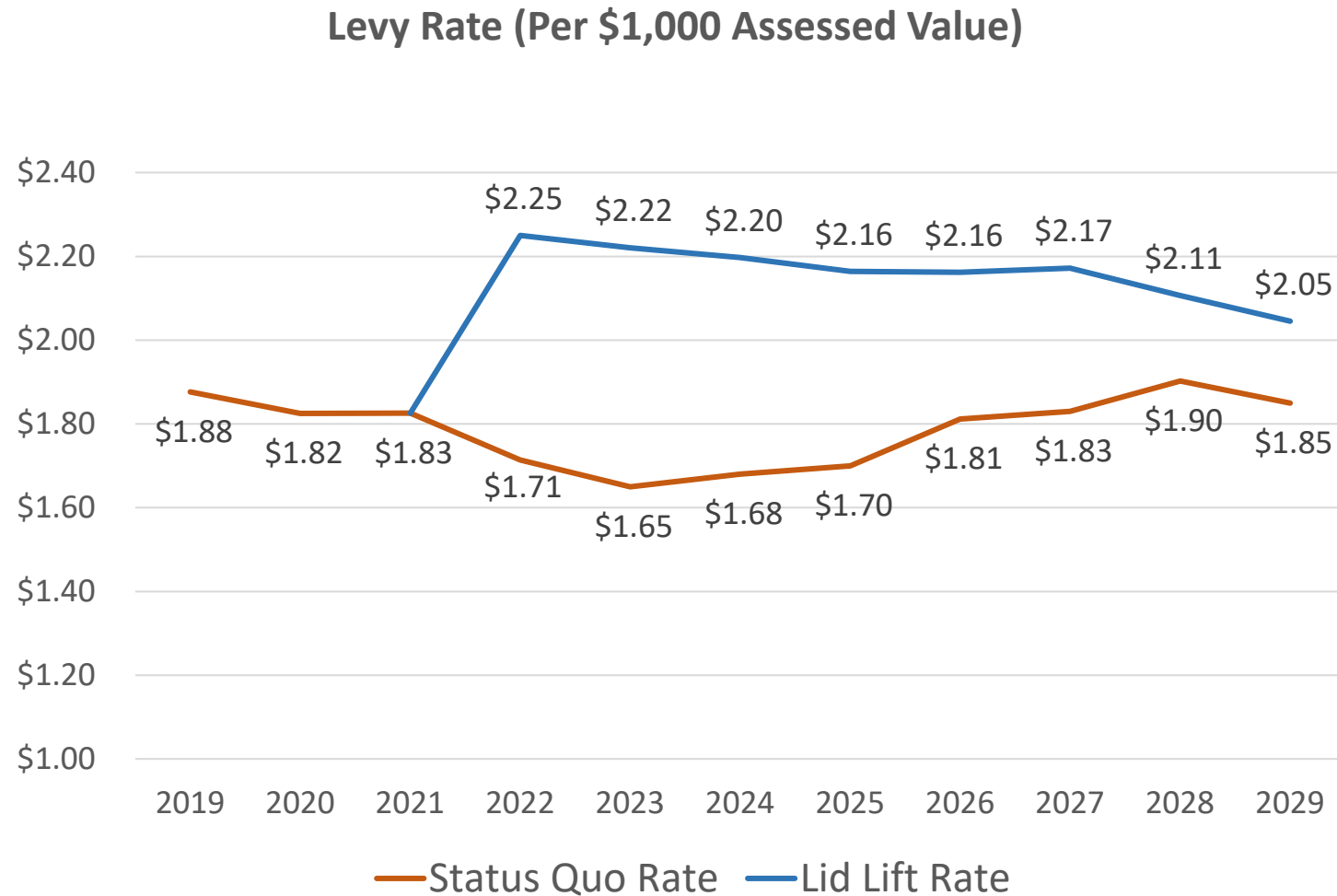
# Impact of 6-Year Levy Lid Lift on property taxes

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

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

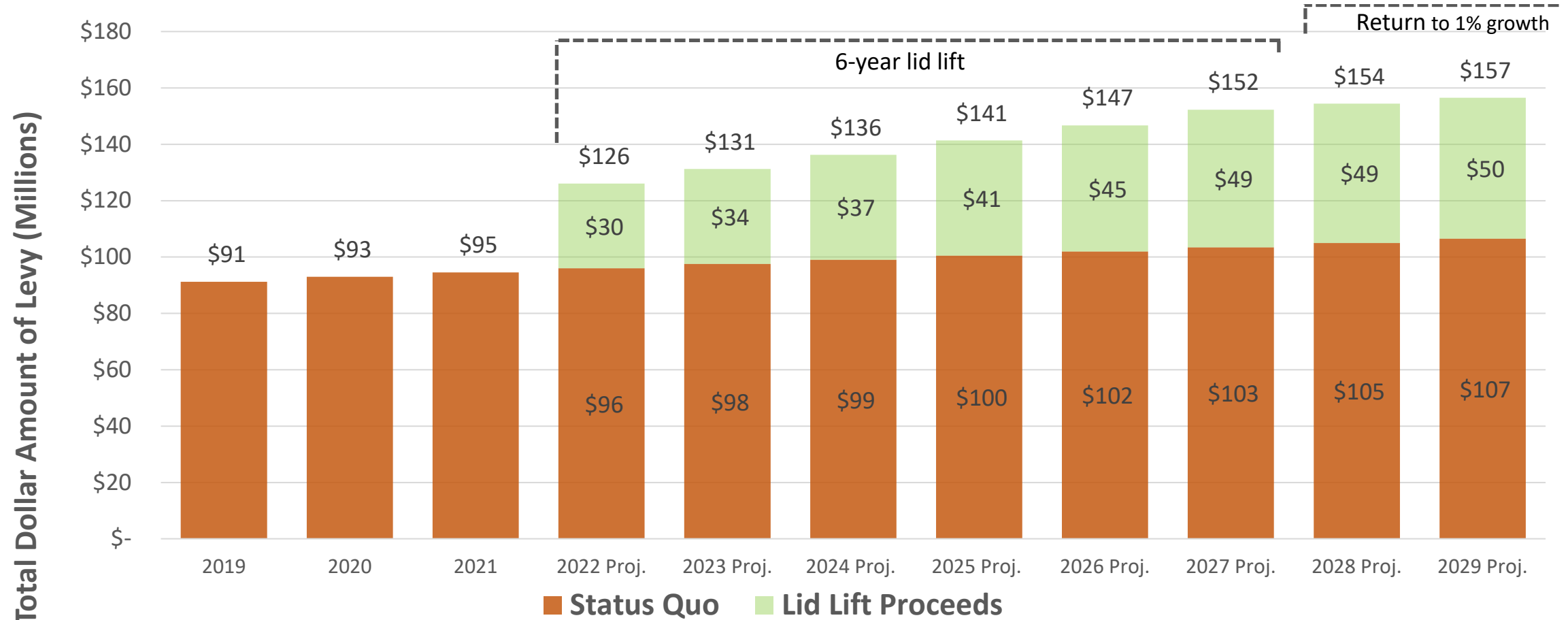
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\*\*Assuming median assessed value of \$525,000



# 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

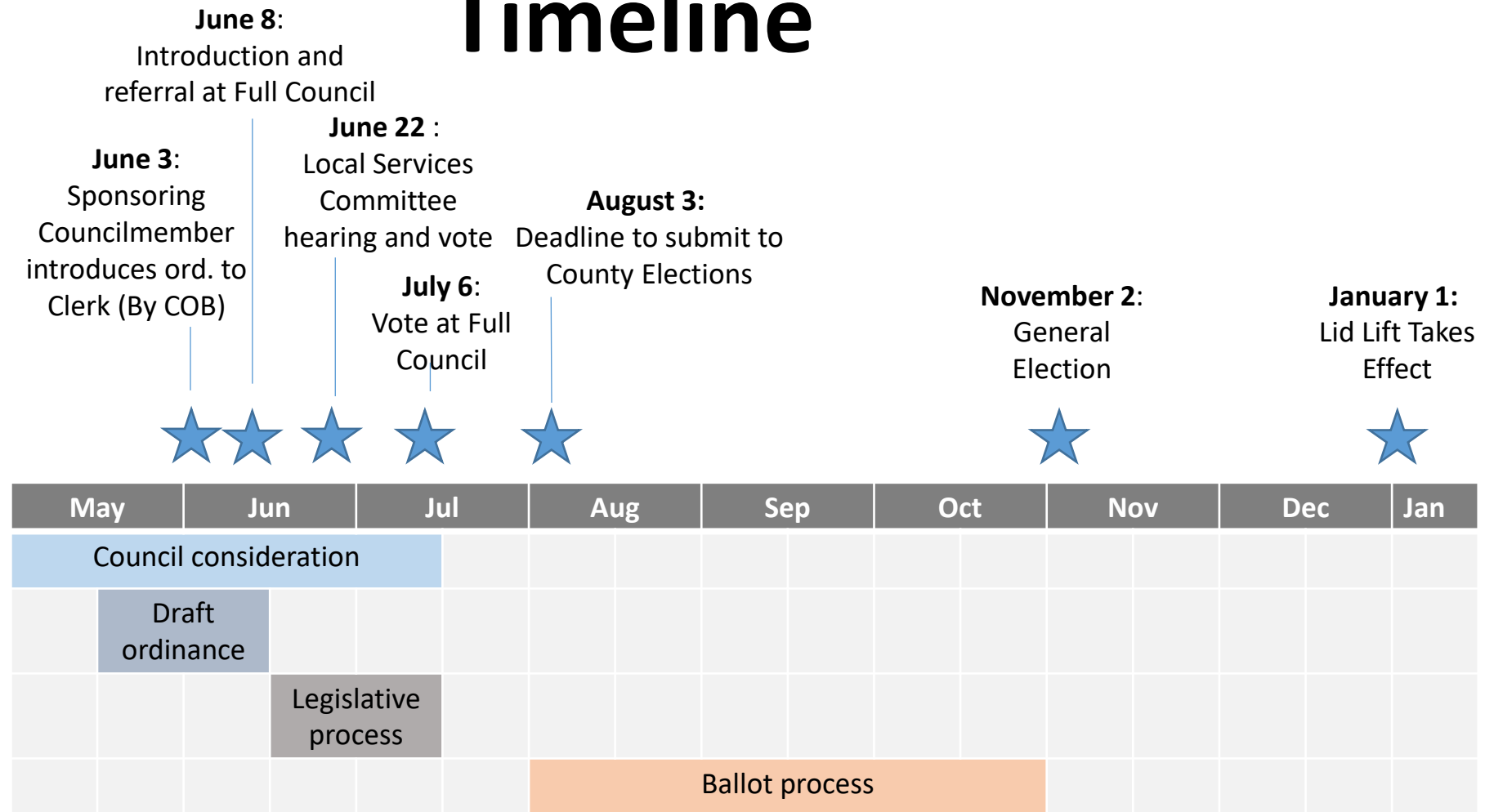


Project type	Amount	% of total
Safety & traffic control	\$86m	26%
Roadway	\$68m	20%
Bridges & drainage	\$58m	17%
Operating	\$54m	16%
Grant matching & contingency	\$33m	10%
Quick response	\$20m	6%
Roadside	\$11m	3%
2030-31 programming	\$5m	1%
Total	\$335m	100%





# Timeline



# Department of Natural Resources and Parks

- Little Lake Forest Trailhead
- Pinnacle Peak Park – Mt. Peak Historical Fire Lookout
- Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Site Development/  
Facilities Relocation Updates
- South County Recycling and Transfer Station
- Lones Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Project
- Enumclaw Plateau Acquisition Program



**Little Lake Forest**



# 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





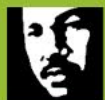
# Executive Services – Emergency Management

## Public Education/Alert & Warning

- **Be informed and stay safe** with ALERT King County emergency notifications: [kingcounty.gov/alert](https://kingcounty.gov/alert) or text ALERTKC to 99411
- **Know your hazards:** [kingcounty.gov/prepare](https://kingcounty.gov/prepare)
- **Get #KingCountyReady:** [makeitthrough.org](https://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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