

King County Districting Committee

Meeting Materials

July 8, 2021

Draft Minutes from June 24, 2021

Updated Draft Outreach Plan



King County

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, June 24, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves, Cheryl Jackson-Williams and Rob Saka

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Simon Farretta, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

Dennis Higgins, King County GIS

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2021

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from June 10, 2021. Member Jackson-Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6 and the Districting Master MOU

Chair Schindler reported on a presentation to the King County Council about the status of the committee's work, including project milestones, trainings completed and upcoming, and community outreach plans. She also highlighted OFM population estimates. At the request of the Chair, staff previously provided a copy of the PowerPoint to the committee members. Staff will provide a video recording of the meeting to the committee members.

4. Community outreach plan update

The Chair noted that committee had received an updated outreach plan and draft questions for the community sessions and the online survey. The Chair requested that members provide any feedback on the questions by July 2 to facilitate adoption at the July 8 regular committee meeting.

The Chair reported that staff were working on scheduling the community sessions identified in the outreach plan. Committee staffer Patrick Hamacher highlighted some changes to how the meetings were being grouped. He noted some ongoing discussions and upcoming planning meetings with stakeholder groups identified as possible meeting co-hosts. Committee staffer Tania Santiago Pastrana provided additional details on work to arrange a series of co-hosted listening sessions. The Chair noted that committee members should take the lead on community outreach, and she would attend community sessions only as necessary and as needed.

The committee discussed timing and sequencing of the sessions and the release of Census data. Staff noted the opportunity to create a video as part of the community outreach plan. Committee members Saka and Danenberg offered to work with KCTV on the video.

5. Discussion of council engagement

Hamacher suggested that one approach could be to offer Councilmembers the option to provide written comment or in-person comment at a regularly scheduled Districting Committee meeting. The Chair suggested the committee consider that proposed approach and decide at the July 8 meeting.

6. Equity GIS training with Greg Babinski, King County GIS

King County GIS staffer Greg Babinski gave a detailed presentation based on selected material from the County's half-day GIS for Equity and Social Justice workshop. Babinski covered myriad topics including political implications of geography; malevolent uses of GIS throughout history; how GIS imposed boundaries can conflict with pre-existing territories, populations, travel routes, natural geography, etc.; the history and legacy of Redlining; the relationship of geography and inequity; early pioneers in using GIS for social justice objectives; contemporary uses of GIS to pursue equity; concepts of equity and equality; the role of GIS in informing equitable public policy; best practices in applying GIS, and more. Babinski answered committee member questions.

7. Staff updates

Hamacher noted that the Districting Master sent a written update and also that the outreach plan updates would be a standing item on the committee agenda.

8. Districting Master updates

The Districting Master provided a written update that included information on his preparatory work and highlighted newly posted resources on [current council districts](#) and [languages and demographics](#).

9. Chair updates

No updates.

10. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 9:10 p.m.

2021 King County Districting Committee

DRAFT OUTREACH PLAN

Updated: July 7, 2021

The 2021 King County Districting Committee is responsible for redrawing King County Council Districts using 2020 Census data. By law, district boundaries must be realigned every 10 years to reflect changes in population distribution. The Committee is interested in hearing from stakeholders, communities of interest and other traditionally underserved communities as well as the general public. The Committee has developed the following high-level draft outreach work program to guide its efforts to host an inclusive and efficient process. The high-level timeline for this work is as follows:



Education and Input

Districting Committee Members Community Outreach

- The best approach to gathering vital feedback is to go meet groups where there are (when possible)
- Districting Committee Members would individually or in pairs (more than 2 members would need to be noticed as a meeting – which staff can facilitate if there is interest)
- Information would be provided to the groups and feedback would be sought (see Phases below)

Website + Email + Surveys

- Host dashboard on status of committee work
- Host educational materials (e.g. videos and story map)
- Email, public comment form and surveys

Town Hall Meetings

- Host via Zoom or in person in the fall depending on OPMA waiver
- Solicit feedback from the public or targeted communities
- Most useful for draft and final map(s)

Public Hearings

- Host via Zoom or in person in the fall depending on OPMA waiver

- Opportunity for public to comment
- Most useful for draft and final map(s)

Media

Earned media:

Look for opportunities to speak into local, state or national conversations as opportunities arise and to promote town hall meetings or hearings aimed at the general public. Issue press releases and offer members for interviews as applicable.

Social media:

Utilize the King County Facebook (32,500 likes) and Twitter (86,600 followers) accounts to strategically post and boost content. #kcdistricting

King County TV:

Work with King County TV to develop an informational segment and small clips for social media and for use promoting outreach meetings. Content will be captioned in additional languages. Member Saka and Member Danenberg will appear in the videos.

Traditional Advertising:

Online and print advertising in mainstream and ethnic media outlets will be used to solicit engagement in the fall. Advertising is expensive so we want to use it at the most impactful stage of the process and particularly to reach underserved and underrepresented communities.

Language Access:

Materials and advertising will be created in the top eight languages (ACS) to increase participation to the greatest extent possible among communities of interest and other underserved communities.

Interpreters will be utilized to assist the committee in hearing directly from communities as appropriate.

Top 10 Languages Census ACS 2019

1	Spanish	54,200
2	Chinese	44,500
3	Vietnamese	21,700
4	Korean	9,700
5	Russian	8,600
6	Tagalog	7,400
7	Japanese	5,400
8	Amharic	5,200
9	Somali	5,100
10	Ukrainian	4,800

Phase 1 Outreach – Community and Stakeholder Listening Sessions (Summer)

Districting Overview + KCGIS Story Map + Questions/Discussion Alt: Questionnaire

Community and stakeholder listening sessions will occur over the summer online using tools like Zoom to engage communities, organizations and interested jurisdictions throughout King County. The listening sessions will encompass targeted outreach to cities, other taxing districts, civic and municipal organizations, and community-based organizations (CBOs). The committee will seek to engage the assistance and expertise of large CBOs to serve as hosts for the listening sessions and invite smaller CBOs and community members to participate. At the committee’s direction, staff propose the following 20+ listening sessions for committee members to learn about the people and communities that comprise King County. Each event will consist of the following:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Background on the Districting Committee and King County and its services
3. Discussion - solicit feedback based upon a set of questions that will be as standardized as possible

If more than two members are interested in attending any session, we need to post a notice of the session as an official meeting and provide at least 24 hours’ notice. Groups that are unable to participate will be emailed a link to the questions which will be posted on the Districting Committee website so that they may still provide input to the Districting Committee. Interpreters will be engaged upon request in working with the host CBOs.

GOAL: The goal of the community listening sessions will be to solicit feedback to assist the committee in drawing the new district boundaries including, but not limited to:

1. How well the Council District boundaries could better serve and represent the cities, other jurisdictions communities and residents of King County
2. Identify and learn about communities of interest in King County

Schedule for Listening Sessions:

	Meeting	Date	Confirmed	Notes	Language
1	LGBTQIA+ GSBA and Entre Hermanos	Tuesday, July 20th at 5 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 1 hr	English
2	Urban Unincorporated Areas	Tuesday, July 20th at 2 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 90 min	English
3	League of Women Voters	Wednesday, July 21st at 7 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 1 hr	English

4	Special Purpose Districts	Thursday, July 22nd at 12 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 1 hr	English
5	Sound Cities Meeting w/ Electeds	Monday, July 26th at 12 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 2 hrs	English
6	Rural Unincorporated Areas	Thursday, July 29th at 2 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 90 min	English
7	Korean American Coalition/Korean community	Sunday, August 1st at 5 pm	Yes	90 min and in person , dinner served after	Primarily in Korean with English interpretation
8	Veterans community	Monday, August 2nd at 4 pm	Almost confirmed	Virtual Event Teams, 1 hr	English, use captioning
9	Chief Seattle Club	Tuesday, August 3rd at 5 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 1 hr	English
10	Urban League/Black/African-American community	Wednesday, August 4th at 4 pm	Yes	Virtual Event, 90 min	English, Spanish, Oromo and Somali
11	OneAmerica/immigrant community	Thursday, August 5th at 6 pm	Almost confirmed	Virtual Event, 90 min	English, Spanish and Somali
12	Friends of Little Saigon and Kandelina/Vietnamese community	August 9 or 10, early evening	Almost confirmed	Virtual Event, 1 hr	English
13	Sound Cities w/ City Managers	Wednesday, Sept 1st at 9:30 am	Yes	Virtual Event, 2 hrs	English
14	African immigrant community	May incorporate into other meetings	Potential to incorporate into other sessions		
15	Agging community	In discussions			Use captioning
16	Building better communities	Staff reevaluating			
17	Chinese community	In discussions			
18	Disability community	Call scheduled			
19	Exp. homelessness	TBD - Potentially Sept			
20	Faith communities	In discussions			
21	Filipino community	Outreach in progress			
22	Hispanic/Latinx community	In discussions			
23	Japanese community	Outreach in progress			
24	Native Hawaiian/PI community	Outreach in progress			
25	South Asian community	Outreach in progress			

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Proposed Listening Sessions:

1. City Elected Officials
2. Special Purpose Districts/Elected Officials
3. King County City Managers Association
4. Unincorporated Community Groups - Urban

Villa Comunitaria	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council	Skyway Coalition	Skyway Youth Network Collaborative
South Park Area Redevelopment Committee	West Hill Community Association (Skyway/Bryn Mawr)	White Center Community Development Association	Vashon/Maury Island Community Council
Additional groups not listed here			

5. Unincorporated Community Groups - Rural

Comunidad Latina de Vashon	Fairwood	Fall City Community Association	East Federal Way
Ravensdale	Other areas not listed here		

6. Civic and Municipal Groups

- **Co-host:** [League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County](#)
- Additional organizations such as:
 - FairVote Washington
 - League of Education Voters
 - Municipal League of King County

7. Black and African American Community Groups

- **Co-host:** [Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle](#)
- Additional organizations such as:
 - Black Brilliance Project
 - Black Education Strategy Roundtable
 - Blaq Elephant Party
 - King County Equity Now
 - Seattle King County NAACP
 - The Breakfast Group

8. Hispanic Community Groups – meeting primarily held in Spanish

- **Co-host:** [El Centro de la Raza](#)
- Additional organizations such as:
 - Casa Latina
 - Latino Community Fund
 - Movimiento AfroLatino Seattle

9. Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Community Groups

- Organizations such as:
 - Asian Pacific Islander Coalition
 - Pacific Islander Community Association

- Pacific Islander Health Board
- Samoan churches

10. South Asian Community Groups

- Organizations such as:
 - API Chaya
 - India Association of Western Washington
 - Indian American Community Services
 - Pakistani Community of Greater Seattle
 - PROJONMO (Bangladeshi)

11. Filipino Community Groups

- Organizations such as:
 - Filipino Community of Seattle

12. Japanese Community Groups

- Organizations such as:
 - Seattle Chapter JAACL

13. Chinese Community Groups

- **Co-host:** [OCA Advocate-Seattle Chapter](#)
- **Co-host:** [Chinese Information & Service Center \(CISC\)](#)

14. Vietnamese Community Groups

- **Co-host:** [Kandelina](#)
- **Co-host:** [Friends of Little Saigon](#)

15. Korean Community Groups – meeting primarily held in Korean and in person

- **Co-host:** [Korean American Coalition](#)

16. Native Community Groups

- **Co-host:** [Chief Seattle Club](#)
- Additional organizations such as:
 - Duwamish Tribe
 - Muckleshoot Tribe
 - Seattle Indian Health Board
 - Snoqualmie Tribe
 - United Indians of All Tribes Foundation

17. African Community Groups (may incorporate into other sessions)

- Organizations such as:
 - Africatown
 - African Diaspora of Washington
 - Ethiopian Community in Seattle
 - Horn of Africa Services
 - Somali Community Services
 - West African Community Council

18. Immigrant Rights and Advocacy Groups

- **Co-host:** [OneAmerica](#)
- Additional organizations such as:
 - American Civil Liberties Union of Washington
 - Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ask about multiple)
 - Eastside for All
 - Hmong Association of Washington
 - King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission
 - Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

19. Faith Communities

- Organizations such as:
 - Anti-Defamation League Pacific Northwest
 - Church Council of Greater Seattle
 - Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR-WA)
 - Muslim Association of Puget Sound
 - Muslim Community and Neighborhood Association
 - Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
 - Nehemiah Initiative
 - Russian Orthodox Churches
 - Stroum Jewish Community Center
 - Temple De Hirsch Sinai
 - Ukrainian Churches
 - Ukrainian Community Center of Washington

20. LGBTQIA Community

- **Co-host:** **Entre Hermanos**
- **Co-host:** **GSBA**

21. Veterans and Homelessness

- Part 1: Veterans:
 - Disabled American Veterans
 - King County Veterans Advisory Board
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars (WA chapter)
- Part 2: Experiencing Homelessness
 - Lived Experience Coalition
 - Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness

22. Seniors and Communities of All Abilities

- Part 1: Seniors:
 - Seattle/King County Area Agency on Aging
 - Sound Generations
- Part 2: Communities of All Abilities:
 - King County Board for Developmental Disabilities
 - The Arc of King County

23. Building Thriving Communities (staff reevaluating)

- **Co-host:** [Communities of Opportunity Governance Group](#)

- Co-host: [College Success Foundation](#)
- Co-host: Puget Sound Sage - [SouthCORE](#) (large organizational membership)

Phase 2 Outreach – Map Feedback (Fall)

Districting Overview + Draft Maps + Questions/Discussion *Alt: Questionnaire*

In the fall, the committee will have draft maps ready to solicit feedback from the public. Meetings will be held online and possibly in person dependent upon the status of the pandemic and Open Public Meetings Act waiver. The Committee will solicit feedback on draft map versions to inform the consolidation process to one final map. Outreach tools identified above including town hall meetings, public hearings, and advertising will be deployed to solicit engagement in the process and feedback that can be used to assist the committee in arriving at a final version of the map. The committee will solicit feedback by email from CBOs engaged during Phase 1 and invite them to the town hall meetings. Due to time constraints dictated by the late arrival of the Census data and the deadline imposed by the King County Charter, it is unlikely many if any targeted meetings will be possible in the fall. This is of course up to the committee's discretion.

GOAL: The goal of the community listening sessions will be to solicit feedback to assist the committee in evaluating the redistricting alternatives to determine how district boundaries effectively represent the people of King County.

Final Public Hearing

Location: Online and/or TBD

Target Dates:

Monday, November 22 – Public Hearing - Districting Master presents the final plan

Monday, November 29 – Amend the Plan (or earliest date to adopt if no amendments)

Tuesday, November 30 – Present the Amended Plan

Tuesday, December 7 – Adopt the Plan (if amended)

The presentation of the final plan must occur by December 31. The Districting Master will present a final plan to the committee for adoption with or without amendment. The Districting Committee must wait one week after the public hearing, but no more than 15 days to adopt the districting plan. If the plan is amended, the committee must wait one week before adopting the plan. Upon adoption, the plan is submitted to the Clerk of the Council and considered final. Note this subsection is crafted to ensure the committee fulfills its legal obligations.

Sharing Results

The final step will be to thank and share with stakeholders, communities and CBOs engaged throughout the process the results of the committee's work and their engagement.

King County TV is also planning to put together a video to explain how the districts are changing sometime after the plan is submitted to the Clerk of the Council.