

DRAFT QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
KING COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE 2021

**Role of the King County Council**

The nine-member King County Council oversees the second largest government in the state. The County provides “regional” services to the whole county, including public health, elections, Metro transit, wastewater, solid waste, and County parks. In unincorporated areas, the County serves as the local government and provides for law enforcement, roads and bridges, permitting and development, and other local government services.

**Role of the Districting Committee**

By law, the Council districts must be adjusted every 10 years, using the new U.S. Census data, to reflect changes in population distribution. The King County Districting Committee is an independent, non-partisan committee responsible for redrawing the district boundaries. The Committee must follow certain legal criteria, including ensuring that the new districts are compact, contiguous, and nearly equal in population. The Committee must consider additional factors to the extent practical, including natural boundaries, city boundaries, and communities of related and mutual interest.

**Role of the Community**

The committee is interested in hearing about your community and which places serve to shape and anchor the community.

1. What community perspective or jurisdiction do you represent?
2. What makes your community unique?
3. What areas would you identify as the hubs of your community?
4. Are there parks, trails, waterways, community centers or other destinations where community members gather or that are important to your community?
5. If you were to draw your community on a map, what might that look like?
6. Can you describe how the current [County Council boundary](#) lines work or don't work to provide your community or jurisdiction effective representation?
7. What else would you like the Districting Committee to know about your community or jurisdiction?
8. What is the best way to engage your community throughout the districting process?

**Consider using this question on a survey or webform**

What additional educational materials should be created to engage the community?