



# Redistricting KING COUNTY

King County Districting Committee  
Town Hall Meetings  
October 2021

# King County Districting Committee

- The King County Districting Committee is an independent, non-partisan committee made up of four members appointed by the King County Council and a fifth member selected by the committee who also serves as chair.
- The U.S. Census is conducted every 10 years. The Committee's sole responsibility is redrawing County Council districts based on the latest decennial Census data.
- The Districting Master was selected and retained as the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) expert to analyze data and prepare the redistricting map.
- Members of the King County Districting Committee:



**Chair Ann  
Schindler**



**Sophia  
Danenberg**



**Paul  
Graves**



**Cherryl  
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**Rob  
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# Redistricting legal criteria

State law (RCW 29A.76) and the King County Charter (KCC Section 650) prescribe criteria for redistricting and the new district boundaries:

## Nearly Equal Population

- Districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each other

## Compact and Contiguous

- Districts are to be compact and comprised of contiguous territory

## Existing Natural Boundaries

- To the extent feasible, district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and be composed of economic and geographic units

## Communities of Interest

- To the extent feasible, districts boundaries shall preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest

## Census Tracts + Municipalities

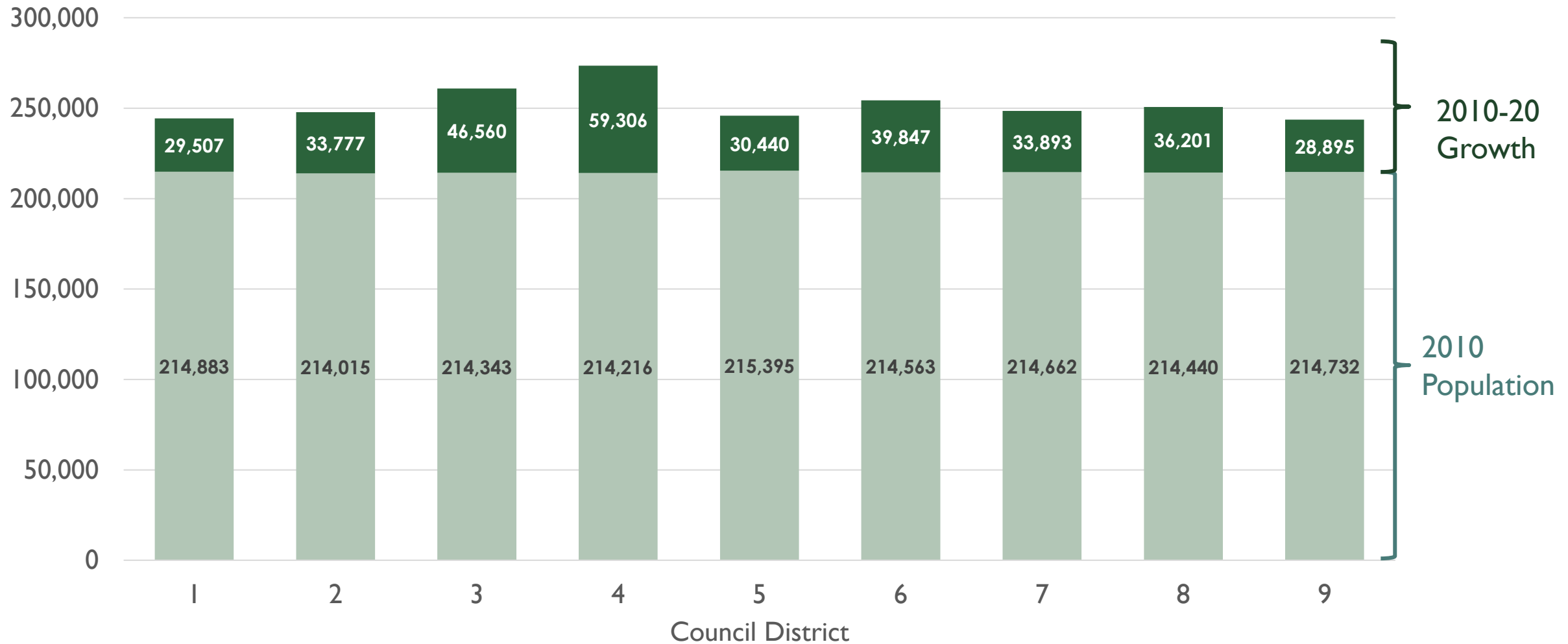
- As nearly as practical, district boundaries shall correspond with the boundaries of municipalities and census tracts

## Not favor or disfavor a group

- Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party

# Growth in King County Council Districts

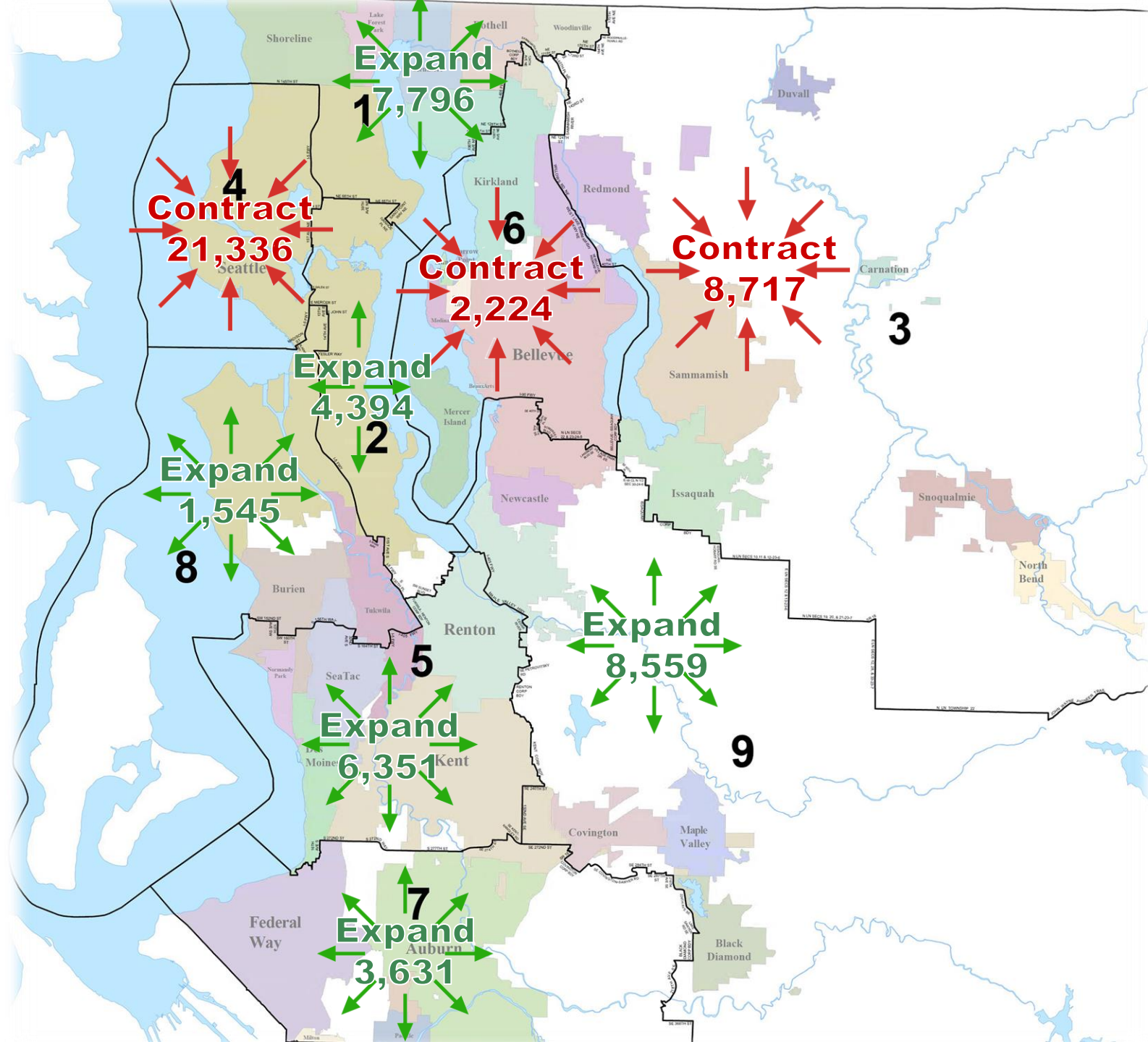
Source: U.S. Census, 2010-2020



## Council Districts:

Population  
changes  
to achieve equal  
population  
districts

(Source: 2020 Census)



# Community Listening Sessions

The committee held more than 20 community listening sessions in two months working with more than 100 community-based organizations to learn about communities of interest and invite communities to participate in our process.

- 7/20: Co-hosts: Entre Hermanos and GSBA
- 7/21: Co-host: League of Women Voters
- 7/22: Local Jurisdictions
- 7/26: Co-host: Sound Cities Association
- 7/29: Rural Unincorporated Areas
- 8/1: Co-host: Korean American Coalition
- 8/3: Co-host: Chief Seattle Club
- 8/4: Co-host: Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
- 8/5: Co-host: OneAmerica
- 8/9: Urban Unincorporated Areas
- 8/10: Co-hosts: Pacific Islander Community Association and Pacific Islander Health Board
- 8/11: Co-hosts: Indian American Community Services, Muslim Community Resource Center, Nepal Seattle Society, Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle, PROJONMO, Punjabi Health Board, South Asian Americans Together for WA and Tasveer
- 8/11: Co-hosts: OCA Advocate Greater Seattle Chapter and CISC
- 8/12: Co-hosts: Friends of Little Saigon and Kandelina
- 8/16: Co-host: Filipino Community Center
- 8/18: Faith community listening session
- 8/19: Co-host: Community Response Alliance
- 9/1: Co-host: City Managers/Sound Cities Association
- 9/1: Co-host: Latino Community Fund
- 9/3: Co-host: Lived Experience Coalition
- 9/7: Co-host: Veteran Pathfinders

# Timeline for the Redistricting Map

**September 7 - September 23** - Each member worked with Districting Master to develop a draft map that meets all legal criteria.

**September 30** - Reviewed areas of similarities and differences between the draft maps. Two maps were combined. The Districting Committee published on October 7 three draft maps for review and public input at the town hall meetings.

**Town hall meetings** are scheduled for the following dates and times:

- **Sunday, October 17 at 2pm**
- **Tuesday, October 19 at 2pm**
- **Wednesday, October 20 at 2pm**
- **Thursday, October 21 at 7pm**

**October 22 - November 17** –The committee will continue to evaluate the three maps and take into account the input from the town hall meetings in deciding on a final draft map. The committee will then give direction to the Districting Master to prepare a final draft map.

## **Plan Approval Schedule:**

- Districting Master submits the proposed final redistricting plan to the Committee for publication on **November 23**.
- Required Final Public Hearing on **November 30**.
- Final vote on the redistricting plan on **December 7**.

# Questions and Comments from Town Hall Participants

## Protocols for Public Comment:

- Please use the raise your hand function to provide public comment.
- When you are called on, please state your name for the record before providing comment.
- Comment is limited to matters relating to redistricting and may not be used for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition and must not include obscene speech. If a speaker fails to abide by these restrictions, the speaker will be required to exit the virtual meeting.
- **A note for interpreters:** If someone in your channel wants to provide comment, you will need to switch to the English channel to interpret the comment for them and then switch back to your language channel to relay the response, if any.

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