



TOP PRIORITIES

- **Fix the tax system**
- **Protect the health and human services safety net**
- **Address affordable housing and homelessness crisis**
- **Invest in critical infrastructure**
- **Increase government transparency and efficiency**
- **Improve criminal justice system**

State and local tax system

- Reform tax policies to implement a more fair, sustainable, and reliable tax system for taxpayers, businesses and local governments.
- Replace local arbitrary cap with a growth limit directly tied to inflation plus population growth.
- Eliminate Non-supplant restriction on voter approved special levies
- Increase access to existing property tax exemption for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities by indexing the limit to county median income.
- Equitably reduce property taxes by adopting a homestead exemption tied to regional home values.

Health and human services

- Stabilize local public health programs that protect Washington residents against the spread of disease.
- Invest in local behavioral health crisis systems, leverage state Medicaid plan to secure additional federal behavioral health funding, and increase community capacity for behavioral health.
- Increase availability of medication assisted treatment programs.
- Prohibit the sale of tobacco and vapor products to persons under the age of 21.
- Continue to ensure access to affordable health care coverage for low-income Washingtonians.
- Increase investments in HEN and ABD to prevent new people from becoming homeless in King County.

King County seeks to partner with Washington State in the following ways:

Mobility, Infrastructure, and Energy

- Address underfunded county regional and local road projects and provide countywide tools to fund county regional roads as the unincorporated population lessens over time.
- Increase investments to speed up local and regional transit, and connect bicycle and pedestrian trails including the Wilburton Trestle.
- Invest in retrofits of culverts and other infrastructure to restore fish passage and habitat.
- Preserve existing managed lane programs and allow excess toll revenue to be reinvested in corridor infrastructure that supports transit.
- Invest in the Fall City sewer system to protect public health and the environment.
- Fund the Floodplains by design grant program for critical floodplain management projects.
- Enhance dam safety emergency planning and preparedness.
- Improve transit efficiency by allowing local jurisdictions to use traffic camera enforcement of transit-only lanes.
- Support policies and investments to improve building energy efficiency, accelerate transition to clean electricity supplies and transportation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthen Washington's clean energy economy.

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Housing

- Support recommendations of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force and One Table to increase the supply of affordable housing by 17,600 homes in the next two years and address root causes of homelessness.
- Provide new tools to local government to help preserve and expand affordable housing, behavioral health facilities, and homelessness services, including allowing local bonding against state sales tax.
- Invest in the Housing Trust Fund by at least \$200 million to increase affordable housing supply.
- Enact condo liability reform that better balances homeowner protections and developer risk to increase access to affordable homeownership options.
- Reduce barriers to building more housing inside cities.

Good government

- Maintain public records transparency and consistency across all levels of government, and ensure that funding is provided commensurate to expenses incurred in complying with obligations of the public records act.
- Increase cultural access program flexibility.
- Update All Payers Claim Database to deliver a better functioning database to provider greater transparency for health care costs.

Public safety system

- Allow earlier intervention by authorizing juvenile courts to use existing state diversion funding pre-adjudication.
- Enable convicted youth to stay in state juvenile rehabilitation facilities up to the age of 25.
- Support efforts to reduce youth interaction with juvenile legal system.
- Ensure adequate resources to provide local criminal justice services, including state funding for indigent defense, increasing daily rates paid by the Department of Corrections, and adding academy classes for Corrections Officers training.