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ATTACHMENT A

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Item Number	Department	Title	Description
1.	Department of Public Health	Public Health Funding; Child Health Care Coverage	<p>A. Public Health Funding - King County supports a revenue source to adequately fund public health.</p> <p>B. Child Health Care Coverage - King County supports legislation and funding to achieve health care coverage for all children in King County and Washington State by 2010.</p>
2.	Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)	Mental Health Treatment Funding; Substance Abuse Treatment Funding; Homelessness Funding	<p>A. Mental Health Treatment Funding - King County supports continuation of State-only mental health funding with inflationary increases based on a population basis; and revising the mental health funding allocation formula so that Medicaid rates reflect the actual costs of providing services in King County.</p> <p>B. Substance Abuse Treatment Funding - King County supports funding for substance abuse treatment for non-Medicaid clients.</p> <p>C. Homelessness Funding - King County supports funding to support housing and other programs to benefit the homeless as outlined by the King County Committee to End Homelessness.</p>
3.	Department of Records, Elections and Licensing Services	Verification & Audit Period; Ballot Counting; Personal Information Security; Driver's Licensing Database Access	<p>A. Verification & Audit Period - King County supports a 5 day Verification and Audit Period in which ballots and signature corrections are required to be received in the Elections office 5 days prior to certification of an election. This would free up the final 5 days prior to certification of an election for reconciliation and accountability reporting.</p> <p>B. Ballot Counting - King County supports the Washington State Association of Auditors call for a change in the time frame for counting ballots from everyday to every business day for Counties with a population over 100,000 and more than 10,000 ballots to count.</p>



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		<p>C. Personal Information Security - King County supports requiring redaction of personal identifier information and voter signatures from disclosable and internet accessible election forms and official public records (i.e. mail ballot envelopes, poll book pages, etc.)</p> <p>D. Driver's Licensing Database Access: King County supports amending appropriate RCW's to allow King County access to the State's restricted driver's licensing database - to assist in processing taxicab licensing requests.</p>
4.	Executive	<p>A. Police Officer Pension Redistribution in the Event of a Conviction - King County supports redistribution of pensions for Police Officers convicted of certain crimes to pay for costs related to their incarceration, dependent support and victim reparations.</p> <p>B. Employee Personal Information Privacy/Security - King County supports adding date of birth to the list of personal information exempt from public disclosure under RCW 42.56.250, to protect employee privacy - and provide security to personal information.</p>
5.	Department of Transportation (KCDOT)	<p>A. Commute Trip Reduction (CTR): King County supports funding for CTR centers program and the pay for performance program.</p> <p>B. Passenger-Only Ferries (POF): Support continuation of passenger-only ferry service (POF) between Vashon Island and Seattle using the triangle route, until transition to a regional transportation provider takes place.</p> <p>C. Bonded Indebtedness in Annexing Areas: King County supports legislation to allow the County to continue to receive debt payments from property taxes in annexed areas to pay for debt-financed bridge or roadway improvements that serve the annexed area.</p>



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6.	Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)	Regional Trail Acquisition; Puget Sound Partnership; REET 1 Project Eligibility	<p>A. Regional Trail Acquisition - Multimodal Greenway Corridor: King County supports funding to secure the BNSF railroad right of way. This contiguous property is approximately 100 feet wide and stretches from the north end of Renton into the City of Snohomish. The regional trail system now offers over 100 miles of paved and nearly 70 miles of unpaved trails. These funds would help to secure the link that would create a seamless regional trail system in King and Snohomish Counties.</p> <p>B. Puget Sound Partnership: King County supports the budget enhancements for Puget Sound recovery included in the Governor's budget and the legislation establishing a new governance structure to prioritize efforts for recovery of the Puget Sound by 2020.</p>
7.	Executive Services - Emergency Management ; Finance & Business Operations	Emergency Management Funding	<p>C. REET 1 Project Eligibility - King County supports expressly detailing "conservation" as a public work eligible for REET 1 fund expenditures.</p> <p>A. Emergency Management Funding: King County supports creation of a funding mechanism for state and local emergency management, similar to the State of Florida's, which accesses a small fee (\$2-\$4) on property insurance policies to fund emergency management planning/response. This revenue source could fund various projects from development of a standardized emergency management system to seismic safety research to public education and the like.</p>
8.	Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES)	Buildable Lands; Public Benefit Rating System; Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs; Hydraulic Permits; Electrical Inspections	<p>A. Buildable Lands: King County supports \$300,000 in dedicated State funds to allow County and City governments to implement the Buildable Lands Program as mandated per RCW 36.70A.215.</p> <p>B. Public Benefit Rating System: King County supports legislation that would amend state statutes establishing standards for the public benefit rating system to add more flexibility to the program.</p> <p>C. Clean Water Act Qualified Local Programs: King County supports legislation that would amend RCW 90.48 to allow the Department of Ecology to take advantage of</p>



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			<p>their authority, under the federal clean water act, to approve city and county storm water programs that provide equivalent protection. Currently, Ecology has concluded that existing state law does not allow it to take advantage of this authority.</p> <p>D. Hydraulic Permits: King County supports amending RCW 75.20 (hydraulics) and RCW 76.09 (forest practices) to permit Counties to Administer Hydraulic Project and Forest Practice Approval.</p> <p>E. Electrical Inspections: King County supports granting electrical inspection authority to the County.</p>
9.	Department of Adult & Juvenile Detention (DAJD)	Earned Release & Credit for Time Served (Pre-sentence); Community Restitution	<p>A. Earned Release & Credit for Time Served (Pre-Sentence): King County supports minor language changes to RCW 9.94A.680 to allow earned release and credit for time served (pre-sentence) for non-custody alternatives to incarceration.</p> <p>B. Community Restitution - King County supports allowing community restitution work as a judicial sentencing option.</p>
10.	Superior Court - Family Court & Juvenile Court	Dependency CASA Programs; Becca funding;	<p>A. Dependency CASA Programs: King County supports the Washington Administrative Offices of the Courts request for funding to build capacity in Dependency CASA programs. Currently, King County is only able to serve 60% of the children in the Dependency System with a CASA assignment. CASA programs provide critical services in the form of trained citizen volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court.</p> <p>B. Becca Program Funding - King County supports increased funding for state-mandated services for at-risk youth, child-in-need-of-services, and truancy petitions known as Becca program funding - to defray the costs the County has incurred after a 62% decline in Becca bill State funding since 2005. The Becca processes allow families and the courts to work together to address the needs of children at risk.</p>