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Based on the data provided in the outcomes from the charter committee, I agree that for residents of Unincorporated King County, like myself, an appointed Sheriff provides better representation.

As my community is served by the KC Sheriff, it is important to me that the process for filling this position represents the people they serve.

I am especially compelled by this information from the commission's report:

"The Commission heard arguments that just voting for the sheriff made that office more accountable to residents, particularly those in unincorporated areas. In our deliberations, we came to the opposite conclusion. There are 2.2 million people living in King County. Approximately 1.95 million live in cities, and about 250,000 people reside in unincorporated King County. Considered from the perspective of representative democracy and one person one vote, people in cities have almost 8 times the representation of residents of the unincorporated areas (*underline mine*). Even if the population of the contract cities is combined with the population of unincorporated areas, the disproportionality of representation is still about 3 to 1. We believe if the sheriff is appointed, the elected County Executive and nine councilmembers, six of whom represent unincorporated areas, would significantly improve proportional representation and voter accountability regarding the selection of the sheriff."

Thank you,  
Alethea Mundy