Julia Patterson

I'm working for you

As **Chair of the Regional Policy Committee,** I am leading the effort, along with our city partners, to find a long-term solution that will support the many human services needs throughout King County. There is no other district in greater need of this advocacy than South King County. Senior citizens, children, low income families, single parents, domestic violence victims, the homeless, the hungry, the addicted –all require our help. My goal is to continue to pull this region together in order to finalize this desperately needed plan for health and human services.

As **a member of every key transportation policy board and committee,** I am committed to finding balanced solutions that reduce congestion and get our region moving again. Traffic is choking our highways, arterials and city streets and continues to weaken our regional economy. We must identify projects that most effectively reduce congestion, fully fund and complete those projects and continue to provide transit alternatives like the popular Sounder commuter train and Regional Express bus service.

As **the prime sponsor,** I led my colleagues to a bi-partisan and strong majority approval of legislation that established the **King County Governance Commission.** This commission is asked to identify options for change and then make recommendations for long-term solutions relating to the provision and funding of county services. After an examination of the services we provide, the Commission will also provide recommendations regarding the governance structure of King County, including partisanship, elected vs. non-elected office, and the size and structure of county government. The Commission's work is well underway and the final report is due March 31, 2004.

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King County Council

Perhaps at no other time has regional leadership and vision been so vital in King County. Regional approaches to providing services are more important than ever. Yet, the role of County government remains unknown to many citizens.

King County provides services to over 1.6 million people. Every day we treat 192 million gallons of wastewater, provide about 274,000 rides on Metro buses, and process 168 individuals through our regional jails. We maintain a roads system of 1,900 miles and we are responsible for courts, police, judges, immunizations, community clinics, elections, tax assessments, growth planning and management, affordable housing, parks, and drug and alcohol treatment facilities.

In South King County, we are rich with diversity and culture - and we suffer the most with regard to poverty and the need for human services. We represent 31% of the County's population- but we only have about 28% of the jobs - and our jobs have not increased significantly over the past 20 years. Our average single family home sells for $208,000 - compared to East King County where the average house sells for $446,000! We speak more than 60 different languages in our schools.

We have unique challenges and great prospects in South King County. I want to make sure that you are well served, and that we are taking advantage of every opportunity available to us. We are challenged - from transportation congestion to establishing adequate funding for important human services - and every day we face complex issues that require innovative solutions. Your involvement and voice are more important than ever.

Let me know what's on your mind - I will do the same!

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Our district is rich in heritage, culture and diversity. We have many opportunities to flourish and thrive in our growing and colorful community.

Important Phone Numbers

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Elections/Voting	206-296-8683
Metro	206-553-3000
Parks Department	206-296-4232
Sheriff's Department	206-296-4155
District Courts	206-205-9200
Superior Courts	206-296-9100
Animal Control/Pet Licensing	206-296-7387
Property Tax Information	206-296-7300
Jury Information	206-296-9316

District 13

County Council Meetings

The full Council meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse, for public hearings and action on legislation. The Council functions through the work of its standing and regional committees, which scrutinize proposed legislation. Regional committees include elected officials from cities.

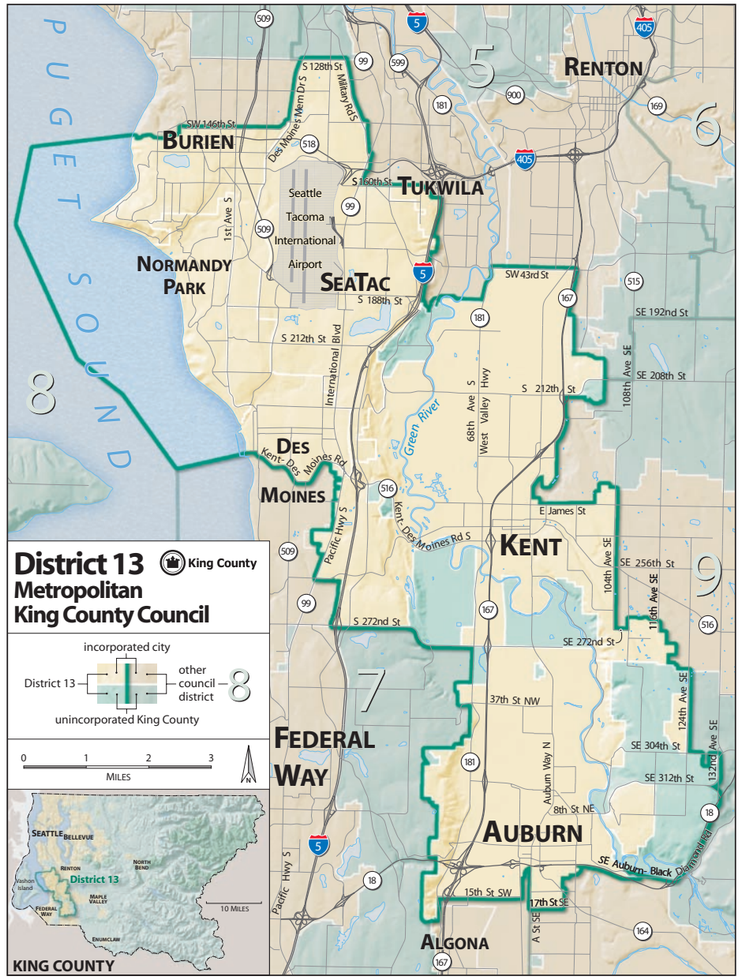
Watch the Council on CTV

King County Civic Television broadcasts on Comcast Cable Channel 22 and Millennium Cable Channel 72 or 80.

Online Streaming Video

Go to www.metrokc.gov/ctv for live meetings and on-demand video of past meetings.

For meeting agendas or to learn more about current and past legislation, go to the Legisearch button at www.metrokc.gov/council or call the Clerk of the Council at 206-296-1020.



KING COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- **Committee of the Whole-** Considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire council. Only committee on which all thirteen members serve. **Meets every Monday, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Budget and Fiscal Management-** Oversees the King County budget, including financial plans, major construction projects, revenues, and expenditures. **Meets 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas-** Considers policies and development regulations relating to land use, housing, preservation of resource lands and environmentally sensitive areas. **Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Labor, Operations and Technology-** Seeks increased efficiency, productivity and accountability in county services. Reviews labor agreements. Sets technology policy. **Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Law, Justice and Human Services-** Oversees the county's criminal justice system of police, courts, prosecution and defense, and jails, as well as human service, public health and civil rights programs. **Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Natural Resources, Parks and Open Space -** Oversees regional and rural parks and open space. Recommends policies for protection of farmlands, forestry and endangered species. **Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.**
- **Transportation -** Oversees the management and operations of Metro Transit bus service and other public transit; construction and maintenance of county roads; and intergovernmental collaboration. **Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.**
- **Utilities -** Recommends policies on county utility services, including wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal, flood control, and stormwater management. **Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.**
- **Legislative Steering -** Formulates and advances the interests of the people of King County to the Washington State Legislature. **Meets Mondays, 8:00 a.m., during Legislative Sessions**
- **Regional Policy -** Provides a countywide forum for review of public health, human services, open space, housing, solid waste, criminal justice, regional facilities siting, and major governance issues. **Meets 1st Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.**
- **Regional Transit -** Recommends where and how Metro Transit service is provided, and the setting of fares. **Meets 3rd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.**
- **Regional Water Quality -** Recommends countywide policies on wastewater treatment, sewer rates, and long-range facilities siting. **Meets 2nd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.**

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