

# CITY & COUNTY BUDGET ADVOCACY

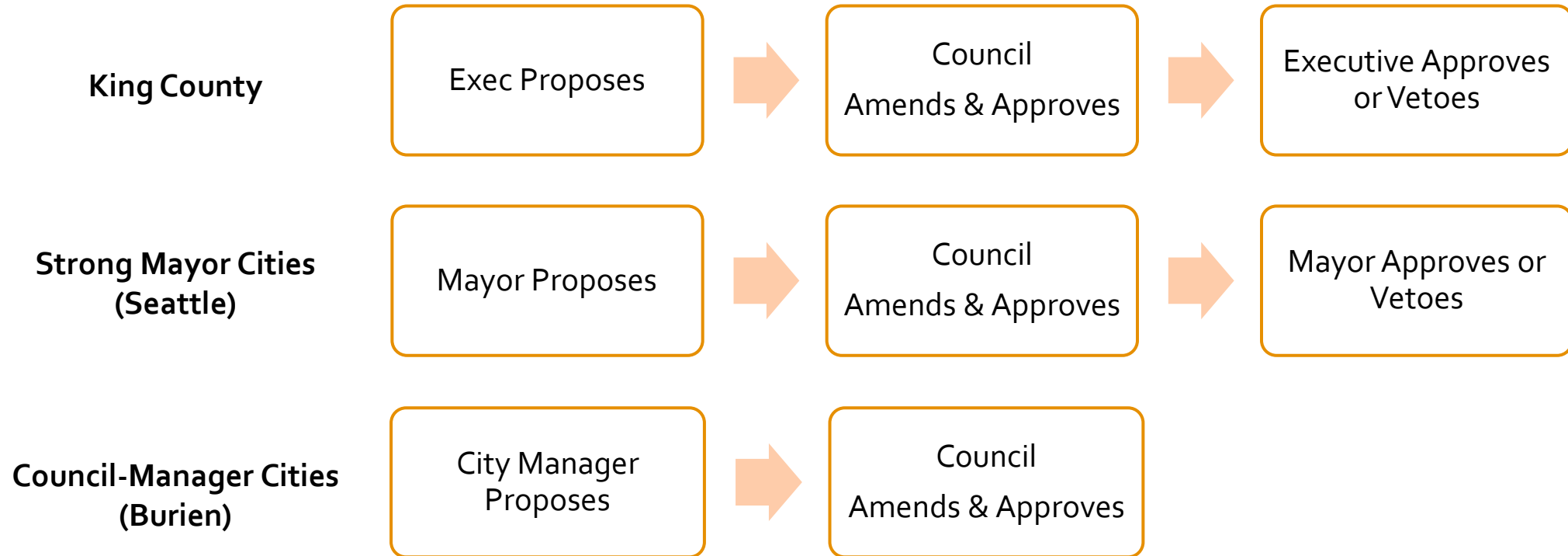
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September 21, 2023 General Membership Meeting



# Budget Process

We are Here



# How to Find Your District – King County

[https://www5.kingcounty.gov/kcgisreports/KCClookup\\_KCGIS.aspx](https://www5.kingcounty.gov/kcgisreports/KCClookup_KCGIS.aspx)

## Find your County Council district

Address or parcel number:

search by condo name

example address: 201 S Jackson St | example parcel number: 0942000860

**Council district for: 5247800065**

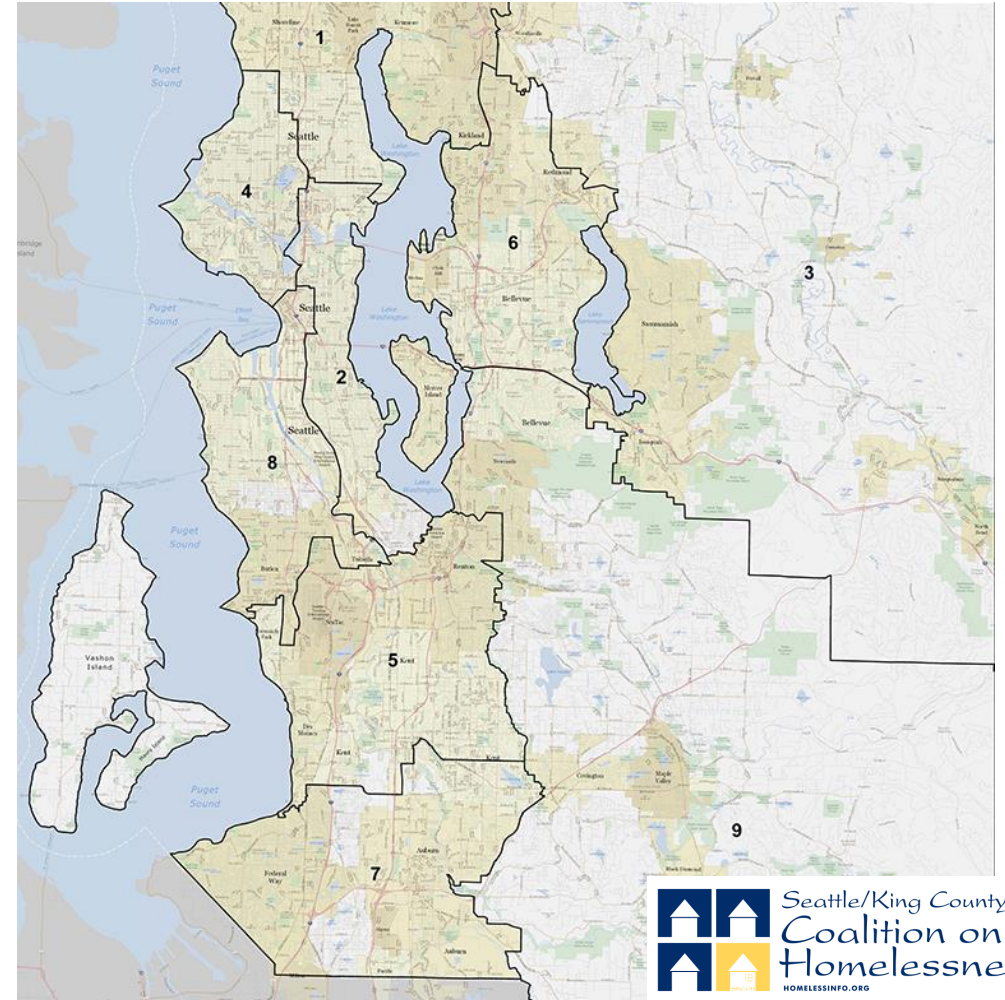
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# How to Find Your District – Seattle

85 S Washington St

Search

## Your District and Councilmembers

Email Your Three Councilmembers

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/find-your-district-and-councilmembers>



**IMPORTANT**  
Your Council District is changing in 2024.

Current District

**7**

District in 2024

**1**

District Councilmember

**Andrew J. Lewis**



**District 7**

Pioneer Square to Magnolia

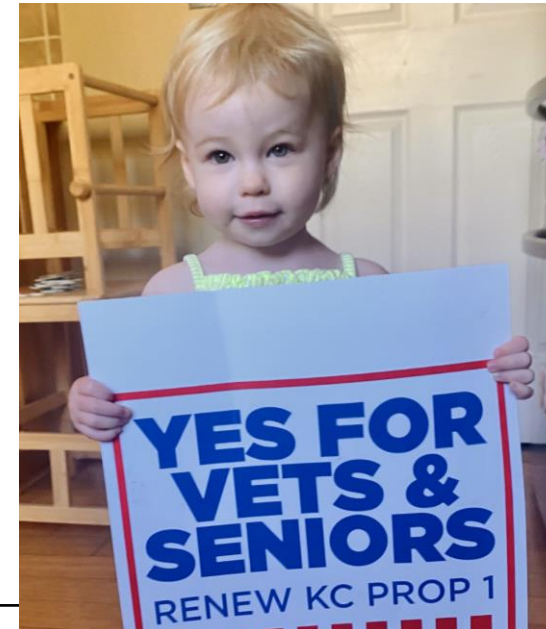
Email

Website

206-684-8807

# Ways to Speak Up

- In-person Public Comment
- Remote Public Comment
- Written Public Comment for a Specific Meeting
- Customized email
- Selfies



# Pledge to Use Your Voice & Help Others Speak Up



## Seattle and King County must maintain funding for vital services!

This site is for use by Coalition on Homelessness members, allies, and supporters.

<https://sites.google.com/view/fall2023budgetadvocacy/home>

### WHATS UP WITH THE BUDGET?

Essential Workers, Members, Friends, and Allies,

We expect Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell to transmit his proposed budget in late September, and for King County Executive Dow Constantine to transmit his proposed budget in early October.

We will update this page as we get more information on both budgets.

Here's what we are fighting for this year:

- **Increase Seattle, King County, and KCRHA contracts to keep up with inflation and the cost of providing quality services.** [Seattle law](#) requires the city to increase all HSD contracts with inflation. However, that law doesn't include KCRHA CoC contracts. Seattle and King County need to make sure ALL contracts keep up with inflation.
- **Ensure no loss of capacity in our homelessness crisis response system.** Maintain funding for 300+ shelter beds and 15 programs at risk of losing funding.
- **Increase human services wages by at least 3.5% in 2024.** The authors of a [UW study](#) on wage equity found that Human Services workers are paid significantly less than their peers in other sectors, and recommended at least a 7% increase to human services wages by 2025 to help keep talent in the sector. This year, Seattle City Council passed a [resolution](#) expressing their "intent to consider increasing human services contracts to support wage equity".

**We need more affordable homes, quality shelter, and access to supports and services, but putting them into budgets won't do any good if there are no staff to operate them.** People who work in supportive housing, health care, and outreach; social workers, janitors, and case managers; folks who care for children and keep shelter doors open are essential workers.

### GET INVOLVED!

✦ SIGN UP BELOW ✦

We recommend that each organization identify at least one senior leader, one Board member, multiple staff who provide services, and clients to speak up.

Together, we'll make sure our City and County invest in vital services.

Coalition staff will support you with talking points, prep sessions, and be in person for Seattle budget hearings on October 18 and November 13 (Seattle).

THANK YOU!

*Note: King County has not released its budget schedule. We will update this poll when we know more.*

### Seattle and King County must maintain ALL homelessness services!

**Seattle and King County Councilmembers need to hear from YOU!** Final budget votes are just before the Thanksgiving break. We call on both Seattle City Council and King County Council to invest in workers who provide housing, homeless services, and human services.

Public comments are usually 1-2 minutes at the beginning of each meeting, and you must sign up in advance. You can also send your comments in writing. Note that this form does not sign you up for public comment - you need to sign up for public comment before each meeting.

Sign up!

