

# A Resident's Guide to the King County Council Legislative Process



King County  
Council

Learn how to follow an issue, understand proposals, and share your perspective before decisions are made.



## I heard about an issue. Now what?

### MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT:

- A Metro service change
- Improvements to a regional trail or park
- Behavioral health services
- A proposal affecting an unincorporated community

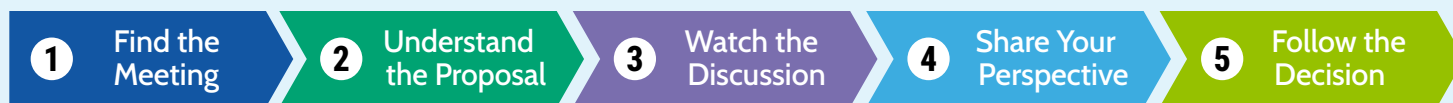
**YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE** to learn about the King County Council's public process for considering legislation—ideas proposed to become laws—or ways to invest public resources.

The Council relies on public engagement, so read on to learn how to make your perspective heard!

### Ordinance? Committee? Amendment?

If you are having trouble with legislative jargon, you are not alone. Check out our terms glossary at: [kingcounty.gov/council/glossary](https://kingcounty.gov/council/glossary)

## How to Participate



### 1 Find the Meeting

The Council hears public comment, then debates and votes on legislation in public meetings.

Meeting pages include:

- Agendas and meeting materials
- Livestreams and recordings
- Public participation information

If you're looking for a specific issue, search meeting agendas using keywords related to that topic. If you need assistance, the Council website can help point you in the right direction. [bit.ly/full-calendar](https://bit.ly/full-calendar)

### 2 Understand the Proposal

The staff report is the best place to start for a summary. Other resources can provide even more details.

[kingcounty.gov/council/docs](https://kingcounty.gov/council/docs)

Staff reports explain:

- What the proposal would do
- Why it is being considered
- Potential impacts and financial considerations

### 3 Watch the Discussion

Many important conversations happen before the final vote. Watching a meeting helps explain why decisions are made and what changes are being considered.

[kingcounty.gov/kctv](https://kingcounty.gov/kctv)

### 4 Share Your Perspective

You don't have to wait until the final vote to participate.

[bit.ly/council-committees](https://bit.ly/council-committees)

Residents can:

- Submit public comment
- Testify at eligible meetings
- Attend meetings
- Contact Councilmembers
- Watch meetings live or later

### 5 Follow the Decision-Making Process

You can engage in the process every step of the way by using our public comment tools or participating during a meeting.

**NEED HELP FINDING WHERE AND WHEN A MEETING WILL OCCUR?** Visit our calendar: [bit.ly/full-calendar](https://bit.ly/full-calendar)

## How a Proposal Becomes a Decision



# Participating in a Meeting is Easy

Our meetings are held on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse – 516 Third Ave in Seattle – and via Zoom. Broadly speaking, the who, what, where, when, and why of all meetings can be found at [bit.ly/full-calendar](https://bit.ly/full-calendar)

**IN PERSON:** Arrive before the meeting and add your name to a speaker sign-in sheet. For full Council meetings, the speaker sign-in form is available on a laptop in the 10th floor lobby. For committees, please enter the room and sign up there.

**ONLINE:** You do not have to attend a meeting in person to speak. Join the Zoom webinar using the ID listed on the agenda. When public comment begins, use Zoom's Raise Hand feature to let us know you'd like to speak.

Most speakers have about two minutes, and you should direct your comments to whomever chairs the meeting.

## Explore the Council's Full Meeting Calendar [bit.ly/full-calendar](https://bit.ly/full-calendar)

Our calendar page is a perfect place to start. While it's there to primarily provide information about when and where meetings occur, it's also a centralized landing pad for agendas, and where we post video of meetings after they occur. This is also where you can access our Legislation tab and search by topic, and where you can link to our full glossary to sort through potentially confusing jargon.

Full meeting materials are available on our website committee pages. [kingcounty.gov/council/docs](https://kingcounty.gov/council/docs)

The screenshot shows the 'Meeting Calendar' section of the King County Council website. It includes a navigation bar with links like 'Welcome', 'Legislation', 'Meeting Calendar', 'Committees', 'Meeting Packets', 'Get Involved', 'Glossary', and 'Accessibility'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'List View' and 'Calendar View'. A search bar is present with a dropdown for the year '2026' and a dropdown for 'All Committees'. There are checkboxes for 'notes' and 'closed captions'. A 'Search Meeting Calendar' button and a 'Help' link are also visible. Below the search bar, it says '156 records' and 'Group Export'. A table of meeting records is displayed, showing columns for Name, Meeting Date, Meeting Time, Meeting Location, Meeting Details, Agenda, Accessible Agenda, Minutes, Accessible Minutes, and Video. Two meeting records are visible for 6/2/2026: 'Metropolitan King County Council' and 'Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee'.

| Name                                          | Meeting Date | Meeting Time | Meeting Location                                 | Meeting Details                 | Agenda                 | Accessible Agenda                 | Minutes                 | Accessible Minutes                 | Video                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Metropolitan King County Council              | 6/2/2026     | 1:30 PM      | Hybrid Meeting<br>REVISED AGENDA                 | <a href="#">Meeting details</a> | <a href="#">Agenda</a> | <a href="#">Accessible Agenda</a> | <a href="#">Minutes</a> | <a href="#">Accessible Minutes</a> | <a href="#">Video</a> |
| Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee | 6/2/2026     | 9:30 AM      | Hybrid Meeting<br>DRAFT MINUTES - REVISED AGENDA | <a href="#">Meeting details</a> | <a href="#">Agenda</a> | <a href="#">Accessible Agenda</a> | <a href="#">Minutes</a> | <a href="#">Accessible Minutes</a> | <a href="#">Video</a> |

### Need help finding who your councilmember is?

All you'll need is your address.



[bit.ly/find-district](https://bit.ly/find-district)

### Want more info on the Council and King County government?

Check out our full guide.



[bit.ly/about-council](https://bit.ly/about-council)

### Quick Links

**MEETING PACKETS & AGENDAS**  
[kingcounty.gov/council/docs](https://kingcounty.gov/council/docs)

**WATCH A LIVE MEETING**  
[kingcounty.gov/kctv](https://kingcounty.gov/kctv)

**WATCH PAST MEETINGS**  
[bit.ly/meeting-videos](https://bit.ly/meeting-videos)

**FULL MEETING CALENDAR**  
[bit.ly/full-calendar](https://bit.ly/full-calendar)

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**  
[kingcounty.gov/council/participate](https://kingcounty.gov/council/participate)

### Need language interpretation or another accommodation?

The Council offers a variety of access services at no cost to you. To make a request, please contact our Equity and Social Justice Office at [kccesj@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kccesj@kingcounty.gov).



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You don't need to understand every part of the legislative process to participate. If you care about an issue, now you're ready to get started.