



Dear Friend,

Thank you for another wonderful year serving as your District 3 King County Councilmember. We made our goal this year of prioritizing behavioral health access, environmental protection and preservation, and creative economy development. We have expanded and addressed these priorities together with, and in support of, our communities well past 2023. Check out our "Top 23 in 2023" for highlights!

These investments in behavioral health, environmental preservation, and creative economies guide the long-term vision for both our incorporated and unincorporated communities across District 3 and King County. I'm looking forward to all the partnerships and collaborations that we can continue to work on together in 2024 and beyond.

As we enter a new year with new goals, please consider joining me for a cup of coffee, or an online conversation – I'd love the opportunity to connect with you!

Our entire team wishes you and your family Happy Holidays, Peace on Earth, and Peace in your home. Thank you for helping us build great communities and here's to all we can do together in 2024!

Sincerely,



Girl Scout Troop 41653

Resources that make a difference!

Check out the resources below to access important services in our region. Need something else? Email sarah.perry@kingcounty.gov and we'd love to help!

Senior Property Tax Exemption: <https://bit.ly/senior-exemption>

Veterans Programs: <https://bit.ly/veterans-program>

Youth Free Transit: <https://bit.ly/youth-transit>

Small Business Support: <https://bit.ly/sm-business-support>

Housing Support: www.kcha.org

Behavioral Health Crisis Support: Call 988!

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Warm wishes to you and your family this holiday season!

We'd love to hear from you!

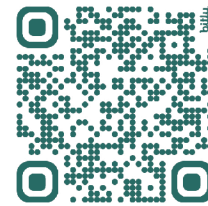
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Thankful for all we've accomplished together in 2023!



**TOP
23 IN
2023**
YEAR IN
REVIEW

DISTRICT 3: Snoqualmie Pass, North Bend, Snoqualmie, Preston, Fall City, Carnation, Duvall, Skykomish, Bothell, Woodinville, Redmond, Sammamish, Issaquah



King County Council



Keeping It All In Perspective

252K total residents in District 3
growth of 46K since 2010

175K (70%) residents live in our cities

77K (30%) live in our unincorporated areas

91K (36%) are from diverse cultural backgrounds: Hindu, Muslim, Latino, Hmong, and others

57K (23%) moved here from a different country

66K (26.1%) are youth under the age of 18
highest % of youth of all 9 KC Council Districts

30K (12%) are senior residents
lowest across all 9 KC Council Districts

17K (7%) are residents living with disabilities
lowest across all 9 KC Council Districts

13K (5%) are veterans
compared to 4.9% in King County, 8.2% in WA,
and 6.4% across the country

3.7K (4%) households below the Federal Poverty Line
compared to 8.1% in King County, 10% in WA,
and 11.5% across the country

\$162K median household income
highest across all 9 KC Council Districts

\$2.4K median rent cost
2nd lowest % of households renting

\$848K median home value
2nd highest across all 9 KC Council Districts

78% home ownership
2nd highest across all 9 KC Council Districts,
with most around 50%

It's Been a Great Year! Check out the Top 23 of 2023!

As I wrap out my second year on King County Council, our District 3 team and I are excited to share some transformational victories for our communities and all of King County! Check out these highlights below:

Environmental Protections

- 1 Sponsored a **Battery Energy Storage Ordinance**, which strengthens environmental protections and safety, while ensuring we are positioned as a model for renewable energy with BESS in unincorporated King County.
- 2 Introduced a Council Motion in support of the **Re+ program**, an excellent approach to building a healthy environment and economy by reinventing our system of waste management.
- 3 Supported Eastside connectivity as Co-Chair of EasTrail and **celebrated the opening the final link of the 11-mile East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST)** to connect the 44-mile continuous rolling, walking, and running trail!
- 4 As the Vice Chair of the Flood Control District Board, I advocated for **\$500,000 to be used for a feasibility study for raising roadways** above the 100-year flood plain in the Snoqualmie Valley.

- 5 Allocated **\$4 million to fund salmon conservation, education, and fish passage projects** across District 3's Water Resource Inventory Areas, WRIA 7 in the Snoqualmie Valley and a portion of WRIA 8 around Lake Sammamish.

Creative Economies

- 6 Convened monthly meetings with a representative from each of our 10 cities and 2 towns to help build toward each forming a **Creative District for arts, culture, heritage, and business** through ArtsWA!
- 7 Sponsored the Doors Open proposal, which will provide **\$94 million a year going to community organizations** throughout King County and District 3 for art, culture, heritage, and science!
- 8 Supported KC's Office of Economic Opportunity & Creative Economy at their **Harbor Island Studios Grand Opening** to mark the opening of the region's only soundstage facility.

- 9 Allocated **\$22K to the City of Carnation for use toward youth sports and fitness programs** across the city, including funding classes that focus on pickleball, tennis, basketball, nature walks, obstacle courses, yoga, and more!

- 10 Worked with farmers, farming organizations, and State and Federal representatives to **protect and sustain farms and farmland** from the Snoqualmie Valley to the Sammamish Valley.

- 11 Had over **250 meetings with creative, environmental, and behavioral health organizations, chambers, farms, and businesses** throughout our 10 cities and 2 towns to hear what is needed!

Behavioral Health Initiatives

- 12 Sponsored successful legislation to **create a countywide network of five crisis care centers**, restore and expand mental health residential treatment beds, and grow the community behavioral health workforce.

- 13 Supported the **988 crisis hotline rollout and convened Behavioral Health Roundtables** with Behavioral Health Specialists, Police & Fire Chiefs, Tribal Leaders and State Legislators to ensure optimal implementation.

- 14 Testified on behalf of the expansion of the **Senior Property Tax Exemption** at the State Legislature, which resulted in increased eligibility of over 30,000 additional seniors.

- 15 Worked to award over **\$1 million to the Sno-Valley Senior Center** and Sound Generations to ensure 15 new affordable apartments for our senior residents in Carnation!

- 16 Appropriated **\$125K from our COVID budget for RECLAIM Shelter** (formerly Snoqualmie Valley Shelter), to increase their motel voucher program by an additional four rooms and help house our neighbors.

- 17 Renewed the **Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL)**, which voters overwhelmingly passed on the ballot, to expand our programs and meet our veterans, seniors, and human services needs.

Access and Opportunity

- 18 Supported **Girl Scout Troop 41653 with their goal of ensuring that King County employees had uniform options** for all body types and genders resulting in Council passing my ordinance 2022-0429!
- 19 Allocated **27 non-profit Grants throughout District 3**, with \$100K going to youth and seniors, \$55K going toward housing and services, \$25K going to community non-profits and \$10K going to veterans!
- 20 Hosted a **Town Hall for each of our 10 cities and 2 towns**, including Mayors, hosts, and experts on priorities for each community, including creative economies, the environment and behavioral health!

- 21 Presented the **Snoqualmie Indian Tribal Chairman Bob de los Angeles with the MLK Medal of Distinguished Service award** that answers Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?"

- 22 Supported the **civic engagement of Fall City residents** in their efforts to maintain the small-town feel of rural Fall City while allowing for maximum growth for their community per zoning.

- 23 Hosted a series of **Snoqualmie Pass Roundtables on pass closures, parking, and security** with King & Kittitas County business leaders, state legislators, WSP, WTI, PSE, KC & Kittitas Sheriff's Office, Police & Fire Chiefs!

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