

KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER | DISTRICT 8

# TERESA MOSQUEDA



2024 END OF YEAR REPORT



King County Council

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*ABOVE: Councilmember Mosqueda joins with State Senator Joe Nguyen, White Center Food Bank Executive Director Carmen Smith, and Former King County Councilmember Joe McDermott (D8) at the grand opening of the White Center Food Bank.*

## Dear District 8 Neighbor,

As we collectively come to the close of another year, I'm reflecting on my first year serving as your King County Councilmember. My colleagues and I have been hard at work to make our county one of the best places to live, work and play in the country. On the policy front, I've focused in three key areas: Health, Housing, and Workforce Development. I've also made it a point for me and my team to be out and about in the community in order to meet with and hear from the people who make D8 so great!

Gathering this community feedback from residents and organizations has led to direct investments in District 8 to improve the life, health, and stability for working families in our region:

- Supporting the White Center Evergreen Pool's infrastructure so they can do the important work of providing community space and work to reduce preventable drownings.
- Improving consumer information for small businesses and food vendors across the district by working with Public Health.
- Investing in affordable housing for individuals participating in job training after returning to the community from being incarcerated.
- Expanding access to care of all types including behavioral healthcare and preventative care across District 8.

My approach to all of the work my office and I do has always been to listen to communities with lived experience, and work together to make meaningful and transformational change. This means I can't do what I do without hearing from you. Please continue to share your policy ideas, what's working well in our region and what needs some improvement—I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Teresa Mosqueda, King County Councilmember, District 8



# Some of Councilmember Mosqueda's priorities as part of the 2025 Budget Leadership Team included:



**Rental and Food Assistance** \$1.2 million through United Way of King County, helping families at risk stay in their homes and have access to food.



**Labor Led Dispatch** \$500,000 for connecting workers with good family-wage union jobs around our region to recover from the pandemic and prepare for an influx of visitors in 2026.



**Mary's Place/Mercy Housing** A \$3 million investment for a family shelter and affordable housing development in Burien.



**Food Assistance** \$500,000 to help White Center Food Bank continue serving our community by addressing food insecurity.

**And More!** Check out our full 2025 Budget wins summary for District 8 and our region at: [bit.ly/d8-budget-wins](https://bit.ly/d8-budget-wins)



ABOVE: Councilmember Mosqueda and Representative Tina Orwall (33rd) join the incredible Mary's Place Team in Burien.



# Legislative Accomplishments

## ■ Addressing Critical Needs through the Comprehensive Plan

Making needed adjustments to update our County's 20-year planning roadmap in order to create more housing and allow for more equitable development.

## ■ Prioritization of Childcare and Affordable Housing Permits

Addressing the shortage of affordable housing and childcare deserts by cutting red tape by prioritizing these projects within the Permitting Department.

## ■ Building Back Trust in our Petcare Facilities

Working as the Chair of the Board of Health to allow Public Health to notify pet parents if their petcare provider's license is pulled due to safety violations, after hearing from residents about tragic loss of pets.

## ■ Vashon Land Transfer

Completing the long but needed work of my predecessor in office to transfer the land that belonged to the Mukai family from the county to the non-profit tasked with educating all of us about the internment and seizure of property of the Japanese-American Community decades ago.

*BELOW: Councilmember Mosqueda, her staff, Friends of Mukai, and Councilmember Balducci (D6) at the Mukai Cold Processing Plant where strawberries were packaged to be distributed across the country before the Mukai family was interned during WW2.*







ABOVE: Councilmember Mosqueda and staff with Jason Johnson of Vashon Household and the team behind building Island Center Homes, the newest affordable housing site on the island.



## Putting Grants to Good Use

- **Van to Transitional Resources** Awarded a van to Transitional Resources in District 8, helping those in treatment for their behavioral health struggles.
- **Vashon Household Affordable Housing Site** Supporting ongoing efforts to build more affordable housing on the island through a trusted community partner.
- **Acts on Stage** Contributing to the arts and investing in the next generation of creatives in White Center.
- **Highline United Methodist Church** Providing resources to the day center for unhoused people to have a safe place to be during the day.
- **West Seattle Veterans Center** Creating community for our veterans in the district.
- **Yes! Foundation of White Center** Making sure the kiddos in D8 have access to fun and safe activities during the summer through sports and youth programming.

RIGHT: Councilmember Mosqueda awarding a grant to the Yes! Foundation of White Center led by Executive Director Pat Thompson and participants in their summer program.



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