

King County  
**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**  
4:00 – 6:00 PM

**HYBRID MEETING**

**In Person:** Executive Conference Room, Chinook Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

**Virtual:** [Zoom Link](#), Webinar ID: 865 2965 5597, Phone: 1-253-215-8782

**Agenda**

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| <b>I. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  | <b>4:00pm</b> |
| <b>II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from May 27, 2026</b>  | <b>4:05</b>   |
| <b>III. Public Comment</b>   | <b>4:10</b>   |
| <b>IV. Action Item: 2026 GMPC Work Program</b><br><i>Erin Auzins, King County</i>  | <b>4:20</b>   |
| <b>V. Briefing on Motion 26-1: Countywide Centers Designation and Motion 26-2: Ballard Regional Urban Growth Center Designation</b><br><i>Erin Auzins, King County</i><br><i>Mike McCarty, North Bend</i><br><i>Aj Folts, Sound Cities Association</i> | <b>4:30</b>   |
| <b>VI. Adjourn</b>   | <b>5:30</b>   |

*Next GMPC Meeting: September 16, 2026 at 4:00pm*

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**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**May 27, 2026**

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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## **Meeting Summary**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representing King County:

Executive Girmay Zahilay, Chair  
Councilmember Claudia Balducci  
Councilmember Sarah Perry

Representing Seattle:

None present

Representing Bellevue:

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Councilmember Kate Baldwin – City of Auburn  
Mayor Kelli Curtis – City of Kirkland  
Mayor Amy McHenry – City of Duvall  
Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine – City of Renton  
Mayor Jim Ribail – City of Carnation  
Council President Melissa Stuart – City of Redmond  
\* Councilmember Marli Larimer – City of Kent

*\*Alternates*

Other GMPC Members:

Commissioner Nav Ota – Sammamish Plateau Sewer and Water District

## **AGENDA TOPICS:**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

King County Executive Girmay Zahilay called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the May 27, 2026 meeting of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). Chair Zahilay also welcomed new members to the GMPC.

### **II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from November 19, 2025**

The summary was approved by voice vote.

### **III. Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

1. Tim O'Brien provided comments regarding GMPC Motion 25-3.

### **IV. Federal Legislative Update**

Robin Koskey, Puget Sound Regional Council, gave updates on Federal legislative actions. Robin reported on the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bill, which includes cuts to the Housing and Urban Development budget; the transportation bill; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Road to Housing Act, which is focused on expanding the supply of housing, removing regulatory barriers, modernizing programs, and enhances community banking provisions; the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2025 and 2026, including the changes to the program made by the federal government; and the Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

### **V. GMPC 2026 Work Program**

Erin Auzins, King County Executive Office, presented the 2026 work program, with revisions requested at the November 19, 2025 GMPC meeting. Actions include approval of the work program, and designation of Countywide and Regional Centers.

GMPC members discussed the removal of the Strategic Climate Action Plan GHG-5 and whether a briefing could be shared with the GMPC at the November 2026 meeting, and the potential for future housing-related briefings.

Due to a lack of quorum, the GMPC did not vote to approve the GMPC 2026 Work Program; it will be brought back to the June 24, 2026 GMPC meeting for approval.

### **VI. State Legislative Update**

Dave Anderson, Washington State Department of Commerce, presented information on the 2026 state legislative session. Bills included HB 2266, regarding shelters, transitory housing, emergency housing, and permanent supportive housing (STEP housing); SB 6026, regarding

residential uses in commercial zones; HB 1345, regarding detached accessory dwelling units in rural areas and natural resource lands; SB 6027, regarding affordable housing funding exemptions; other housing and permitting and construction bills; HB 2418, regarding permit review timelines, HB 1960, regarding taxes for renewable energy projects; and the requirements for the Department of Commerce adopted in the state budget.

GMPC members discussed the reduction to periodic update grants in the state budget, condominium development state law changes, and battery energy storage systems.

## **VII. Housing Monitoring Program**

Carson Hartmann, King County Department of Community and Services, presented information regarding Countywide Planning Policy (CPP) Housing Chapter monitoring and reporting update for 2026. Carson recapped the history and requirements of the monitoring and reporting program, including the CPP requirements for plan review of local Comprehensive Plans for alignment with the CPP Housing Chapter, mainly completed in by the end of 2024; annual reporting on implementation of local Comprehensive Plans; and a 5-year assessment of shortfalls that leads to jurisdictions implementing actions to address shortfalls.

Carson provided information on the annual data collection; jurisdictions are required to provide information on income-restricted housing units, changes to zoned residential capacity, new housing strategies, and subregional collaboration contributions. The first three data points are provided through an annual survey, and the fourth is collected by the County directly from the coalitions that collect those funds.

Carson also briefed GMPC on the efforts to streamline reporting, based on feedback from the 2025 survey. This includes efforts to increase predictability and to reduce workload and costs for jurisdictions.

Carson reported that the survey for 2026 will be open June 5 to September 11, 2026. No extensions will be allowed.

## **VIII. GMPC Affordable Housing Committee Update**

McCaella Daffern, King County Department of Community and Services, provided background on the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC), updates to the AHC 2026 work plan and meeting schedule, the regional affordable housing dashboard, AHC membership, Regional Affordable Housing Task Force 5-year Action Plan update, the agenda for the July 9 AHC meeting.

GMPC members discussed information required to be submitted to the Department of Commerce as part of the Commerce's targeted review under the state's Housing Accountability Act, and coordination between Commerce and the County regarding information submitted to the AHC, and potential overlap in information requested.

GMPC members also discussed the data shows that the housing need at or below 50% of area median income remains the greatest need, and the need to reduce the cost of building housing.

**IX. Adjourn**

Councilmember Perry thanked the GMPC for their time today. The meeting was adjourned.

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Potential Action Item: GMPC 2026 Work Program
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Interjurisdictional Staff Team

**Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is scheduled to adopt its 2026 Work Program.

**Overview**

The draft 2026 Work Program was prepared by the Interjurisdictional Staff Team (IJT) and discussed by GMPC at its November 2025 meeting. The 2026 Work Program includes standard briefings, follow up work from 2025 topics, and some new topics.

**Standard briefings**

- Includes recurring topics such as annexation updates, school coordination with cities, state and federal legislative updates, and other updates of interest to the GMPC.

**Follow-up on 2025 topics**

- **Affordable Housing Committee Work:** Updates related to the work of the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) including briefings on the housing element monitoring and reporting for 2026, additional appointments to the AHC to fill existing and upcoming vacancies, and updates on the progress of the AHC [work plan](#).
- **Countywide Capacity:** In 2025, the GMPC recommended reconciliation of growth targets for the cities of Carnation and Snoqualmie through GMPC Motion 25-1, and for unincorporated King County through GMPC Motion 25-3. As part of GMPC Motion 25-1, the GMPC directed staff to “analyze comprehensive plan growth assumptions and reported capacity after the periodic update of comprehensive plans is complete to inform required monitoring of the Countywide Planning Policies, the next version of the Urban Growth Capacity Report, and growth targets and housing need that support the 2034 periodic update.”

**Returning topics**

- **Countywide and Regional Centers Designations:** Following an application process in 2025, the IJT is reviewing over 40 applications for *countywide* centers and new *regional* centers, with GMPC review and potential approval in June 2026. Centers designations are required to be designated in the Countywide Planning Policies before they can be considered by the Puget Sound Regional Council for future funding decisions.

**Meeting Schedule and Format**

- Attachment A provides a proposed schedule for the 2026 GMPC meetings and illustrates when the topics will be presented at GMPC.
- GMPC meetings will continue to be held primarily on Zoom, with an in-person option available at the King County Chinook Building to meet Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

**For More Information**

Please contact Erin Auzins, King County Executive staff, at [eauzins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eauzins@kingcounty.gov).

**Attachment**

**Attachment A.** Proposed 2026 GMPC Work Program

## 2026 GMPC Work Program

Date	Tentative Agenda Items
May 27	<p><b>Action:</b> Approve GMPC 2026 Work Program</p> <p>State Legislative Session Update (Department of Commerce staff)</p> <p>Federal Legislative Update (PSRC staff)</p> <p>Housing Monitoring Program</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
June 24	<p><b>First Briefing:</b> King County Designation of Countywide and Regional Centers</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
Sept. 16	<p><b>Action:</b> King County Designation of Countywide and Regional Centers</p> <p>Annexation Annual Update</p> <p>Affordable Housing Committee member appointments</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>
Nov. 18	<p>School/City/County Coordination Meetings (PF-22)</p> <p>Countywide Capacity, per Motion 25-1</p> <p>Initial discussion of 2027 GMPC Work Program</p> <p>GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee Update</p>

**KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	<b>Motion 26-1: Countywide Centers Designation</b> <b>Motion 26-2: Ballard Regional Urban Growth Center Designation</b>
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	<b>Interjurisdictional Team</b>

**Today's Meeting**

The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) will:

- Review Motion 26-1, which will designate Countywide Centers; and
- Review Motion 26-2, which will recommend that the Ballard Regional Center be approved by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) as a Regional Urban Growth Center.

Designation as a center allows jurisdictions to apply for transportation funding competitions through the PSRC.

**Overview**

**Countywide Centers.** The opportunity to establish Countywide Centers arises from an updated regional framework for centers established by the Puget Sound Regional Council in 2018. Candidate Centers were adopted by GMPC in 2021 (prior to the adoption of the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies), to allow jurisdictions to apply for PSRC transportation funding in 2022 and 2024, and to plan for their countywide centers as a part of the 2024 periodic update of Comprehensive Plans

The 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) include a revised centers framework that recognizes Countywide Growth and Industrial Centers, in addition to Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers.

**Regional Growth Centers.** PSRC adopted the Regional Centers Framework Update in March 2018, and VISION 2050 in November 2020; these regional documents establish requirements for Regional Growth Centers. CPP DP-32 allows for designation of new Regional Growth Centers in conformance with Appendix 6 of the Countywide Planning Policies.

**Applications.** In 2025, the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) received 43 applications, including one Regional Urban Growth Center, one Countywide Industrial Center, and 41 Countywide Growth Centers. The IJT convened a committee of its membership to review applications and recommend a set of Countywide Centers to IJT. The committee reviewed the applications against the criteria in the CPPs; reviewed initial recommendations with IJT and each

jurisdiction; and proposed a refined recommendation to IJT. The IJT then reviewed the refined recommendations and categories of planning recommendations.

**Recommendation.** The IJT’s recommendation for Countywide Centers is shown in the lists below. All applications are recommended for approval, many with planning recommendations discussed further below.

**Recommended Countywide Growth Centers**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Center Title</b>
Bellevue	BelRed
Bellevue	Crossroads
Bellevue	Eastgate
Bellevue	Factoria
Bellevue	Wilburton-East Main
Bothell	Downtown Bothell
Federal Way	South Station
Kenmore	Kenmore Downtown
Kent	Canyon Ridge
King County	Skyway
King County	White Center
Redmond	Marymoor Village
Renton	Rainier-Grady
Renton	Sunset
Seattle	Admiral
Seattle	Aurora-Licton Springs
Seattle	Bitter Lake
Seattle	Central District
Seattle	Central District South-Judkins Park
Seattle	Columbia City
Seattle	Crown Hill
Seattle	Eastlake
Seattle	Fremont
Seattle	Graham
Seattle	Green Lake-Roosevelt
Seattle	Greenwood-Phinney
Seattle	Lake City
Seattle	Madison-Miller
Seattle	Morgan Junction
Seattle	Mt. Baker
Seattle	North Beacon Hill
Seattle	Othello
Seattle	Pinehurst-130th Street
Seattle	Queen Anne (upper)
Seattle	Rainier Beach
Seattle	Wallingford
Seattle	West Seattle Junction
Seattle	Westwood Highland Park
Shoreline	148th St Station Area
Shoreline	185th St Station Area

### **Recommended Countywide Industrial Center**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Center Title</b>
Redmond	Southeast Redmond Manufacturing and Industrial Center

### **Recommended Regional Urban Growth Center**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Center Title</b>
Seattle	Ballard

Planning Recommendations. The categories of planning recommendations include looking at size, complete community components, anti-displacement strategies for residents and businesses, increasing investments in nonmotorized connectivity, and increasing jobs in the jobs/housing mix.

The planning recommendations have been shared at a high level with each jurisdiction for each center, and additional work to refine the specific language and timeframe for implementation of the recommendations will be needed by IJT prior to GMPC action in September. The expectation is that the planning recommendations will not be adopted as part of the GMPC motion, and will be communicated at a staff level through a letter from King County regarding each center and planning recommendation.

### **Future Activity**

The GMPC is expected to take action on Motion 26-1 and Motion 26-2 at the September 16, 2026 meeting. Before that action, IJT will continue to work with jurisdictions on the text of each planning recommendation as discussed above.

Once the GMPC acts, the Countywide Centers designations can be used by PSRC in the next funding round, expected in early 2027, while the Motion goes through the adoption and ratification process.

For future GMPC work, both PSRC and IJT will be reviewing the criteria for Regional and Countywide Centers in the coming years. For countywide centers, this is primarily as a result of state legislation ([HB 1491](#) (TOD Bill), as well as other bills) that have increased requirements for intensity of uses near most of these centers, and lessons that have been learned through the designation process. As jurisdictions update their plans and regulations to implement the state bills, there will be additional lessons learned, and that implementation will be useful to inform the implementation of the planning recommendations as well as the modification to criteria for Regional and Countywide Centers.

### **For More Information**

If members or their staff are interested in additional information, contact Erin Auzins, King County Executive's Office, at [eauzins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eauzins@kingcounty.gov).

### **Attachment**

**Attachment A.** Motion 26-1: Countywide Centers

**Attachment B.** Motion 26-2: Ballard Regional Urban Growth Center

**GMPC MOTION 26-1**

A MOTION approving Countywide Centers in jurisdictions in King County.

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council adopted the Regional Centers Framework Update in March 2018, and VISION 2050 in November 2020, and these regional policy documents expand the growth management centers framework to include a new countywide center designation;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Growth Management Planning Council adopted the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies, including a new Appendix 6: King County Centers Designation Framework via GMPC Motion 21-1, which was adopted by the County in Ordinance 19384 and ratified by the cities on April 6, 2022;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Growth Management Planning Council designated Candidate Countywide Centers via GMPC Motion 21-3;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Growth Management Planning Council updated criteria for Countywide Centers in Appendix 6 via GMPC Motion 24-2, which was adopted by the County in Ordinance 19871 and ratified by the cities on March 24, 2025;

WHEREAS, the County invited jurisdictions to apply for Countywide Center designation in 2025, with an application window closing on October 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, jurisdictions have submitted applications for forty-two countywide centers, including one countywide industrial center, and forty-one countywide growth centers;

WHEREAS, the Interjurisdictional Team reviewed the applications, worked with jurisdictions to refine and clarify the applications, and brought a recommendation to the Growth Management Planning Council;

WHEREAS, approval of this motion will replace the candidate status in GMPC Motion 21-3; and

24 WHEREAS, approval of this motion will allow designated Countywide Centers to apply for  
25 Puget Sound Regional Council transportation funding, which is expected to open competitive grant  
26 processes in 2027;

27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King  
28 County hereby approves the list of Countywide Centers as shown in Attachment A.

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

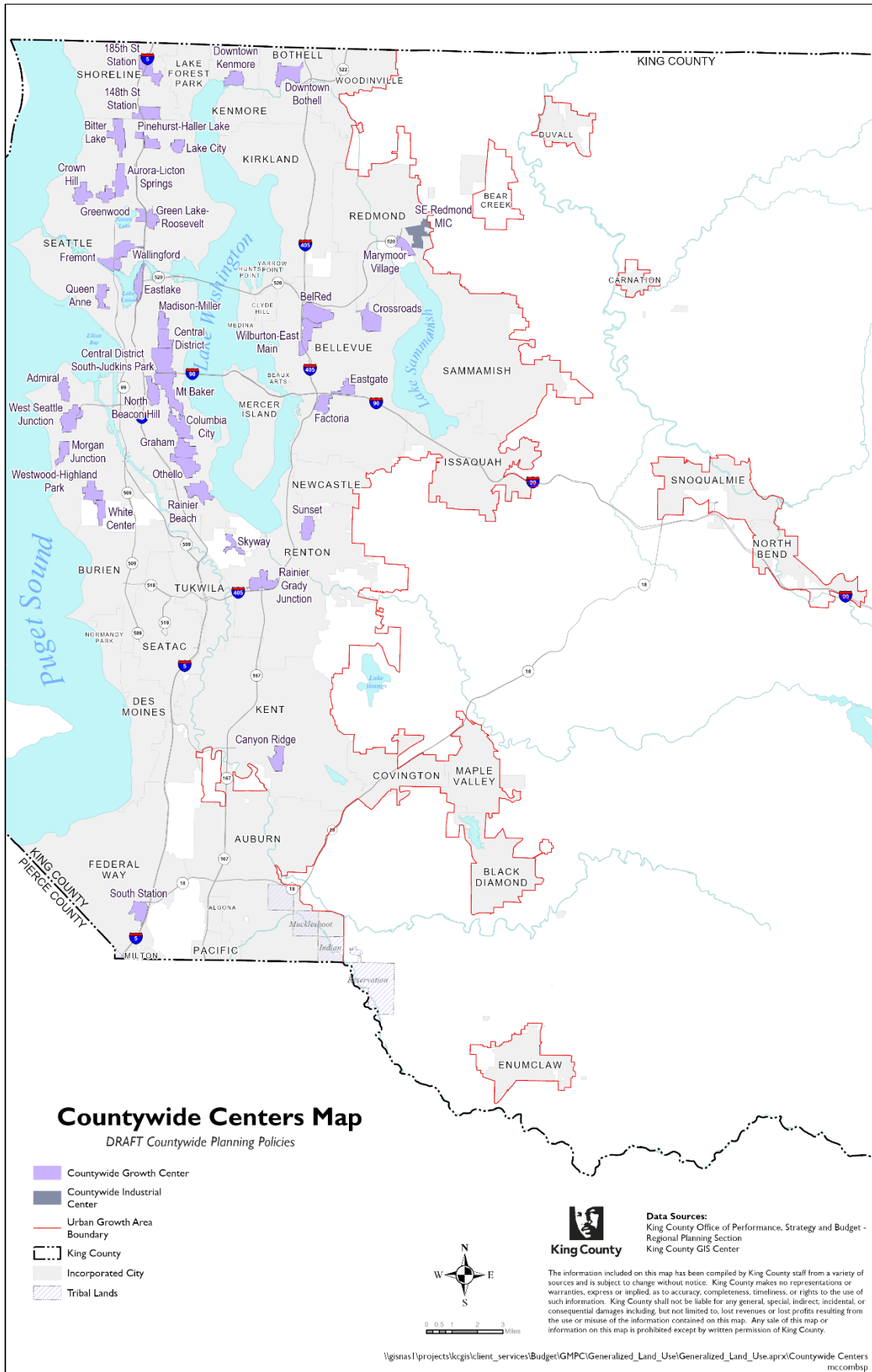
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32 Attachments

33 A: Amendments to 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies - Designation of Countywide  
34 Centers

**Attachment A: Amendments to 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies - Designation of Countywide Centers**

*In the Countywide Planning Policies, after Appendix 6, insert a new Appendix 7: Countywide Centers, and the following map (and make changes to the table of contents and formatting of the document to incorporate new Appendix 7):*



**GMPC MOTION 26-2**

A MOTION amending the map to add the Ballard Regional Center as a  
Regional Urban Growth Center.

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council adopted the Regional Centers Framework Update  
in March 2018, and VISION 2050 in November 2020, and these regional policy documents establish  
requirements for Regional Growth Centers;

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle applied for designation of the Ballard Regional Center as an  
Urban Growth Center under the Regional Growth Strategies;

WHEREAS, Countywide Planning Policy DP-32 allows for designation of new Regional Growth  
Centers in conformance with Appendix 6 of the Countywide Planning Policies;

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has demonstrated that the Ballard Regional Center meets the  
criteria in DP-32 and Appendix 6; and

WHEREAS, approval of this motion will allow the City of Seattle to apply as a Regional Growth  
Center with the Puget Sound Regional Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King  
County hereby recommends for approval to the Puget Sound Regional Council the Ballard Regional  
Center as a Regional Urban Growth Center as shown in Attachment A.

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

Attachments

- A: Amendments to 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies - Designation of Ballard  
Regional Center

### Attachment A: Amendments to 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies - Designation of Countywide Centers

*In the Countywide Planning Policies, in Appendix 1, strike Generalized Land Use Categories Map and insert new map:*

