



State of the City

RENTON. AHEAD OF THE CURVE.

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OUR GOAL IS TO BE BEST CITY IN KING COUNTY

Renton, the true home to the Seattle Seahawks, has remained in the spotlight this past year, as our team battled its way to become Superbowl Champions. And Boeing has been a community icon in Renton for generations with thousands of residents employed there. We continually brag that every Boeing 737 flying around the world made its maiden flight from our airport. It's amazing that effective this month, their goal is to be producing 42 planes per month in this community!

The economy continues to improve. However, the improving economy has not reached everybody and we need to be aware of this. The city has had to change the way we do business in order to continue providing quality services to our citizens. Despite the gained efficiencies and cuts in personnel and budgets, we continue to face a financial deficit in future years. It's important that we develop a sustainable fiscal strategy for the city.

But rather than dwelling on the impacts of staff reductions and reduced budgets, it became our goal over the past several years to do everything possible to provide the highest quality of service. We felt it was important to make sure that we support a workplace culture where employees feel appreciated, inspired and motivated to provide quality service. This cultural change at city hall is something I hope will be sustainable for years to come.

My key goal this year: For Renton to become the best city in King County.

- We want to be a city known for excellence in customer service.
- A city that finds solutions to everyday challenges facing our citizens.
- A city where we go beyond commonly accepted boundaries of service, innovation and performance; where we are constantly pushing the envelope when it comes to ways of doing business.

- A city where our management team provides the vision and support to our valued employees – and leads by example.
- A city that's inclusive and responsive to all of our citizens.

I want you to know that the city council and I, and our dedicated employees, are committed to providing quality, cost-effective government services for all of our residents and businesses.

The state of our city is strong. By working together, we will succeed in making Renton the best city in King County.

For a complete copy of the Mayor's state of the city speech, go to rentonwa.gov. To view the Mayor's entire speech, tune to channel 21.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRIORITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Fire and Emergency Services responded to more than 10,500 aid calls and 400 fires; firefighters also provided free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings to nearly 6,000 residents, as part of Renton Heart Month.
- Police Department responded to nearly 68,000 calls for service and arrested nearly 2,000 people.
- Police Department established the Adopt-A-School program where police officers routinely spend time at schools in their districts.
- Worked with city council to adopt new ordinances to cite property owners and revoke their business licenses if their establishments harbor criminal activity.

OUR COMMUNITY

- Community Services Department managed 13 miles of trails, 33 public parks and 1,200 acres of open spaces, our recreation programs, human services, and all of our facilities.
- Over 320,000 people visited the Maplewood golf course last year and nearly 75,000 people used the aquatic center, while Gene Coulon Park had over 750,000 visitors.
- Constructed the Meadow Crest Playground, a new accessible playground that offers special amenities for children of all abilities and ages.



Addressed homelessness by converting the former jail at City Hall into a day shelter for homeless women and children.

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\$9.8 Million Grant to Improve Renton Municipal Airport Underway



\$42 Million Rainier Avenue Improvement Project Completed

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRIORITIES

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SERVICES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

- Completed Rainier Avenue Improvement project on budget and ahead of schedule.
- Received a \$4.6 million grant to replace the deteriorating roadway on Logan Avenue North.
- Working on the reconstruction of the two main runways at the Renton Municipal Airport – a \$9.8 million project funded through grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Installed radio transmitters on 17,500 water meters throughout the city to improve efficiency and save leaks -- found more than 600 water leaks since installation.
- Replaced nearly 4,000 street lights with energy-efficient LED lights and will save \$300,000 per year annually in energy and operational costs.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Launched Renton's Green Team to shepherd the city's clean energy goals.
- In partnership with Puget Sound Energy and the home energy report, saved over \$1 million in energy costs for our residents.
- Built electric-vehicle charging infrastructure around the city, continue to add hybrid vehicles to our fleet and all the Waste Management trucks servicing Renton use compressed natural gas.
- Recycling programs are diverting nearly 25,000 tons of waste from the landfill.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- New auto dealerships are opening in Renton --CAR PROS will be opening a new Hyundai dealership; CAR MAX is scheduled to open in East Valley, and Washington State Auto Dealers moved into their new Renton headquarters.
- The Landing has reached 90% occupancy with several new openings.
- Lot of upcoming development on Lake Washington Boulevard including a four star hotel with a convention hall.
- Development in Sunset area of the Highlands, including a new library, a 111-unit apartment complex, a future park, and investment in infrastructure.
- A high-end paper products company will occupy the former Renton Western Wear building and there are plans for a multi-story apartment complex with retail at the Jet City Espresso site.



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The City of Renton was recognized by the National League of Cities for "Embracing Diversity."

RENTON: AN ALL-INCLUSIVE CITY

- Created a network of community liaisons representing various community groups to serve as the link between the city and the community groups.
- Facilitated workshops on race and offered free access to the exhibit Race: Are We So Different? to all city employees.
- Trained community liaisons in emergency preparedness to better assist and prepare their communities.
- Promoted heart health by providing free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings to our diverse communities.
- Appointed members from our community liaison group to serve on key citizen task forces.
- Celebrate and showcase the city's diversity by encouraging culturally diverse celebrations in festivals and parades throughout our city.

