



# 2025 Regional Affairs Agenda

## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Actively collaborate with regional partners to address increasing juvenile crime within the community, with a prioritization of addressing the root causes of juvenile crime and creating accountability. This includes strong support for regional initiatives and programs, such as LINC, that provide upstream investments into the community and school system, among other early intervention efforts.

**ADDRESSING VIOLENT CRIME:** Continue strong partnerships with regional partners, including joint-agency efforts such as Valley SWAT, to address violent crime within our community.

**CO-RESPONSE EFFORTS:** Maintain strong partnerships with local co-responder programs to ensure individuals have access to necessary and relevant care and services.

**COMBATING FENTANYL:** Actively collaborate with regional partners to address the dangers of fentanyl use within our community and utilize upstream investments, co-responder programs, and substance use disorder treatments to impact change.

## Transportation and Transit

**SOUND TRANSIT:** Actively ensure parking facilities are in place to accommodate the opening of the Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service in Renton in 2028. This includes collaboration with Sound Transit and other regional stakeholders to deliver the earliest possible construction of a permanent parking structure at the Renton Transit Center (formerly known as the South Renton Transit Center), and the construction of a park-and-ride facility near the NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street Station.

**KING COUNTY METRO:** Advocate for continual enhancement of Metro service within Renton, ensure efficient and timely implementation of the Rapid Ride I-Line, and pursue RapidRide status for the Sunset-to-Bellevue segment.

**PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC):** Ensure Renton receives its fair and equitable share of federal pass-through funding granted within the region.



## Housing and Community Development

**SUNSET AREA REVITALIZATION:** Continue strong collaboration with the Renton Housing Authority (RHA), South King Housing & Homeless Partnership (SKHHP), Microsoft, Amazon, and other community stakeholders to build high-quality, affordable housing and development projects within the area.

**RENTON TRANSIT CENTER TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD):** Continue strong collaboration with Sound Transit, King County, the Renton Housing Authority (RHA), and other key stakeholders to deliver mixed-income TOD projects within the Rainier Avenue and Grady Way Subarea.

**ARTS AND CULTURE:** Track, monitor, and communicate funding opportunities available through the 4Culture program for the Renton community. In addition, continue advocacy efforts to ensure more of these dollars are allocated for and spent within the community.

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## Economic and Workforce Development

**HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION:** Advocate for and partner with the Renton School District and regional post-secondary education providers within the community, such as Renton Technical College, to support high-school completion programs.

**CAREER TRAINING & READINESS:** Support local programs and initiatives that equip our community members with high-quality skills and tools for success in the workforce, including partnerships such as the Renton Promise.

## Human Services

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH:** Strongly support upstream investments, funding, and increased access for youth services supporting mental and physical health, including collaborating with the Renton School District to identify additional funding opportunities for the Renton Student Health Hub.

**VETERANS, SENIORS, AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY (VSHSL):** Seek additional ways to access funds for Renton projects and organizations from within the VSHSL.

## Homelessness and Behavioral Health

**SOUTH KING COUNTY CRISIS CARE CENTER:** Strongly collaborate with King County Department of Community and Human Services (KCDCHS), neighboring South King County cities, and behavioral health providers to deliver a high-quality and accessible Crisis Care Center within the region.

**KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY (KCRHA):** Support initiatives within KCRHA to find permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, while also strongly advocating for greater financial transparency and effective spending of public dollars.

**SOUTH KING HOUSING AND HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP (SKHHP):** Continue to participate in and support initiatives within SKHHP.



## Parks, Recreation, and Trail Connectivity

**PURSUIT OF FUNDING UNDER THE KING COUNTY PARKS LEVY:** Strongly advocate that King County apply funding toward the extension of existing trail infrastructure within and near the Renton community, including the Soos Creek Trail and Eastrail Partner's request to invest \$75 million in funding into the Eastrail system, part of which would fund further extension of the trail's southern terminus into Renton and improvements of existing trailheads and other associated trail infrastructure.

## Energy, Water, and Environmental Sustainability

**GREEN POWER:** Ensure Renton residents and businesses are aware of the benefits of the Green Power Program through collaboration with Puget Sound Energy.

**RECLAIMED WATER:** Maintain active collaboration with King County to determine where reclaimed water should be used, sold, and marketed.

**SOLID WASTE:** Continue strong collaboration with King County, the King County Solid Waste Division, and other Sound Cities to ensure the selection of a viable, efficient and equitable long-term alternative to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

**FLOOD CONTROL:** Ensure a fair share of funding goes to Renton projects within the King County Flood Control Zone District (KCFCZD), including a Cedar River capital investment strategy, Renton Levee Certification, Lower Cedar River feasibility study, Black River Pump rehabilitation, and Lower Cedar River Maintenance Dredging.