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## District 7 Winter 2018 Update



### Happy New Year!

The last 3 months of 2017 were very busy as I visited with and listened to constituents, and worked on local, regional and federal issues. Please read this report for some of the highlights.

## Working on Behalf of South King County Residents on Important Council Initiatives

**October 3** - I was in the City of Pacific to celebrate the completion of the Pacific Levee Setback Project. While no one looks forward to the rainy season, we are hopeful that Pacific residents will be safer as a result of the completion of the levee setback project. Thanks to Mayor Leanne Guier, Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn, and Executive Director Michelle Clark for their work.



*Councilmember von Reichbauer and constituent.*



*With Michelle Clark, King County Flood District Executive Director.*



*Left to right: Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier and King County Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn.*

**October 4** - I delivered "orphaned" glasses lost on King County Metro Buses to the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way. They will be repaired and delivered to those in need. I have partnered with the Kiwanis Club since 2001 to meet this need in our community.



*Left to right: Kiwanis Club of Federal Way members Linda Kochmar, Janice Siebenaler, Bob Kellogg Sr., Federal Way City Councilmember Susan Honda and Linda Persha.*



**October 7** - I hosted my third identity theft and mobile shredding event of the year. Over 100 residents brought personal documents to the Federal Way Farmers Market to be shredded and learned about different ways to prevent identity theft.

**October 16** - The King County Council proclaimed Filipino American History Month in King County, with a special tribute to the Filipino World War II veteran recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal. After the recognition, I had the opportunity to meet with Brigadier General (Ret.) Oscar Hilman, who served with me in the U.S. Army. He has brought credit to his family, friends and uniform through his service.



*With U.S. Army Brigadier General (Ret.) Oscar Hillman.*



**October 18** - Police chiefs from Auburn, Kent, and Federal Way discussed methods to address growing juvenile gang and gun violence in our communities at the monthly "Good Eggs" breakfast meeting with South King County leaders.

*Pictured at left, from left to right: Auburn Chief of Police Bob Lee, Federal Way Chief of Police Andy Hwang, Councilmember von Reichbauer, Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell, Kent Chief of Police Ken Thomas, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.*

**October and November** - I was able to see the "retired" King County vans that were recently donated to the Federal Way Boys and Girls Club, Nexus Youth and Families in Auburn, Communities in Schools of Federal Way and the Multi-Service Center. Since 1996, more than 550 vans have been donated to local governments and community organizations. The van donation program is an example of government at its best!



*Above, left to right: Auburn Councilmember John Holman, Nexus Youth and Families Development Director Michael Jackson and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.*



*Pictured at left, from left to right: Federal Way Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Mark Hendricks, and Federal Way Councilmember Mark Koppang.*



*Pictured at left, with Communities in Schools of Federal Way Executive Director Tracy Oster.*



*Above, left to right: Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell and Alan Clapper, Case Manager for the William J. Woods Veterans House.*

**October 30** – The King County Council celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the effort that became known as “Save Our Seahawks,” the successful campaign to keep the team in the region after it was put up for sale. I was proud to work with Microsoft co-Founder Paul Allen, who purchased the team in 1997. The Seahawks are also here today because volunteers and voters came together to support funding for a new stadium. One of many is Patty Hammond, known as “Mama Blue.” To learn more about this “super fan,” please watch the NFL produced video which is linked below.



(Click on the image to play <https://www.facebook.com/NFL/videos/10155839501966263/>)

Members of the group “Save our Seahawks” join the members of the County Council after the Council recognized the 20th Anniversary of the organization’s effort to keep the NFL in Seattle.

**November 13** - The King County Council unanimously adopted a supplemental budget that includes a \$1,000,000 appropriation for the East Hylebos Watershed Conservation that will acquire and protect open space on the former Weyerhaeuser campus. I am glad that King County will continue to partner with the City of Federal Way on efforts to conserve such a unique and historical South King County property. The purchase is the start of a multi-year fundraising campaign to aid in the long-term vision for conservation of this land alongside development.



**November 15** - Washington State's economic forecast for 2018 was the topic of discussion at the November breakfast meeting. Dr. Steve Lerch, Executive Director and Chief Economist of the Washington State Economic Revenue and Forecast Council, discussed the opportunities, challenges and expectations for our state's economy as we move into 2018.



*Left to right: City of Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, City of Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Executive Director of the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council Dr. Steve Lerch, and James Gwilliam representing the new owners of The Commons.*



*Patty Hayes, Director of Public Health Seattle & King County, and me being interviewed by Korean broadcast service KO-AM TV prior to the December 5 Town Hall. See the interview at this link: <https://youtu.be/7uQ3wcQBcxA>*

*Pictured at right, left to right: King County Sheriff's Office Major Greg Thomas, King County Director of Elections Julie Wise, King County Libraries Interim Director Stephen Smith, King County Metro General Manager Rob Gannon and Seattle – King County Public Health Director Patty Hayes.*



**December 6** - Patty Hayes, Director of Public Health Seattle & King County, discussed strategies for preventing the spread of communicable diseases, and answered questions about the impact our region's homelessness crisis is having on community health at my December "Good Eggs" breakfast.



*Left to right: Seattle – King County Public Health Director Patty Hayes, Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.*



*With Judge Jim Cayce.*

**December 11** - I was sworn in for a new term on the King County Council. Thank you to Judge Jim Cayce for administering my oath of office. I look forward to spending the next four years advocating for our community, listening to the constituents of District 7 and promoting job growth in South King County.

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