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# District 7 Spring 2022 Update



Dear Friends:

Happy Spring!

As the warmer months arrive, our region looks to emerge from the challenges, lessons, and the fear of the unknown brought by COVID-19 and the many issues around us.

Stories of resilience, sacrifice, and kindness serve as our beacon of hope that better days lie before us.

In South King County, positive things are happening. Please take a moment to review some of the highlights of the first three months of 2022.

With best wishes,

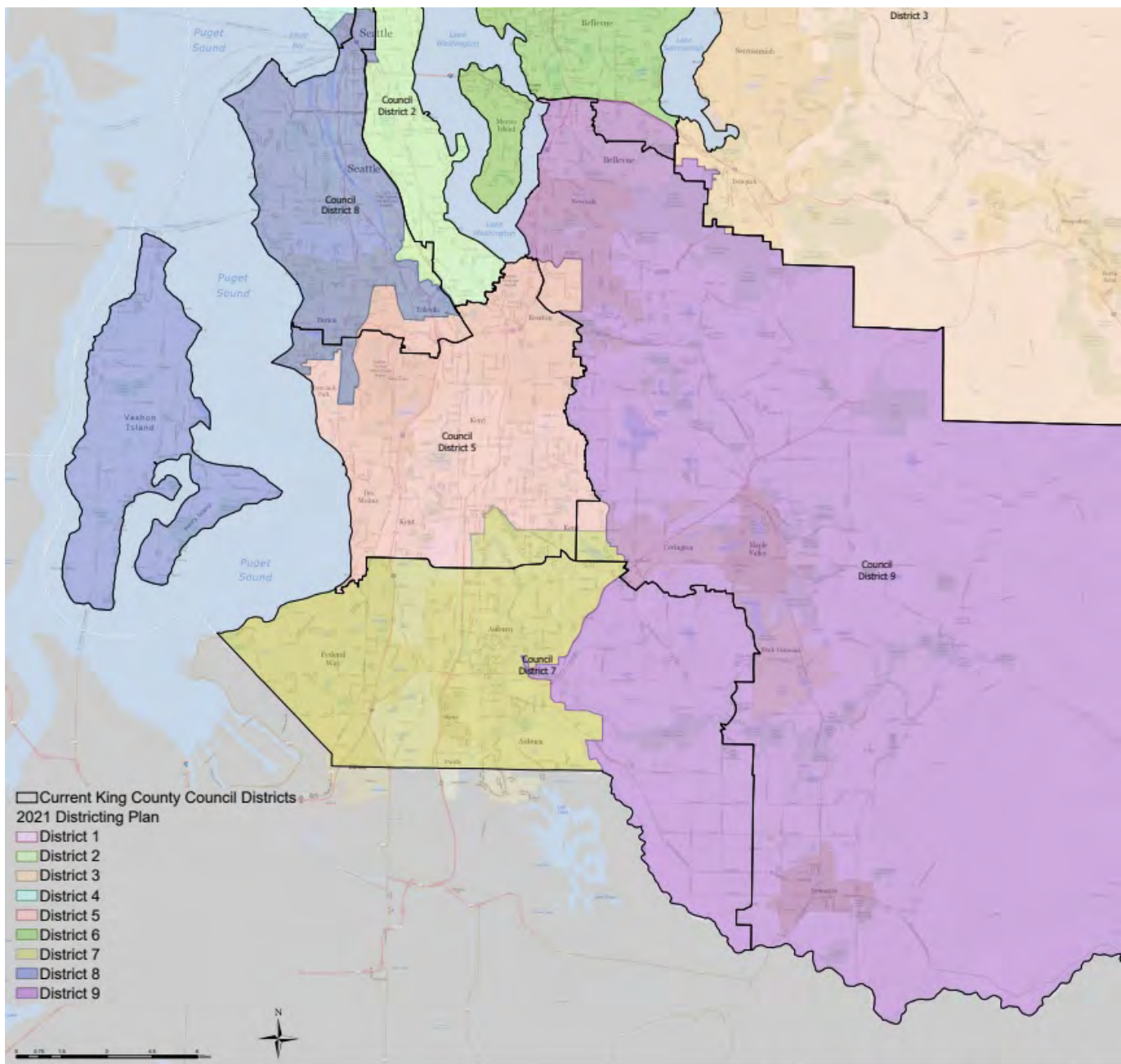
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## NEW King County Council district boundaries now in effect

Following the redistricting process and public hearing conducted by the King County Districting Committee last year, the adopted plan map that shows the new King County Council district boundaries is now in effect. To check if your precinct, county council and city council voting districts have changed, visit [Find My Districts](#) and enter your address. For more information on the entire process of the redrawing of the King County Council Districts, visit <https://kingcounty.gov/independent/districting>.



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2021 Districting Plan, Adopted Dec. 8, 2021

## 2022 South King County Scholar Athlete Auction and Lunch

Please join the South King County Scholar Athlete Fund auction and lunch on May 21, 2022, at the Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center, with NBA Legend Lenny Wilkens, hosted by the Voice of the Seahawks, Steve Raible.

In past years, over 250 community members raised more than \$50,000 for scholar-athletes in South King County school districts. Please consider attending this year's event to continue supporting our local scholar athletes and athletic programs.

Tickets can be purchased in advance of the event for \$50 at <https://www.skcscholar.org/>. The ticket includes admission to our lunch, live silent auction, and remarks by Lenny Wilkens and Steve Raible. All event proceeds will benefit the South King County Scholar Athlete Fund.



*Left: Seattle Seahawks Wide Receiver Doug Baldwin speaks to more than 250 supporters at the 2018 South King County Scholar Athlete Breakfast. Right: Auburn High School Athletes with Jim Zorn and Steve Raible.*



## Federal Way High School Boys' Basketball

In January, I met with my friend, Coach Yattah Reed, who I watched play for the FWHS Basketball Team in the 1990s, and who is now teaching and coaching boys' basketball at his alma mater. It was great to check out the new FWHS uniforms, which were funded by a local, private foundation. Go Eagles (unless you're playing my alma mater, Clover Park High School)!



*With FWHS Boys' Basketball Coach Yattah Reed*

## New Federal Way City Council President

Congratulations to Linda Kochmar on being elected as the Federal Way City Council President! I previously had the privilege of working with Linda in her role as a state representative and when she was the part-time mayor of Federal Way.



*With Federal Way City Council President Linda Kochmar*

## Virtual “Good Eggs” Community Forum with Washington Federal Bank President and CEO

In February, I had the opportunity to host Washington Federal Bank (WaFd) President and CEO Brent Beardall for our monthly virtual “Good Eggs” community forum. Brent discussed his perspective on the direction of the economy this year, both locally and nationally, as well as the future of the banking industry. He touched on inflation, unemployment, home values, oil prices, and the impacts these things have on small businesses and individuals. You may watch a recorded version of the virtual forum on my [Facebook page](#).



*With WaFd President and CEO Brent Beardall*



*With Brent Beardall and South King County community leaders*



## Meeting with South King County Leaders

### Kent Mayor Dana Ralph

I met with Kent Mayor Dana Ralph to discuss the rising crime rate in South King County and the concern it is causing our local communities. We cannot focus on public safety city by city; there must be a regional approach.



*With Kent Mayor Dana Ralph at the Kent City Hall*



### Federal Way Councilmember Hoang Tran

I met with Federal Way Councilmember Hoang Tran at the local Panera Bread to discuss how he is actively working as a member of the Federal Way City Council to encourage more job producing businesses to relocate in South King County.

*With Federal Way Councilmember Hoang Tran*

### Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus

I also had an opportunity to have lunch with Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus across from the Auburn City Hall. We caught up on criminal justice issues and reviewed proposals that are before the Sound Transit board, where we both serve as board members and where Nancy serves as the chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.



*With Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus*



## PAC-12 Swimming Championships

The PAC-12 Swimming Championships were back at the King County Weyerhaeuser Aquatic Center, the home of many past and future Olympians. I met with Markel Leonard, Sports Management & Championships Assistant Director and Cheryl Wong, Assistant Commissioner Sports Management and Championships, at the Women's Swimming Championships.



*With Markel Leonard, Sports Management & Championships Assistant Director and Cheryl Wong, Assistant Commissioner Sports Management & Championships*



*With Mike Dunwiddie, Regional Aquatic Center Coordinator*

## South King County Public Health Town Hall

In March, I hosted a virtual South King County Public Health Town Hall with Public Health – Seattle & King County Interim Director Dennis Worsham as the speaker. Director Worsham spoke with South King County community leaders about COVID-19 and the challenges we still face before normal life resumes. He also discussed other health issues such as the opioid crisis, HIV, hepatitis, and syphilis. You can watch the recorded livestream on my [Facebook page](#).



*With Public Health – Seattle & King County Interim Director Dennis Worsham*



*With South King County Community Leaders and Director Worsham*



## Supporting Local Businesses

During these tough times when COVID-19 has had significant impacts on businesses, it is more important than ever to support our community. I had a chance to visit local Auburn businesses including Zola's Cafe and other retailers, before stopping by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. Support local businesses!



## Federal Way Public Schools

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dani Pfeiffer to review the impact of the pandemic on classrooms over the last two years, as well as hear her perspective on the Governor's call to lift the mask mandate for schools on March 12th.



*With FWPS Superintendent Dani Pfeiffer*

## Federal Way Link Light Rail

We are beginning to see progress at the future site of the Federal Way Link light rail station. Two years ago, I visited this site with Mayor Jim Ferrell of Federal Way. I recently visited the site again to see how the project is going. Columns and girders are now in place to support the elevated tracks and station platform. We are excited to see what this project will offer not only to our transit riders, but also to the Federal Way Downtown core and the rest of South King County.



*With Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell atop the Federal Way Transit Center parking garage, overlooking the future site of the Federal Way light rail station*



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