
From: Leah Tocco <ltocco@marysvillewa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 9:46 AM
To: Nehring, Nate; Dunn, Megan; Mead, Jared; Low, Sam
Cc: Contact Council; Somers, Dave J; Cornell, Adam
Subject: Letter to County Council - Prosecuting Attorney's 2023 Budget Request
Attachments: Prosecuting Attorney's Office 2023 Budget Letter County Council.pdf

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.1

FILE ORD 22-059

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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter, signed by Mayors' of Snohomish County.

Thank you,

Leah Tocco | City of Marysville
Executive Services Coordinator
(360) 363-8091 | ltocco@marysvillewa.gov



September 14, 2022

The Honorable Members of Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Snohomish County Council Members,

We, the undersigned Snohomish County Mayors, write to urge your support for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's 2023 budget request. The recent spike in homicides and other violent crimes in Snohomish County, and the impact of persistent and repeat felony offenders—particularly those who unlawfully possess and use firearms in furtherance of their criminal activity—is adversely affecting the social well-being and the quality of life for those who live and work in our cities. The responsive and fair prosecution of felony crimes in Snohomish County is essential to keeping our communities safe and livable and holding offenders accountable with timely and efficient justice.


The Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is a critically important ally in our law and justice efforts. In this current, turbulent environment, however, their existing resources are inadequate to achieve an optimal level of public safety by way of felony prosecution. It is our understanding that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has requested funding to hire Deputy Prosecutors and staff to specifically address the escalation in violent crime, the related and continuing scourge of gun violence, and the training needs of an unprecedented number of new employees in their office and in our local law enforcement agencies. We believe fully funding their 2023 budget request is an appropriate and necessary response to the community safety concerns of our citizens.

It is our intention to also work with the current and future County Prosecutors to develop metrics with which to measure progress in the areas cited. We realize that with additional resources should come additional accountability to the goals and commitments cited.

We are mindful that the task of allocating the County's finite fiscal resources is a tall one and requires difficult decision making. Nevertheless, the safety of our citizens is our number one priority and the prosecution of our most dangerous offenders is the surest path to community well-being. We strongly urge you to support the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's 2023 budget request.


Sincerely,




Mayor Sid Roberts
City of Stanwood



MARYSVILLE


Mayor Jon Nehring
City of Marysville



EVERETT
WASHINGTON


Mayor Cassie Franklin
City of Everett



Joe Marine

Mayor Joe Marine
City of Mukilteo



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Mayor Russell Wiita
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City of Arlington



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City of Mill Creek



Linda Redmon

Mayor Linda Redmon
City of Snohomish



Brett Gailey
Brett Gailey, Mayor

Mayor Brett Gailey
City of Lake Stevens



Dan Rankin

Mayor Dan Rankin
Town of Darrington



Michael S. Quinn

Mayor Mike Quinn
Town of Woodway



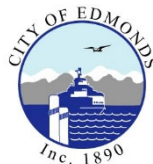
Christine Frizzell

Mayor Christine Frizzell
City of Lynnwood



Dale Kaemingk

Mayor Dale Kaemingk
City of Brier



Mike Nelson

Mayor Mike Nelson
City of Edmonds

cc: Executive Somers
Prosecuting Attorney Adam Cornell

From: Jonathan Ventura <jventura@arlingtonwa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:53 PM
To: Contact Council; Somers, Dave J
Cc: Jennifer Bilow
Subject: Public Safety and 2023 Budget
Attachments: SCSPCA LTR OF SUPPORT 2022.pdf

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EXHIBIT # 5.2

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Respectfully,



Jonathan Ventura, MPA

Chief of Police | Arlington Police Department

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Representing Law Enforcement in Snohomish County

Sheriff Adam Fortney
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Chief Jonathan Ventura
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Chief Michelle Bennett
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WOODWAY

Captain Jason Knott
WSP

Adam Cornell
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

September 27, 2022

Members of the Snohomish County Council and Executive Dave Somers

VIA Electronic Mail:

Re: Prosecuting Attorney's Office 2023 Budget Request

Dear Members of the Snohomish County Council and Executive Somers:

I write on behalf of the membership of the Snohomish County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association to urge your support for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's 2023 budget request. The ability of our agencies to successfully protect and serve our county's citizens is intrinsically tied to the work of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Not only do we rely upon them for the review and prosecution of felony crimes in our county, but we also rely regularly on their assistance in furthering our investigations and providing training for our officers and deputies.

Our communities are at a critical public safety crossroads. Growing concern about an increase in homicides and other violent crimes and the impact of persistent and repeat felony offenders—particularly those who unlawfully possess and use firearms in furtherance of their criminal activity—is compounded by attrition in the law enforcement ranks and the attendant loss, in many cases, of decades of valuable experiential capital. Additionally, police and prosecutors have been required to modify and adapt their practices in the wake of recent, significant changes in the law. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office funding request is a critically important first step toward responsibly addressing these challenges.

The thorough, fair, and timely investigation and prosecution of felony crimes in Snohomish County is essential to both keeping our communities safe and livable, and to holding offenders accountable. The membership of the Snohomish County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association believes that fully funding the Prosecuting Attorney's 2023 budget request is an appropriate and necessary response to the specific needs of our agencies and the community safety concerns of our citizens. We strongly urge your support.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Ventura, President
Snohomish County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association
Chief of Police, Arlington Police Department

From: Dunn, Megan
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: FW: Juvenile Detention

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.3

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Megan Dunn | Council Chair and Councilmember District 2

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Pronouns: she/her/hers

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From: Tiffany Gering <Tiffany.Gering@CO.CHELAN.WA.US>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 9:09 AM
Subject: Juvenile Detention

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Good morning Commissioner,

Budget preparation is upon us and I thought it an appropriate time to reach out to you regarding juvenile detention. Last year, our juvenile court, probation and detention cost Chelan county almost \$3.5 million. Whether you are operating your own facility or contracting with another county, I am sure you are experiencing the same inflation costs. I don't know if you have ever had the chance to visit our juvenile detention facility, but we would like to show you exactly what we have to offer. Just last week, our Juvenile Administrator, Corey Stephens, presented to a neighboring county commission and we would love the opportunity to present to your board as well. Please let me know if you have some time during session to see what we are able to offer. Looking forward to hearing from you to schedule a date. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Chelan County Juvenile Detention offers the following services:

- Crisis mental health response through Catholic Charities.
- Jail Services Program (addresses non-emergent mental health) through Catholic Charities.
- In-house and virtual mental health-related and substance use disorder assessments.
- In-person visitation.
- Institutional Education program.
- WorkSource employment skills training.
- Narcotics Anonymous panel support group.
- EDGE (life skills group).
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) groups.
- Celebrate Recovery 12-step self-help recovery group.
- Chaplaincy Program.
- In-house Food service program.
- Contracted non-emergency medical care.
- Yoga.

- North Central Regional Library partnership.
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) facility certification since 2019.



Tiffany Gering

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Ordinance 22-059

EXHIBIT 5.4

General Legislative Session Meeting Minutes – 10/05/22

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Ordinance 22-059

EXHIBIT 5.5

General Legislative Session Meeting Minutes – 10/05/22

[Minutes](#) and [Video](#)

From: mr e <mreenterprises1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:22 PM
To: Contact Council
Subject: County Budget

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.6

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Greetings Executive Somers and County Council,

Residents have concerns about inflation, rising costs, and tax increases. People have stated they receive less services, yet at higher expense. Considering the circumstances of the last 2 years, the county should consider approaching 2023 with a modest, conservative plan.

Properly applied preventive and social programs have shown to be more efficient use of our dollars than unaccountable reactive, enforcement measures. However these social programs should be structured and have outcomes that 'prevent' not enable societal challenges. We do not help or move forward any sect of the population when we marginalize them. A functional civilization needs law and order.

In the past, I have offered a proposal to lower operating costs in the county. Based on 25 + years of aquaculture experience, I also have Salmon conservation goals based on cooperation, collaboration, and hard choices. Solutions over challenges.

Thank You for your time and consideration,
Jeff Estes
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Ordinance 22-059

EXHIBIT 5.7

Minutes

Public Hearing on Executive's Recommended Budget– 10/25/22 @ 10:30 a.m.

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Ordinance 22-059

EXHIBIT 5.7A

Minutes

Public Hearing on Executive's Recommended Budget– 10/25/22 @ 6:00 p.m.

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EXHIBIT # 5.7.B

FILE ORD 22-059

October 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

2023 Budget & Biennial Public Forum

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3.	JAN TRAIL HAYEN	STANWOOD	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
4.	Yvonne Muggy	Granite Falls	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
5.	Bobby Patton	EVERETT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
6.	Brad Haggard	Granite Falls	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
7.	Doug Staden	Snohomish	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
8.	Greg Mackie	Granite Fall	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
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Ordinance 22-059

EXHIBIT 5.8

Minutes

General Legislative Session – 11/02/22

[Minutes](#) and [Video](#)

From: DORIAN Leigh <dorianleighk@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Contact Council; Somers, Dave J
Cc: Fortney, Adam; jnehrling; Jim Smith; Patrick Decker; Julieta Altamirano-Crosby; James Nelson; Dan Templeman; Christine Frizzell; Shirley Sutton; Klein, Ken
Subject: 2023 Budget

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Hello County Councilmembers and Executive Somers,

Please review: <https://www.janellecass.com/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EekFOaQmaOc&t=1868s>

I feel like it is a waste of time to write this email as my concerns have been falling on deaf ears for over a decade and the crime is rising as predicted, due to the county's unwillingness to pull their heads out of the sand. Instead of being proactive, the county continues to be reactive and our residents are being destroyed.

I shared at a county budget hearing many years ago about the fact that Snohomish County is lacking resources for those who are affected by mental health issues as well as substance use disorder. I explained that rising crime is due to our residents who are sick and need detox, drug treatment and mental health treatment. I shared that the county needs to be proactive in terms of investing in these residents in order to get to the root of the problem. I explained that arresting sick people doesn't treat their sickness and even Adam Fortney who vehemently disagreed with me at the time, has now come to agree with me. He wasted millions of taxpayer dollars arresting sick people and our crime is higher than ever. See enclosed video of Adam Fortney admitting that we can't arrest our way out of this problem.

We are now in the year 2023, and I haven't seen any proposals for these resources? I haven't invested the time in reading the whole budget proposal so hopefully I'm wrong and there are millions of dollars proposed to build detox centers, drug treatment and mental health treatment throughout the county. If not, I'm beyond disappointed in all of you.

It looks like we're still planning to spend 75% of the 1.5 billion dollars on law and justice agencies? Seriously? Hiring more police does NOTHING to deal with the current problem. It doesn't make us feel safer, especially when the police won't do anything because they know there is no place to take the sick people. It only exacerbates the community's anger towards the police. We see the officers doing nothing and wonder why we're paying them 100K a year. I was recently told from a local officer that the officers don't even want to work overtime anymore, they are sick of trying to deal with this problem. If you want to know how this is affecting police officers please review this, it states that more cops die by suicide than by shootings and traffic accidents combined.

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/records/1778-police-suicide>

I'm shocked that the democratic executive and council seems to be in name only. You can determine the true political beliefs of any elected official by the way they vote to spend the money. Even though you have repeatedly seen that arresting sick people doesn't work, the money keeps getting invested in those areas instead of actually treating the disease. Even the millions of ARPA dollars the county was given didn't get invested in detox or treatment facilities?

It looks like you're planning to throw more money towards the sheriff's office when he has clearly admitted that arresting people isn't working. How is paying for body cameras going to help these sick people? Do we really need to record their acting out when the police are called to deal with problems they shouldn't have to be dealing with? They are supposed to be enforcing laws, not babysitting sick people. We are paying to add more prosecutors? Remember,

our sheriff said that isn't working? It appears that you aren't even listening to the conservative sheriff who had to learn the hard way that spending 75% of our 1.5 Billion dollars on law and justice is only causing crime and homelessness to rise. If we invest in the proper resources, we won't need to invest

In addition, I'm wondering how Nate is proposing to adopt a policy which would require the residents to do something that is currently a physical impossibility. Where in the county would you like hundreds of prospective residents to get detox, and treatment for addiction and mental health issues? Perhaps it would behoove the council to first invest in those facilities, prior to requiring that as a condition for housing. Many people suffering from substance use disorder don't have money or insurance. Please see enclosed video from local experts confirming the lack of resources in the county.

Those suffering from substance use disorder need to first be placed into a medical detox facility where the body detoxifies medically as the drugs are removed and their physical health is preserved. Physiological dependency is the body's dependency on the drug. Where are the facilities in Snohomish County for those suffering from substance use disorder to detoxify their bodies? The last I heard, there are no beds in WA state, even for minors. See video

After their body detoxifies, they need to be moved to in-patient treatment to deal with the emotional and psychological dependency. If they don't receive proper and adequate treatment for the psychological dependency, they will relapse. Currently, even those with insurance are being forced out of treatment too early and relapsing. See enclosed video link from local experts dealing with these issues.

Lastly, they need to receive mental health treatment for the underlying trauma and/or mental health issues which motivated their turning to substances to self medicate. If they don't receive this important component, they will eventually relapse in order to medicate the unhealed pain that was never treated.

Just a side note to invite you to have empathy for those struggling with a psychological dependence. Imagine for a moment that your job was removed from you, your house was taken away and your family left you, all because you have a disorder that you can't control. You now can't afford treatment because you lost your job and your family hates you. Everyone has given up on you and there is no where for you to get help. This is the current situation for thousands of county residents.

Those residents suffering from substance use disorder are still being judged, shamed, arrested, rejected and none of this treatment is bringing them healing. They need medical treatment, NOT shaming treatment. They are NOT bad, they are sick.

Meanwhile, our police are being dumped on and overwhelmed with trying to deal with problems which are merely symptoms of a sickness that no one is willing to address. No one wants to be policeman/ women anymore because they are being blamed for a problem they did not create, but are having to clean up the messes that county leaders won't address or invest in. We are paying our officers higher and higher wages and it still isn't enough because they are sick and tired of dealing with this mess and then being blamed for lack of improvement. They are burned out, understaffed and the cycle will only worsen if you all continue to look the other way about these issues! Our police are becoming the new scapegoat for this issue no one will address.

The police are running out of options when they are called to deal with these sick people, as the emergency rooms don't want them and there simply aren't any places to take them. No resources in the county!

When my car was broken into a few years ago an Everett policeman told me that he has known so many people that were successful businessmen/women who had surgery and were prescribed pain meds. Due to underlying mental health issues/trauma, they became addicted. When the doctors stopped giving them more medication, they turned to the streets to get it. They in turn lost everything they had worked for their whole lives. He also told me that the addicted brain tells the person they will literally die if they don't get the drug. That is the reason they turn to crime in order to get what they believe is keeping them alive.

We have to stop stigmatizing substance use disorder as being people who just want to “get high” and “party.” Recreational drug use is completely different from someone who turns to substances in order to cope and survive. One is a choice and the other is a disorder that needs treatment. We currently have an epidemic of substance use disorder victims and no resources for treatment. See video about the current lack of resources in Snohomish County.

Denying the problem, isn't making it go away. Arresting those who are acting out because they are sick, isn't making them well. Judging these people as “bad” “lazy” “crazy” etc. isn't healing them.

My hope and prayer is that you will wake up and do what you know is right, in terms of investing in the root of this problem. If you continue to make the wrong choices, and look the other way, you will be held accountable for your actions.

Respectfully,
Snohomish County Taxpayers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Keith Westlund <derbyday62@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: RE The 2023 Budget

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.10

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Greetings,

My name is Keith Westlund, I live in Marysville and I currently Work in DCNR - Surface Water Management, where I am an Engineering Technician IV. I got out and collect Water Quality Samples, both physical and electronic for analysis in approximately 45 streams and river all over Snohomish County. The physical samples are analyzed by a private Testing Lab who then send us the results electronically. This data is collected for our State of the Waters Program, a 10 Year Monitoring Program and for our NPDES Permit requirements by DOE.

I've been working in my current position, since I started working in SWM back 2009 after my former department, PDS had a big downturn in construction permits and sent termination papers to me after having worked in PDS for 19 years, as were dozens of my co-workers.

I've created a great, fulfilling career over the past 32 years that includes salmon stream and habitat restoration, stream & wetland mapping and categorization, environmental permit review for all types of construction and stream and wetland mitigation inspections too.

Currently, I'm very proud of to be driving all over our county in a monthly basis collecting and monitoring stream and river water, looking for pollution, helping to keep our streams clean and healthy for our fragile local salmon and trout populations.

I work with an extremely dedicated team who are in SWM's Resource Monitoring Team. They are one of the most detail-oriented group working to protect our valuable water system I have worked with, in my 32 years plus year working for the County.

I/we know that you're currently working to review, finalize and approve the proposed. county budget for 2023. I'd like to encourage you to approve Surface Water Management's Budget as it was submitted to you for approval, because I can guarantee you that you won't find a more knowledgeable and caring department in the county, doing a more important role in environmental monitoring.

Your Approval of the 2023 Budget is crucial for these important programs to be continued for benefit of all...

Thank You for Your Time & Consideration on this important matter.....

Keith M Westlund

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From: Julie Sanchez <pmaritza_sanchez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 7:28 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: Public Comment

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.11

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Julie Sanchez
Council 2

I am currently employed as a License Examiner II for the Licensing Division of the Auditor's Office. As a License Examiner II, I renew, issue, and close business licenses on behalf of Snohomish County. I also process vehicle/vessel related transactions as an agent of the Department of Licensing for Washington State.

My service is critical to Snohomish County as vehicle/vessel registrations and titling vehicles is a vital part of Washington's economy. Moreover, registration is required for any vehicle that is on a public road. Therefore, the number of transactions we process is extensive. Titling of mobile homes has also increased drastically due to the rise in the housing market. In addition, we provide services to our subagents within Snohomish County.

A recent experience of a licensing transaction is one that involves a mobile home. The buyer of the mobile home purchased the home from someone who did not have the title. The record indicated that two owners were on the title. When the buyer reached out to the seller, the seller indicated that the second registered owner was deceased. When a deceased party is involved, we ensure that we follow Washington laws and regulations when dealing with a deceased person's estate. If the estate is not administered, as was the case in this transaction, we require inheritance documents and a certified copy of a death certificate. Along with that, the seller and buyer are required to complete a Mobile Home Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavit with the Excise Department of the Treasurer's Office. These transactions are not only lengthy, they require knowledge of laws, working with other departments, and helping customers who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. The job requires the skills and understanding of the process as well as empathy and compassion for the customer.

These types of transactions may seem as happening rarely, but that is not the case. These transactions occur frequently. I am proud to do this work where I am able to support and assist those who do not have an understanding of the laws and procedures. I am proud to serve those who want someone that can actively listen and assure them that their transactions are going to be processed with the highest level of accuracy. I am most proud to provide a public space where diversity is welcomed and to provide a space of inclusion where customers are treated equally. However, the staffing shortages within our department have made it difficult to provide the highest quality of service.

Some of the challenges with staffing shortages include long wait times for those who visit in person or call over the phone. At times, employees are unable to be immediately released on their scheduled break times. New employees are left unattended because trainers are being pulled to assist multiple employees at one time. This is not the level of service our public deserves. They deserve our full undivided attention, with little to no distractions. They should trust that we are processing their transactions to the best of our abilities. If our abilities are being weighed down due to the stress levels of staffing shortages, we are not meeting the customer's expectations.

When preparing and deciding a budget, I ask that you consider how these challenges affect the employees of Snohomish County as well as the general public. The current roles are a necessity and we need to support those who require our services.

Kindly,

Julie Sanchez

From: Jennifer Main <jddaisy0505@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 5, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: Publix comment on budget meeting

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.12

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Good afternoon,

My name is Jennifer Main and I am a member of Council 2, Snohomish County. I work for Snohomish county with the aging and disability. I provide case management to clients who wish to Remain in home with supportive caregiver services. This position allows residents to remain in home and keep their freedoms to remain independent with the help of a provider. I meet with clients on a quarterly basis but at this time that is a hard task with high case loads and lack of caregivers. Case managers are being asked to triage cases that are higher needs while others go untouched until an annual review is due. This is unfair to the clients as they all should be getting proper support no matter the level of need. Also clients go months without case management and other case managers are asked to cover cases with no connection to the client. Clients should have rapport with the case manager but this is difficult due to high turnover and large case loads. Please keep the elderly and vulnerable to keep in mind as you perform the difficult task of preparing a budget. These clients should have the highest level of concern as they have e the highest risk of abuse and have supported the county through their lives and now it's time to support back. Case managers working these jobs are sacrificing their own family time to make sure others are cared for. This sacrifice comes in the form of time away from family and low pay for the services provided.

Jennifer Main

From: Rasmussen, Bianca
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 8:41 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: Call to Action for Budgeting - Attachment
Attachments: Call to Action - Bianca Rasmussen.docx

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.13

FILE ORD 22-059

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from an excise specialist. Thank you very much and have a wonderful day.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE THE GENERAL EMAIL BOX FOR THE EXCISE TEAM IS: Contact.TreasurerExcise@snoco.org.

****Due to high volumes we are currently unable to accommodate 24 hour turn-around on property transfers.****

Sincerely,

Bianca Rasmussen

Bianca Rasmussen, Excise Specialist – she/her



Snohomish County Treasurer's Office

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For current property tax and investment information please visit:

<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5214/Treasurer>

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Bianca Rasmussen

AFSCME Member

Everett, WA

I am an excise specialist for Snohomish County. It is our duty as a team to educate the public and approve all property transfers for the county. On a difficult day, we may handle several hundred transfers – manually and electronically. A lot of our conditions for property transfer approval are standards set by the Department of Revenue. In a lot of ways, that makes us a messenger for the DOR while also representing the service of Snohomish County.

The job can be exhaustive and tiring during peak days and peak seasons. We are in constant communication with title companies and legal offices that submit on behalf of their clients as well as the general public in person, on the phone, and through email. The home-buying and selling process can be a very emotional one and we tend to hear the stories of the people we are assisting. Not all of the transfers are simply buying a home. Some of the transfers include painful experiences like divorce or losing a loved one. We must guide our customers on navigating a difficult and sensitive situation because there are different paperwork and documentation requirements for each scenario.

Short staffing and turnovers are prevalent in our department, and I hope that that will be considered during the daunting task of preparing a budget. The simple fact is that each property transfer must go through our department so that they are compliant and taxes are paid. The job is not easy, but our team still shows up and we learn more and more each day.

Thank you for taking the time.

Bianca Rasmussen

Bianca.Rasmussen@snoco.org

From: mr e <mreenterprises1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Including ARPA Funds in County Budget

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT # 5.14

FILE ORD 22-059

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Greetings,

If 85 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (federal funding) is included in setting next year's proposed budget, how will the county make up the difference the following year?

Thanks

Jeff Estes

From: Tachell, Gayle
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Contact Council; Somers, Dave J
Subject: Budget Input

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I am employed as a Juvenile Probation Counselor at Denny Youth Center, Snohomish County Juvenile Court. I reside in Mill Creek, WA. I am requesting the Early Retirement Incentive be reinstated into the budget.

With today's hiring practices there is very little advancement opportunities for older employees. However due to cost of living and medical cost we are forced to continue working in environments that no longer seem to value us. It creates resentment instead of a retirement that should be celebrated. Allowing older employees to retire with some grace also opens doors to new hire that better fit today's needs.

It was my understanding this practice was to be reviewed each year. I am requesting the incentive be considered to help offset the cost of medical coverage and cost of living so that we can retire and open the path for newer employees.

Regards,

Gayle Tachell
Juvenile Probation Counselor
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Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: County Budget

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My Name is Tamie Petterson I was born, raised and live in Snohomish County for 57 years, where my husband and I have raised two beautiful daughters. I am currently a Snohomish County employee of the Solid Waste Division for 19 years. In those 19 years of service, I have not seen one pay increase and a very minimal cost of living increase. Currently, we are not even close to the cost-of-living adjustment or offering fair wage for Snohomish County. When I was hired in 2003 there were approx. 250 applicants at that time taking the written test to just get on the eligibility roster. Getting a county job then was hard to come by and they offered a great starting wage. Today we cannot even compete and get 5 people to apply and when they do, they are offered the position and we are lucky to get 1. Once they are hired and realize the stress of this job they usually quit and find a better job with a better starting wage. We have great people that we are losing to other companies that are offering better starting wages and even sign on bonuses! When we lose these veterans with their experience, knowledge, good work ethics everyone loses. I believe Snohomish County needs to increase our wages so we can attract quality applicants and once again be a great place to work with competitive wages.

I am a Site Attendant for the Southwest Transfer and Recycle center, we are the face of Solid Waste. We are the first and last face the customer sees when entering and exiting our facilities. Prior to having container issues at our facilities, we would process almost 700 customers a day with only two site attendants (because we are so short staffed). Which means we would be standing at our window for 10 hours and not be able to walk away to use the restroom or even get a snack or bite to eat. The Solid Waste division has taken a beating these last few years, we are expected to be here and open regardless of weather, fire, smoke, or even covid. While the Admin building workers have the option to work from home, due to covid or leave the building due to in climate weather or air quality, we do not have that option. We are essential and need to be at our posts even if that one customer comes in, we are open and here to process their garbage. It's absurd that we do not close early or open late due to weather, so our workers can get home safe or not have to drive in conditions unsuitable. But for other depts they send out emails sending them home while we stay and man the stations. If we are so essential, we deserve raises suitable to be able to live and raise our families in Snohomish County. At our pay scale now, we can barely pay our house payments, grocery and gas bills, let alone any unforeseeable out of pocket expenses. Our wages are paid by our tipping floor fees, if need be, raise our fees. Solid Waste has not raised our fees since March 1st of 2009

I am asking you to please consider pay raises for the Solid Waste Division, we work very hard and should be compensated. I know it is a difficult task balancing such a large budget. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

From: [Jeff Schumacher](#)
To: [Contact Council](#)
Subject: *Snohomish County Violation Fine increases*
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:09:47 PM

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Snohomish County Elected Officials

I highly recommend the following to protect our Snohomish County environment, health, and safety.

First, Snohomish County needs **ONE** agency that is responsible to collect citizen complaints for illegal dumping.

It is confusing to the citizens of whom to contact at Snohomish County for illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping has become a real problem around the Martha Lake area and throughout Snohomish County.

It is common for tires, furniture, landscaping trash, and move out debris just tossed onto the side of the road for neighbors to figure it out.

Recently, a woman was unloading construction paneling on Meadow road.

See attachments

To act as a deterrent, please encourage to greatly increase the financial penalties in Snohomish County for the following

- 1) Illegal Dumping - To greatly increase the financial fine from the status quo.
- 2) Illegal Dog Waste left behind from Dog Owners (Should be a \$500 dollar fine) EPA defines Dog Waste as a Environmental Toxic pollutant like oil

According to several surveys, roughly 60% of dog owners say that they pick up after their dogs.

See link

<https://epwn.org/information/percentage-of-pet-waste-vs-other-trash/>

- 3) Dog not on a leash (Should be a \$500 dollar fine) (Prevent unnecessary dog bites and attacks, especially upon children.)
- 4) Driving while on a cell phone. (Should be a \$1,000 dollar fine.)
- 5) To also increase the financial budget to staff Snohomish County animal control.

See attachments

Your citizen,
Jeff Schumacher





Why Scoop That Poop?



44% of Frederick County residents surveyed

do not see pet waste as a significant problem, but dog waste is the #3 cause of water pollution. In 1991, the EPA deemed dog waste to be as toxic as oil spills.



There are **23 million** fecal bacteria in 1 gram of pet waste which is equivalent to the weight of a paper clip.



Common myth — dog waste is as effective of a fertilizer as cow or horse manure, when it is actually more toxic. Due to their high-protein diet, dog waste is highly acidic and can burn your grass creating brown patches.



Two or three days worth of droppings from 100 dogs contributes enough bacteria to close a bay and its watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.



110,000 lbs. of pet waste are left on Frederick County streets, yards and sidewalks every year.

500 Million Tons

of waste per year created by 4 million dogs in the Chesapeake Bay is enough to fill 15,000 tractor trailers.



SCOOP THE POOP, It's Your Environmental Doody



DOG WASTE IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF WATER POLLUTION!



According to the EPA, dog poop is as toxic to the environment as **chemical** and **oil spills!**

DID YOU KNOW?

1 GRAM

of dog waste can contain...

23 MILLION

fecal coliform bacteria

DOG POOP IS A:



**ALWAYS BAG IT
& TRASH IT!**

even when no one's looking



From: Jeff Schumacher <schumacher2000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 11:10 PM
To: Contact Council; Contact Sheriff; Simmons Michael L.; Kennedy Kyle W.;
HauckCH@mukilteo.wednet.edu
Subject: Snohomish County Sheriff Police fulltime at Voyager Middle School & Mariner High School & Kamiak High School

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Snohomish County Elected Officials,
Snohomish County Sheriff
Mukilteo School District

Due to the increase of past crime incidents within five years, it is time to consider funding for a full time Snohomish County Sheriff police officer at the following schools:

Voyager Middle School
Mariner High School
Kamiak High School

In reality, there should be financial funding for one full time police officer in each school in Washington State.

The Snohomish County Police officers can provide the following, but not limited to:

- 1) Gang activity prevention and investigations
- 2) Defuse physical threats
- 3) Drug prevention
- 4) Drinking & Driving prevention
- 5) Motor vehicle safety
- 6) Speed Patrol
- 7) Security from intruders
- 8) Hall monitoring
- 9) Support with fire and safety drills
- 10) Investigate bully and harassment behavior
- 11) etc

Parents & Students should not be scared to attend a school for education.

If Home Depot, WallMart, FredMeyers, and others stores are investing in Snohomish County Sheriffs, so should the Mukilteo School District for our children's sake.

Your Citizen,

Jeff Schumacher

From: Craig Emery <chemery1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 8:05 AM
To: Contact Council
Subject: Shortage of Park Staff

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From: Craig Emery
3317 159th PL NW, Stanwood, WA 98292 360-631-3106

To whom it may concern,

I have been a volunteer at both Wenberg and Kayak County Parks for the past several years. In my volunteer work I have rebuilt over 50 picnic tables, doing all the summer mowing at Wenberg, pick up trash, trim ivy growth from the old growth Douglas Fir trees and any odd jobs needed.

I recently hiked the Lime Kiln Trail near Granite Falls and observed how overgrown it was and after speaking with the local ranger he stated they don't have enough help to do the normal maintenance on the trail. This problem is also occurring on the Centennial trail.

It is readily apparent that the parks are substantially understaffed for the maintenance and care of one of our most valuable county resources, the parks.

I encourage the council to authorize for more staffing for this department.

I recently visited Vancouver Island in British Columbia and was amazed how well their parks are maintained and contrasted our parks and was quite frankly embarrassed at the condition of our parks.

In closing, I encourage you to do the right thing by our parks and increase funding for additional staffing.

Sincerely,

Craig Emery

From: Kathleen Kyle <kkyle@snocopda.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Dunn, Megan <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Subject: SCPDA Support for Snohomish County OPD Budget

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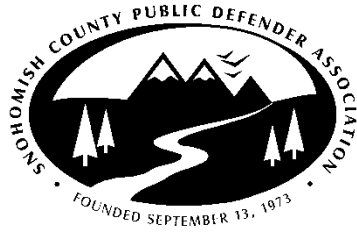
To Councilmember Dunn,

Please see the attached letter in support of the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense budget.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Best,

Kathleen Kyle | she/her/hers
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November 9, 2022

Snohomish County Council
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Everett, WA 98201

RE: SCPDA Support for the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense 2023 Budget

To the Snohomish County Council,

The Snohomish County Public Defender (SCPDA) respectfully requests your full support of the Snohomish County Council for funding for public defense. Snohomish County made an important pledge to adequately fund public defense when it adopted Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Indigent Defense Standards in Snohomish County Code 2.09.08 in 2000. This pledge remains unfulfilled. The funding requested for 2023 are important steps toward compliance with WSBA Indigent Defense Standards.

Continued Funding For Administrative and Investigation Staff

Since the 1990's, the WSBA Indigent Defense Standards support adequate administrative staffing, to include one legal assistant for every four attorneys and one investigator for every four attorneys. See WSBA Indigent Defense Standards Six and Seven. The 2023 Budget provides funding for 1.5 FTE legal assistants and 1.5 FTE investigators. These positions were filled in 2022 based on the allocation of funds conditioned on the performance audit. SCPDA requests that Snohomish County continue to fund these vital roles. Even with this funding, Snohomish County is not meeting WSBA Indigent Defense Standards Standard Six or Standard Seven. This is an important next step toward the commitment made back in the year 2000.

A Social Worker Would Play a Key Role in RCW 71.05, Involuntary Treatment Act

The 2023 Budget also provides for a social worker for RCW 71.05 Attorneys working with people facing civil commitment for mental health conditions pursuant to the Involuntary Treatment Act.

Involuntary Civil Commitment curtails the liberty of hundreds of Snohomish County adults and juveniles each year. In 2021, SCPDA attorneys represented more than 1,500 individuals without the aid of a social worker. When civil commitment is prolonged in a hospital, the individual's employment, housing, legal/financial commitments, education, and other obligations are often negatively impacted. Additionally, the health and well-being of the individual may deteriorate if they remain hospitalized beyond the point of stabilization due to lack of access to exercise, poor diet, fresh air, and well, freedom. Prolonging hospitalization can occur when there are no less restrictive alternatives available to an individual and discharging them to the street is problematic.

RCW 71.05 seeks to “prevent inappropriate, indefinite commitment of persons living with behavioral health disorders and to eliminate legal disabilities that arise from such commitment” and further “to provide continuity of care for persons with serious behavioral health disorders.” The goal then is to minimize the negative impacts from involuntary treatment while maximizing the long-term stability for people through less restrictive alternatives that keep them stable in the community so that hospitalization is not needed in the future. Social Workers, trained experts in developing less restrictive strategies, are an integral part of this process.

While attorneys play an integral role in the protection of rights and due process, we do not have the same skillset that social workers do when it comes to mining resources and networking to find creative solutions to discharge planning and support in the community, especially with the current dearth of behavioral health outpatient resources and the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic on the behavioral health system as a whole. An ITA Social Worker would greatly enhance our ability to represent our clients with the goal of assisting them return to the community and regain autonomy sooner. The social worker would focus on building needed support systems for clients through a lens of cultural competency, expertise in working with marginalized communities, trauma response training, and other specialized training.

In sum, an ITA Social worker would enhance our work in the following ways:

- Decrease the length of hospitalization
- Build support structures for clients upon discharge

This budget item is supported by Indigent Defense Standard Seven. Without this additional funding, ITA Public Defenders will continue to represent these vulnerable people without the support of a social worker.

ITA Trends Justify an Additional ITA Attorney

The 2023 Budget also includes an additional ITA Attorney. This is consistent with the findings of the Performance Audit which recommended “continuing to monitor caseloads for civil commitment attorneys to ensure effective caseload-to attorney ratio of 250:1.” Civil commitment trends are increased in 2022. The audit reported 1,557 assignments in 2021 which was already over the caseload maximum (260:1). In 2022, SCPDA is on trend to handle more than 1,620 cases which also exceeds the caseload maximum. An additional ITA attorney is necessary to handle the workload in 2023.

Conclusion

The funding included in the 2023 Budget for the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense is justified by the Indigent Defense Standards adopted by Snohomish County. SCPDA requests your support in favor of the 2023 budget.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kyle

Kathleen Kyle
Executive Director

From: RICHARD STANGOHR <rstangohr@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 6:22 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: Public Comment on County Budget

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EXHIBIT # 5.21

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Hello County Council,

I live in Edmonds, in the Meadowdale/County area. (District 2 or 3—could not determine for sure using online County Council District map.)

I work for the Snohomish County Assessor's Office as a Commercial Appraiser. Our Commercial Department plays a key role in providing accurate assessments used in determining taxes.

Please keep us in mind when considering staffing shortages, as a reduced workforce can have negative impacts. I realize that reductions are sometimes necessary, but I simply want you to be aware of my concern and to please consider it when preparing the budget for the Assessor's Office. I want us to be able to do our jobs effectively and without constant immense struggles.

Thank you.

Richard Stangohr

From: Owens, Sheryl
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:48 AM
To: Contact Council
Cc: Somers, Dave J
Subject: Call to Action from Contract Steering Committee - Submission

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EXHIBIT # 5.22

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My current position is of an Energy Assistant II permanent position in Energy Assistance under the Human Services Department. I live in Monroe and am in Council District 5. I have been in this position since September of 2020. Our positions, including temporary or seasonal staff, are very important as we serve the residents of Snohomish County in helping them obtain various energy grants from PUD, PSE and Cascade Gas and to other sources such as propane, presto logs and pellets. We also have special funding available at this time for water-sewer, hardship grants and arrearages. Our grants are funded through federal and state allotments, (fiscally handled by county finance) and based on income levels, household size, household type, and energy usage.

As with other AFSCME members and other Snohomish county employees we would work with a large diverse population with complex issues, from those in new immigrant status, i.e. English is not their first language, domestic violence, mental illness, addiction issues and those in financial despair. We are more than just a clerical group, as we perform triage of crisis client needs from shut off of power and impending disconnect as well as we perform analysis of what type of grants and percentages based on usage will best fit their needs providing the most benefit to the clients. This past year has been the most taxing due to moratorium ending and clients in disconnect or shut off status every day.

As we do handle a large portion of daily disconnects and prioritizing crisis clients, that means we cannot always get to our regular clients as quickly as we would like. We work extra hours when offered, but due to the high volume of applicants we currently have, and continued applications coming in every day, it has been a challenge for our staff staying afloat, working through stress on a few different levels. Many seasonal staff choose not to return due to applicant volume, complexity of daily tasks, impolite clients and let's face it, they are temporary employees.

We are proud to be part of a great team at Energy Assistance and work together to triage issues that come up and work together for best possible solutions to best meet the needs of our residents. We have many clients who are very appreciative of the service we provide to them each season.

If possible we politely request that you keep our team in mind as you prepare a budget as we could use extra funding for more staff especially if our volume of clients continues to grow.

Respectfully submitted.

Link to Online App"

[Energy Assistance | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website \(snohomishcountywa.gov\)](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov)



“Nothing can dim the light that shines from within” Maya Angelou

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Sheryl Owens, Energy Assistance

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