

Oct 25, 2021

To Snohomish County Council,

Stephanie Wright, Megan Dunn, Sam Low, Nate Nehring + Jared Mead

We strongly object to a portion of the \$1.2 Billion county budget! You are not focusing on an area of greatest need when it includes a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion staff person. We are confident that Human Resources can select the most qualified person for each position that is available without hiring a Marxist political advocate whose prime duty is to change our political system in this county from capitalism to Marxism. Our laws guarantee diversity, Equity based government means an end not only of private property, but also of individual rights, equality under the law, federalism and freedom of speech. We already see many examples of Marxist governance in our state and federal government. For example, on January 6<sup>th</sup> Republicans rallied at the Capital and have been arrested and still in jail, many in solitary confinement and after nine months are still there and are not allowed to leave even though none were armed. During the summer of 2020 there were riots in many major cities, fires, billions of dollars in damage, many injured and police murdered. Marxist Black Lives Matter and leftist Antifa gang members were mostly responsible and are still free on the streets. There is no freedom of speech. In public media, censorship eliminates any opposing opinion and the Cancel Culture destroys the ability of a person to earn a living. We have the Governor's mandate to be vaccinated or lose your job, even though scientific research has shown many times that immunity from having been ill with the virus is better protection than the vaccination. Those vaccinated are still spreaders and can <sup>again</sup> be infected with the virus. This is totally senseless! Virginia parents who object to the school curriculum have been labelled as "domestic terrorists", the FBI has been called in and the government and attorney general Canfield are responsible for this injustice. These are only a few examples of our loss of freedom of speech and equality under the law. over →

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion person will find it necessary to reeducate everyone in the workplace, another waste of time and resources especially because they are teaching Critical Race Theory, which is neo-segregation, collective guilt and race essentialism.

This summer our home of over 30 years was sold. My husband, his family and I worked hard to earn the money to purchase and maintain this property. The County received excise and property tax of \$45,853.91

PLEASE DO NOT WASTE OUR <sup>HARD</sup> EARNED MONEY  
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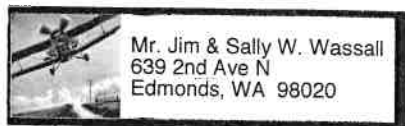
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Sincerely,

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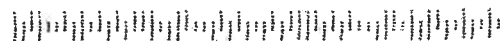


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**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Dear Council Members,

I have reviewed in detail and assessed the Executive Recommended - 2022 Budget - and advise that it **NOT** be approved.

Attached are my comments about the 2022 Budget - Executive Recommended.

Please review them in advance of the November 9th meeting. If you would like to discuss them in advance of the meeting, please don't hesitate to come back to me.

Very kind regards,  
Debra Hutson

A \$1.255 **BILLION** budget for a county of 840,000 (2021 census).

\$1500 BUDGETED County Government per PERSON??!! You have to be kidding.

With all respect to the office that proposed it, I reject the Executive Recommended 2022 Budget. In a time when families are faced with increased pressure on household budgets due to inflation, decreased access to typical community gatherings and support and employment challenges, the Executive proposes to INCREASE the budget by 20% year on year versus 2021 budget. The proposal is irresponsible and unconscionable.

Furthermore, the budget itself, as presented to the public is uninterpretable. The massive new programs and expansion of programs proposed by the Executive are impossible to trace to individual line items in the budget. Therefore, conclusions drawn about where in the budget these new expenditures landed have to be inferred. Just as most governmental literature is targeted to a sixth-grade reading comprehension, I recommend that the budget be presented at a sixth-grade math comprehension. People need to be able to clearly see where their money is being spent. The County government is responsible to perform certain services to the populace through regulation. Every line item should be traceable to the regulatory requirement for the fulfillment of one of the legally required services. I began a review of the Washington Constitution, the RCWs, the County Charter and quickly gave up because of the minutiae involved and the convoluted process that would be required to trace responsibilities. I would, expect, however, this to be a speedy task for the County Government – indeed, the relationship table should be readily at hand.

I note in the Executive Address thanks given to many people and organizations. Notably NOT included are thanks to the citizens of the county – the employers of the County Government. This omission is telling. The County Government is in place to provide services to the County in an effective, efficient and economical manner as funded by tax-payers. The Executive – indeed all of the County Government -are stewards of the funds entrusted to them for the fulfillment of their responsibilities as assigned by the citizens. Is the County demonstrating good stewardship of those monies? I don't think so. A requested increase in the budget is not efficient nor is it economical. A requested increase in the budget does not demonstrate good stewardship – indeed, should be acknowledged to be shameful stewardship. Households understand that when circumstances change that challenge their household budgets, the household must make changes to accommodate them. Nowhere is the possibility to simply demand more money to cover the shortfall.

I read in the Executive Address the prideful proposal for increased 'programs.' The language used to describe the majority of these proposals is a bunch of meaningless political buzz words. The acid test should be the following:

- Is this required to respond to a current legal obligation of the County?
- Is this in line with the values as described in the founding documents of the nation and the state?
- Can the citizens afford it?

#### Public Safety

This is an important responsibility of the County Government. The new programs are not clearly directed toward improvement in public safety. **Enforcement of existing laws** with respect to personal protection and property protections should be paramount. Among the proposals that are not clearly addressing those goals are the three-year project positions, the Prosecuting Attorney's Data Collection Initiative and the new Homeland Security Manager. There are already personnel and systems in place that can fulfil these if the

redeployment of existing resources is affected. The Prosecuting attorney's Data Collection is worrisome given the demonstrated potential for such data systems to inappropriately target persons for surveillance and for the data to become public.

Search and Rescue as well as medical transport are the **ONLY** appropriate activities for county helicopters. Perhaps replace those necessary for those limited functions and forbid their use for any other activities. There is entirely too much intrusive over-flying and surveilling. The use of helicopters to overfly private property should be governed by existing unlawful search and seizure restrictions.

#### Justice for All

The Office of Social Justice is just possibly unconstitutional. There is only legal justice. Social Justice smacks of entitlement and uneven administration of justice. The term, "BIPOC," is telling. Where a group of persons is singled out for special attention or special advantage, then other groups, by definition, are discriminated against. Discrimination on the basis of racial identity is not a function of the County Government. This Office should be disbanded immediately.

Discrimination is illegal in the United States of America and is prohibited through extensive law. Where the laws are violated, then legal action must be taken.

The terms, "equity and inclusion lens," are political nonsense phrases. There is no promise of **equity** in the United States of America. Equal protection under the law and the **EQUALITY** of all persons, yes; equity, no. "Inclusion lens,"? EEOC laws address this issue. Persons who meet the qualifications for a position may not be discriminated on the basis of race, religion, and so on.

The "Hate Has No Home Here" is not a program for the County Government. If the community members, County Councilmembers and state lawmakers - the latter two groups - kudos to you when you do! - on their personal time want to have such a program, great. "Make nice" is not a responsibility of the County Government.

Lastly, Diversity, Equity and Inclusions training has no value within the County government. Where individuals within the government are found to be out of compliance with workplace requirements or in violation of law, there should be consequences. As above, under The Office of Social Justice, our nation's and our county's diversity is not our strength; unity is our strength; "e pluribus unum." BIPOC programs and equity programs violate federal laws and are against the values of the nation; among those again are equality, not equity, and unity, not division. These DEI programs that seek to divide, characterize or otherwise people into groups for better (or worse) treatment create disunity. Why not fund programs that promote unity? Civic pride? Shared values?

#### Improving Community Health.

I would like to see all the laws that require County Government to be involved in this whatsoever – and it carries an enormous budget!!! Social Worker programs under the direction of law enforcement are great. They will help to determine where the individual offender should be directed. The "one-stop services for people" is better managed by a charitable organization – outside the County Government. The employment office that runs out of the bus station already has programs to improve access to jobs. The newly proposed program is redundant.

Long-term shelter and housing, again, are outside the responsibility of County Government. Furthermore, they are likely not to lead to good outcomes. Again, they belong under the ownership and direction of charitable organizations.

There seems to be a misunderstanding, in general, about how ‘services’ are provided. There are no government-provided services; there are no government-funded programs. **ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE TAXPAYER PROVIDED AND FUNDED.** The appearance of government provision creates a sense of entitlement. The majority of these Community Health activities are much better characterized as *charity*. There are many wonderful charitable organizations that are in place and primed to provide charity. I suggest that each taxpayer direct the level of funding their conscience dictates to the charity of their choice – and leave the county out of the charity business. Snohomish County employees, likewise, as taxpayers, should direct the funds they deem appropriate to a charitable organization.

Early childhood learning programs are shown to have variable success. Thus, I do not support them. And since the educational establishment seems intent on forcing unpopular theories and deviances, I see no advantage to funding further ‘education.’ Taxpayers already support, at an exorbitant price, education that begins at pre-K through 12th grade and also support local and state colleges. Enough. The Executive states that ‘everyone deserves a decent start in life.’ Yes, that is so and it most assuredly does NOT come from the government, rather from stable family lives. Controlling the level of taxation such that families can attend to the nurturance and development of their children rather than scrambling to put food on the tables would go a long way toward enabling everyone a decent start in life. By the way, the definition of a ‘decent start in life;’ is determined by the family NOT the government. Any policies, monetary or otherwise of the government, which when supported by private (versus ‘governmental’) community organizations, that lead to the inclination toward stable two-parent families contribute greatly to ‘decent starts in life.’

#### Economic Development

\$1.25 million for the county’s ports to help replace lost funds due to COVID-19. No. Most of the loss in funds is due to government actions. Individual tax-payers have suffered inestimably because of the government’s response to COVID-19 and they have to shoulder that burden. There should be no “get out of losses card” for for the ports or the public facilities districts.

I am not familiar with the Nourishing Neighborhoods program and question its placement in government services. There is already generous EBT; there are local Food Banks and there are charities that willingly provide food to hungry people. The Nourishing Neighborhoods program seems redundant and, therefore, unnecessary thus should be eliminated.

Expanding a Food and Farming Center for producers to market is good. Please note this must be fee- and license-free for producers and customers.

The Innovation for Advanced Manufacturing is a program that manufacturers and industry organizations should develop and fund. It is outside the scope of the County Government. County Government can facilitate such a project by streamlining and efficiency of required County processes such as licenses and permits. Help people to help themselves by making the government helpful and responsive.

Just as the “Hate Has No Home Here” program does not belong in the County Government, the “GroSnoCo” and “Take Flight Snohomish County” programs do not belong, either. Business and industry groups should be welcomed to develop and implement such a program and the County Government should facilitate such an effort through improving the efficiency, reducing the cost and eliminating barriers – within the County Government’s scope of operations.

As long as the Federal Government is completely funding all the costs of the Recovery Task Force and the Office of Recovery and Resilience, then they should continue. When that funding STOPS, these activities should cease within the County Government.

## Environmental Stewardship

What precisely are the environmental responsibilities assigned to the County Government? Where are the laws and regulations that direct these responsibilities? The costs are outlandish. We should be doing the absolute minimum to fulfill the legislated responsibilities. Land Conservation Initiative? This takes tax-paper money to purchase land that will no longer be available for private ownership? No, thank you. The governments in this state already own more land than is conscionable and only act to prevent its use by private citizens. Puget Sound Initiative? No, thank you. Already there are laws and regulations that govern interaction with the Sound. Enforce those. Healthy Forest Initiative? As long as this only impacts County forests, then OK. Otherwise, no go. Community Climate Action Plan? No. Scrap it. Human beings do not have perceptible impact on the climate – regardless of what mis-representations have been made in the popular media. That saves \$36 million right there – probably more.

I have provided a table that shows the \$ increases and staffing increases for each department for your convenience. I have also provided a table for US counties matched by population to Snohomish, and have included other local counties as well, that shows 2021 annual budgets with per capita expenditures calculated. While not the WORST, Snohomish is clearly headed in the direction of being worst.

In summary, the 2022 Budget Executive Recommendation represents incredible government over-reach. It fluffs up an already bloated budget with meaningless, unnecessary or misplaced programs – heavy on the political buzz-words. It smacks of empire-building (Executive department staff increasing by 76% year over year?). Meanwhile, it ignores the impoverished economic reality of those who would be paying for the budget and shows great contempt for the tax-payer. The final suggestions that I have are

1. Scrap this budget proposal
2. Go back to strictly legally required County responsibilities and budget from the ground up for those.
3. Make each budget line item traceable to the guiding law.
4. Consider refunding the tax money collected that exceeds that calculation before you consider any new programs.
5. Make clear the impacts on individual departments of proposed 'programs' so that the effects on the budget can be clearly understood. Provide a before programs and after programs budget.
6. Provide detailed plans for any programs so that informed decision can be made about their desirability for approval.

It is time that the Snohomish County government realizes who it works for and what it is for. There can be no pride in a budget increase proposal of 20%. Just as an aside, how many people do you know who have a 20% increase in income this year? The people will be proud when it is clear that there is respect for those who give the County Government jobs and when those who work there demonstrate the results from their commitment to be good stewards of the funds for which they have been given responsibility.



**Snohomish County**

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*Parks and Recreation Division*

**Arts Commission**

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**Dave Somers**

*County Executive*

November 4, 2021

Dear Councilmembers Nehring, Dunn, Wright, Mead, & Low,

As Members of the Snohomish County Arts Commission we are asking for your renewed commitment to the Arts in Snohomish County. Currently, the County Arts Fund comes from “the budget for each county construction project shall include an amount equal to 1% of the cost of the county construction project” (SCC 2.95.080). We are asking for increased support and funding from the council for the artists, projects, and educational programs throughout the county. We ourselves have recently reaffirmed our commitment to the arts and have updated our mission and vision in order to reflect that change.

“The Snohomish County Arts Commission promotes artistic diversity, expands access to arts education, supports local artists, and encourages an understanding of cultural expression. Through the arts’ ability to foster empathy and respect, our communities grow/become closer to each other and their environment.”

The economic benefits of a community that embraces creativity, expression, and beautification are undeniable. A well-supported Arts community will increase tourism, inspire new business owners, and it will create cities, neighborhoods, and towns that current and future residents are proud to call home.

The funding used to support these programs are put directly into the hands of Snohomish county residents to help make our communities better. Please consider this when debating the current budget requests and all future projects.

We ask that you consider our dedication to our mission and vision as an Arts Commission and the passion and volunteerism of each of our board members as you make decisions concerning funding for the Arts. Attached is a copy of our most recent Mission/Vision/Purpose document so you can better understand the type of Snohomish County that we are working towards.

Sincerely,

The Snohomish County Arts Commission





# Snohomish County Arts Commission

Mission / Vision / Purpose





The purpose of the Snohomish Arts Commission is to propose and oversee a county arts program.



The arts commission shall serve as an advisory board to the executive branch of county government and perform the arts-related duties described below:

- (1) shall advocate for the arts as a part of Snohomish county's culture;
- (2) shall recommend an annual arts program to the county executive for proposal to the county council for approval, which recommendation shall detail the proposed sources of funding for the arts program, including the funding provided by SCC 2.95.080(2);
- (3) shall recommend criteria for the selection of any artist or work of art to be funded through the arts program, such selection criteria to be submitted to the county executive for approval;
- (4) shall provide periodic reports to the county executive on recommended acquisitions of works of art;
- (5) shall recommend to the county executive the public site or sites at which to install, display, mount or perform any work of art funded through the arts program;
- (6) shall advise the county executive on the maintenance, conservation, removal, relocation, or alteration of any public arts facility or work of art owned by or loaned to the county;
- (7) shall make recommendations to the county executive on the funding for specific works of art;
- (8) may seek private or public donations and grants for the arts program, and
- (9) shall provide an annual written report to the county council on or before September 1 of each year that describes the activities of the commission during the current calendar year and contains the arts program described in SCC 2.95.030.

See all county code pertaining to the Arts Commission at [snohomish.county.codes/SCC/2.95.080](http://snohomish.county.codes/SCC/2.95.080)



*Book of Fishing by Barbara Earl Thomas*

## Our Mission

The Snohomish County Arts Commission promotes artistic diversity, expands access to arts education, supports local artists, and encourages an understanding of cultural expression. Through the arts' ability to foster empathy and respect, our communities grow/become closer to each other and their environment.

## Our Vision

### **We envision a world where**

- Artists have meaningful opportunities to create.
- Art education and artistic exchange are a cornerstone of community development and cultural engagement.
- Communities connect through art with the unique places and environment of Snohomish County.



# Foundational Principles

## Education

The arts of imparting and acquiring knowledge of the arts furthers understanding and appreciation of not only the cultural and emotional importance of art, but of the expression of creativity and diversity of all people.

## Opportunity

Abundant opportunities for artists to explore their craft and creativity ensures creative expression flourishes, artists and creatives can thrive in their personal lives, and public access to artistic expression increases.

## Empathy/Respect

The arts build empathy and respect for other people, communities, culture, species, and the environment. The arts are uniquely able to provide visceral, emotional, and essential expressions and explanations of the lives and experiences of others in ways that illuminate and motivate viewers to see the world beyond their own perspective.

## Access

Access to the arts fosters engagement. The only barrier to enjoyment and appreciation of the arts is an ease of access (be it financial, geographic, cultural, or social).

## Progress

Progress cannot happen without imagining, capturing, and expressing the possibilities of a better future. Artists are critical in this exploratory process

## Discovery/Exploration

Curiosity is the cornerstone to engaged citizens. The opportunity to learn, explore, participate, and discover is integral in the arts - they make you feel, make you wonder, and invoke a sense of awe and appreciation. This form of engagement fosters growth and strengthens communities.



Peter Camfferman, "Untitled" 1928. Oil on paper, Private Collection

*Mi Pueblo Mi Gente Mi Vida by Nico Inzerella*

## Our Goals

**Celebrate and promote a diversity of cultural expression** to challenge preconceived notions of what art can or should be, or who can or should make it.

**Broaden the definition of art and culture** to encourage innovative and unrecognized forms of expression to gain respect while increasing access to the arts.

**Provide easy access to arts education** in our schools and communities.

**Connect artists and communities** through events that encourage discovery, exploration, empathy, and appreciation.

**Support local artists** with resources, funding, connections, and exposure.

**Form strong partnerships** between artists, the community, and the County to encourage the arts to play a crucial role where they have previously been absent.

**Transform the Arts Commission into a respected and robust promoter of the arts.** Be a model for how such commissions can operate efficiently yet with purpose.





## Our Role

*The Arts Commission is:*

- Facilitating and supporting infrastructure
- Creating and supporting events
- Forming partnerships
- Advising on art installation
- Providing access to education

When we are  
successful, we  
will see:

- A thriving cultural and arts scene.
- Artists are supported and able to live off their work.
- County citizens have a deeper respect for one another, other cultures, and the environment.
- Everyone can access arts education no matter their age, location, or circumstance.
- The arts commission is a respected and widely emulated model of how to foster arts and culture.

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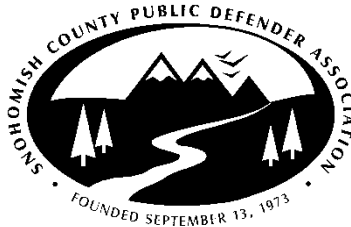
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Dear Councilmembers,

Attached is a letter from the entire Snohomish County Arts Commission for your consideration. Please let me know if you have issues opening the file or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Kate MacKenzie  
Snohomish County Arts Commission



## Snohomish County Public Defender Association

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**Kathleen Kyle**, Executive Director

November 8, 2021

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Dear Members of Snohomish County Council,

This letter is sent on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of The Snohomish County Public Defender Association. Thank you for your support of the SCPDA 2022 budget.

We look forward to working with the County on a performance audit of the SCPDA. Members of our staff, including Executive Director Kathy Kyle, will be readily available to facilitate this audit. We believe a performance audit will verify the quality representation SCPDA provides County residents. It will also document the areas in which funding is inadequate to comply with Indigent Defense Standards adopted by the County by ordinance in 2000.

We are concerned that the County's proposed budget that conditions the funding for the priority packages on completion and acceptance of a performance audit of not only our business but that of the Office of Public Defense will adversely affect our operations. We urge you to remove this condition due to the following concerns:

- We have a commercial real estate lease up for renewal at the end of February 2022. If the lease is not renewed, the holdover rental rate is 150% of the current rent amount. While our full Board has not had an opportunity to consider the impacts of the delay in funding on our overhead increases, it is clear this condition creates financial uncertainty with respect to a lease renewal. Delaying the renewal will have the negative consequences of requiring the SCPDA of either vacating the space or taking on the extra financial burden if the lease is held over without knowing its full budget for 2022.
- Labor shortages are impacting public defense as well as other industries. Additional positions in the priority packages provide support for attorneys: an attorney supervisor, legal assistants, an investigator, and a social worker. These positions are an important part of supporting and retaining the attorneys we have and accomplishing the work in front of us.
- The priority packages also contain the funding to public defense for the 2021 1% COLA increase to salary scales that county employees started receiving in April 2021.



- Delays created by these negative impacts will affect other court stakeholders. Court systems are sometimes referred to as a 3-legged-stools; each leg needs to be balanced or the stool falls over. The three legs of the stool are the courts, the prosecuting attorney's office, and public defense. The priority packages are to balance the public defender leg of the stool.

We are particularly concerned that there is no end date by which these audits must be completed and approved by the County. The lack of a completion date only adds to the uncertainty described above. If the releasing of funds is dependent upon completion and approval of the audits, we urge you to set a deadline by which the work must be completed and approved by Council, no later than April 1, 2022.

We would have welcomed the request for an audit during our 2021 budget cycle with enough time to factor it into the 2022 budget, thereby eliminating the uncertainties described above. If the Council is unwilling to remove the condition that funds be withheld, at the very least, we urge you to split the priority packages in half and condition the second half of the funds on completion and acceptance of the performance audit. This will mitigate somewhat the adverse impacts. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

*/s/ Vickie K. Norris*

Vickie K. Norris  
President, SCPDA Board of Directors

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**From:** Sara Wilson <swilson@snocopda.org>  
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Dear Snohomish County Council,

Attached please find a letter for the Snohomish County Council from the Snohomish County Public Defender Association Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

You will be making important decisions for the budget this week. Please do not consider raising taxes in our county.

We have all been affected by the pandemic this past year and still are being affected by it. The unemployment had been 2.6% and is now at 5.6%. My fixed income has barely kept up with the state and federal taxes rising. Please keep to the basics. Our county has been doing fine. Please keep helping families in Snohomish County by voting no to any tax increase.

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Sincerely,  
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