2026 City Council Representation on Local and Regional Organizations

509 Gateway Project Joint Executive Committee | website

Purpose: This committee receives information and provides input on the SR 509 Gateway Project which connects the south end of SR 509 to I-5 and continues south on I-5. They review design alternatives, construction progress, and funding scenarios. Staff participates on a separate group for technical staff that reviews similar information but also includes technical details concerning design.

Meeting Details:

- Bi-annual meetings
- Date/time TBA

City Representatives:

- Member: Councilmember Alex Andrade
- Alternate: Councilmember Rocco DeVito
- Staff: Public Works Director Rod Steitzer

Burien Airport Committee | website

Purpose: The Burien Airport Committee provides guidance to the City Council on topics related to the airport. Topics include positive and negative impacts of the airport to the city of Burien, land use issues and interlocal agreements, mitigation of airport impacts, and recommendations to protect residents from negative impacts, and ways for residents and businesses to take advantage of positive airport impacts.

Meeting Details

- Date: Monthly, every 3rd Tuesday
- Time: 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Hybrid meetings: Zoom https://bit.ly/3fcykmq and City Hall (Miller Creek Conference Room)

City Representatives:

- Member: Mayor Sarah Moore
- Ex-Officio: City Attorney Garmon Newsom
- Staff Liaison: Paralegal Nathan Hawthorne

Burien LEAD Policy Coordinating Group (PCG) | website

Purpose: The PCG is the steering body for Burien's LEAD program, including city staff, elected officials, business owners, service providers, law enforcement, and prosecutors. It sets the direction for the program and is the body that would, for example, approve any changes to LEAD's protocols.

Meeting Details

- Quarterly meetings on a Tuesday
- Date/time TBA
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Hybrid meetings with in-person option at the police station

City Representatives:

- Member: Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia
- Alternate: Councilmember Alex Andrade
- Staff: Human Services Manager Anyah Zupancic and Police Chief Tom Calabrese

Business and Economic Development Partnership (BEDP) | website

Purpose: The role of Business and Economic Development Partnership (BEDP) is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the economic development within Burien.

Meeting Details:
- 2nd and 4th Fridays
- Time: 7:30–9:00 a.m.
- Hybrid meetings: Zoom https://bit.ly/3cDzbe9 and City Hall (Miller Creek Conference Room)

City Representatives:
- Ex-Officio: Councilmember Alex Andrade
- Staff Liaison: Economic Development Manager Chris Craig

Highline Forum | website

Purpose: The Highline Forum provides Southwest King County municipalities, educational governing bodies and the Port of Seattle with the opportunity to share information, interact with outside speakers and other governmental organizations and work in partnership on initiatives that benefit the residents of Southwest King County.

Meeting Details:
- 4th Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November
- Time: 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Contact: Dave Kaplan, kaplan.d@portseattle.org

City Representatives:
- Member: Councilmember Alex Andrade
- Alternate: Councilmember Rocco DeVito
- Primary Admin Rep: City Manager Adolfo Bailon
- Alternate Admin Rep: Economic Development Manager Chris Craig

King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) | website

Purpose: The K4C is a partnership of local governments of all sizes. They combine knowledge, resources, and advocacy power to accelerate collective climate action in King County and across the state. K4C began in 2012 to work together to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions by sustainably increasing mobility, investing in renewable energy, promoting clean energy use in buildings and vehicles, and expanding farm and forest protection.

Meeting Details:
- Monthly
- Contact: k4c@kingcounty.gov

City Representatives:
- Member: Mayor Sarah Moore
- Alternate: TBD

Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC) | website

Purpose: These committees advise the County Executive and County Council on solid waste and recycling issues. They also assist county staff in developing plans, programs, and policies. This includes shaping the Re+ plan to reduce climate impacts from waste and our Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Meeting Details
- Date: Monthly, every 2nd Wednesday
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Contact: Ali Blum ablum@kingcounty.gov (206) 263-6995

City Representatives:
- Member: Councilmember Rocco DeVito
- Member: Sustainability Manager Elizabeth Wonder
- Alternate: Public Works Director Rod Steitzer

Landmarks Commission – Historic Preservation | website

Purpose: The purpose of the Landmarks Commission to designate, preserve, protect, enhance and perpetuate those sites, buildings, districts, structures, trees and objects which reflect significant elements of the city of Burien's, the county's, the state's, and the nation's cultural, aesthetic, social, economic, political, architectural, ethnic, archaeological, engineering, historic, and other heritage (BMC 19.85.010). Burien should designate a *S*pecial Commissioners who has an interest in their community history, architecture, preservation, or something similar. This commissioner serves a 3-year term with King County Landmarks Commission to designate landmarks within the City of Burien. Once a councilmember has been selected the contact information of the Special Commissioner and the minutes from the meeting during which they were appointed should be provided to King County.

Meeting Details:

- Date: Monthly, every 4th Thursday
- Time: 4:30 p.m.
- Contact: Sarah Steen ssteen@kingcounty.gov or (206) 375-6916

City Representatives:

- Member: Vacant
- Alternate: Vacant

Sound Cities Association Voting Delegate | website

Purpose: To lead King County cities with a population less than 250,000 to act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support and networking.

Meeting Details (Dates TBA):

- South Caucus Meeting
- Annual Membership Meeting

City Representatives:

- Voting Delegate: Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia
- Alternate: Mayor Sarah Moore

South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd) | website

Purpose: This board shares information, sets priorities, and reviews transportation projects and programs that benefit the South King County area. The board makes recommendations to PSRC for regional transportation projects. We pay annual dues of $100 and have one vote on the board. Members are elected officials; however, alternates can be staff.

Meeting Details:

- Date: Monthly, every 3rd Tuesday
- Time: 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Contact: Genevieve Jones, gejones@kingcounty.gov or (425) 473-2163

City Representatives:

- Member: Councilmember Linda Akey
- Alternate: Public Works Director Rod Steitzer

Sound Transit Elected Leadership Group (ELG) for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) | website

Purpose: The I-405 BRT Elected Leadership Group is made up of elected officials who represent communities along the route as well as members of the Sound Transit Board. This group reviews and discusses project information and public input and strives for consensus in making recommendations to the Sound Transit Board.

Meeting Details:

- Quarterly, TBD

City Representatives:

- Member: Vacant
- Alternate: Vacant

Soundside Alliance Policy Committee | website

Purpose: The Soundside Alliance for Economic Development is a partnership of five Seattle area cities (Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and Tukwila), the Port of Seattle, Highline College, and the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce that collaborates on supporting economic growth and prosperity in the region.

Meeting Details:

- Dates: Bi-monthly, every 2nd Wednesday
- Time: 11:00–1:00 p.m.

City Representatives:

- Member: Councilmember Sam Méndez
- Alternate: Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia
- Admin Rep: Economic Development Manager Chris Craig

Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 – Watershed Ecosystem Forum | website

Purpose: The Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) oversees efforts to improve watershed health and salmon habitat recovery in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (aka WRIA 9). The Interlocal Agreement with the parties indicates Burien will appoint one elected official to sit on this forum and one alternate who can be either an elected official or senior staff member.

Meeting Details:

- Dates: Quarterly
- Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

City Representatives:

- Members: Mayor Sarah Moore
- Alternate: Councilmember Rocco Devito
- Alternate: Public Works Director Rod Steitzer

Sound Cities Association Committee Appointments

For Sound Cities Association (SCA) committee appointments, City Council must reach a consensus prior to submitting an individual councilmember application.

- Current appointments: 2026 SCA Regional Board and Committee Appointments.