

FINAL HIGHLINE FORUM AGENDA

Host - City of Burien

Theme - 2016 Legislative & Policy Positions

November 18, 2015 - Wednesday - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Burien's City Hall

400 SW 152nd Street - Council Chambers on the Ground Floor

Directions to Burien's City Hall From State Route 518 -

Take State Route 518 west towards Burien. At the end of freeway and at the intersection with 1st Avenue S., continue west onto SW 148th Street. Take a left onto 4th Avenue SW and head south in the direction of downtown Burien. The City Hall/Library complex will be on your right at the intersection with SW 152nd Street. Just prior to the intersection with SW 152nd Street, turn to the right into the Parking lot off of 4th Avenue SW. The Council Chambers are on the ground floor across from the entrance to the library.

2:30 pm	Convene Meeting/Introductions	<i>Forum Co-chairs</i>
2:32 pm	City of Burien Welcome	<i>Mayor Krakowiak, City of Burien</i>
2:35 pm	Public Comments	<i>Audience</i>
2:40 pm	What's New in Burien	<i>City of Burien</i>
3:00 pm	2016 Legislative & Policy Positions	<i>All</i>
3:30 pm	2016 Session Preview & Engagement Strategies	<i>Invited Guests</i>
4:00 pm	2016 Forum Planning - Topics & Sponsors	<i>Forum Co-chairs</i>
4:15 pm	Emerging Issues	<i>All</i>
4:30 pm	Adjourn Meeting	<i>Forum Co-chairs</i>



2016 Legislative & Policy Positions for Southwest King County

The combined memberships of the Soundside Alliance and the Highline Forum endorse 10 legislative and policy positions for 2016.

The Soundside Alliance and Highline Forum strongly support:

Education:

- **Addressing community college budget funding shortfalls created by tuition reductions and partially funded salary increases.**
- **Continued implementation of court mandated K-12 funding reforms** to provide adequate and equitable educational opportunities that prepare all students for college, career and citizenship, support the unique demographic needs of Southwest King County and the state's long-term economic vitality, and do so without negatively impacting existing funding levels for higher and pre-K education or health and human services programs.

Transportation & Infrastructure:

- **Legislative efforts ensuring the full funding and timely completion of the SR 509 project.**
- **Restored and increased funding for infrastructure programs** that provide vital resources to local jurisdictions for job creating projects: the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Regional Mobility Grant Program, and the Model Toxic Control Account (MTCA).
- **Significant Sound Transit investments in Southwest King County through the ST 3 package** to be presented to voters in November 2016, including new and expanded light rail, bus rapid transit and regional express bus service. These investments should address current needs, meet Sound Transit's adopted criteria, help meet future transportation demands, and foster economic opportunity.

General Government:

- **Additional state funding for public defense services** in order to meet the requirements of the Court-adopted public defense standards and caseloads.
- **Reforming the Public Records Act** to reduce the burden and impacts on public agencies while continuing to maintain an open and transparent government and access to public records.
- **Addressing authority for code enforcement activities** including but not limited to statewide bank-owned home registries and nuisance abatement reimbursement.
- **Initiatives that provide state funding for mental health services, addiction services, and resources to respond to homelessness.**
- **Preserving mitigation funding for cities impacted by the streamlined sales tax and support for an investigative effort on whether or not Streamlined Sales Taxes are being properly collected and remitted to cities into which purchased items are delivered.**

