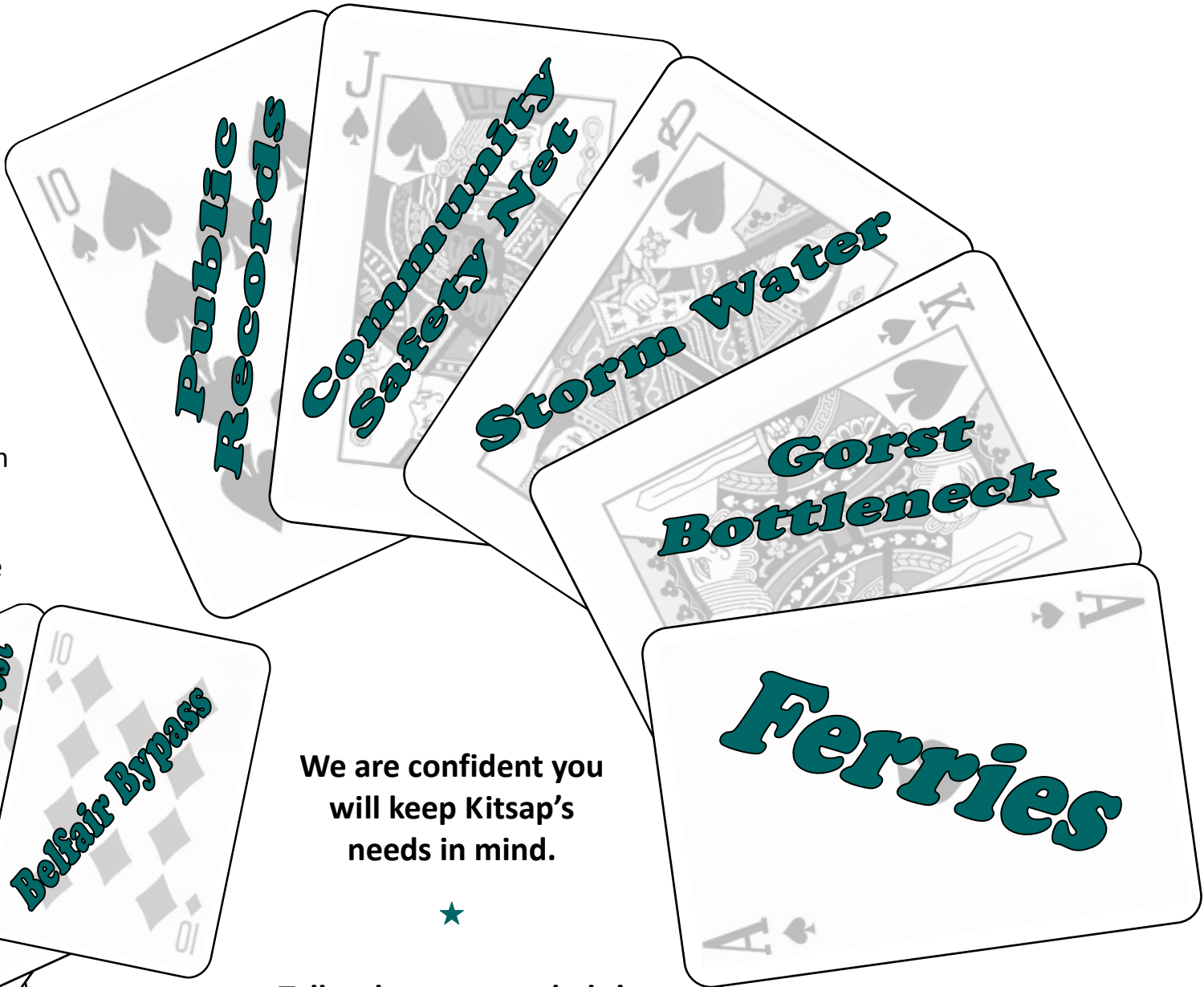
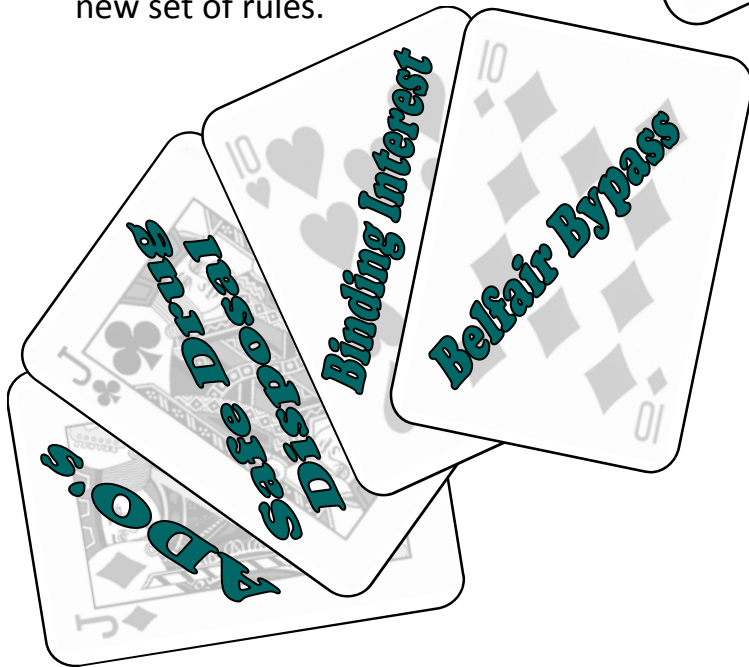




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The hand you've been dealt to play in the 2011 legislative session is a whole new game... not just fewer cards to distribute, but a whole new set of rules.



We are confident you will keep Kitsap's needs in mind.



Tell us how we can help!

Adopted December 7th, 2010

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Contacts for Key Issues [Note: all area codes are 360]

★ Provide Sustainable Ferry Funding

Create a sustainable source of funding for existing ferry operations and capital needs, including one+ new 144-car ferries. *Contacts: Mayor Becky Erickson [779-3901]
Mayor Patty Lent [473-5266]*

★ Solve the Gorst Bottleneck

Kitsap seeks WSDOT collaboration in reviewing prior bridge studies and funding of the best solution to the Gorst bottleneck: additional lanes or new bypass bridge.
Contacts: Commissioners Josh Brown [337-4667] & Bill Mahan [876-6993]

★ Fund Storm Water Grants

Obtain a permanent revenue source for storm water and Low Impact Development project grants for local governments. *Contact: Commissioner Steve Bauer [337-4426]*

★ Ease the Burden of Public Records Requests

Allow cities and counties to charge for staff time and to be reimbursed for attorney review costs. *Contact: Mayor Lary Coppola [876-4407]*

★ Strengthen the Community Safety Net

Emergency & Low Income Housing
Disability Lifeline (Unemployable Benefits)
Public Health Funding
Planning for People Leaving State Care
Restore & Maintain Adequate Mental Health Funding
Contacts: Larry Eyer [478-2301] & Terry Schroeder [473-2028]

★ Extend Criteria for Binding Interest Arbitration to Counties

Consider other factors such as ability to pay, economic conditions (state, regional, local), & other regional characteristics. *Contact: Com. Charlotte Garrido [337-7097]*

★ Provide Funding Mechanism for ADO's

Local option tax and/or fee to fund Associate Development Organizations (e.g. KEDA) in the face of State budget reductions. *Contact: Mayor Becky Erickson [779-3901]*

★ Support Safe Drug Disposal Legislation

Contact: Scott Daniels [337-5287]

★ Fund Belfair Bypass Project

We are partners with Mason County in developing the Belfair Bypass Project as a major priority ~ \$40 million for completion of design, right of way acquisition, & construction.
Contacts: Commissioner Bill Mahan [876-6993] & Jeanne Cushman [789-1641]

2011 Endorsed Legislative Issues

Association of Washington Cities

- ★ Tax increment financing
- ★ Street utility authority
- ★ Continued Appropriation of Committed State Funds: Includes streamlined sales tax; city-county assistance account; criminal justice assistance account; liquor excise tax account; funding for local public health.
- ★ City Fiscal Flexibility: Includes Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), lodging tax, eliminate restrictions on wine/beer taxes, reduce grant/loan matching requirements, expanded drug forfeiture funds, and parking tax.

Kitsap County

- ★ Assist counties and cities by encouraging expanded annexation territories for city services consistent with Boundary Review Board criteria, such as a temporary state sales tax contribution to cities.
- ★ Expand local infrastructure financing programs to unincorporated & newly annexed areas of counties.
- ★ Allow public operation and maintenance of large on-site septic systems in rural areas.

City of Port Orchard

- ★ Revise law to allow a change in the makeup of the Hotel/Motel Tax committee members.

City of Poulsbo

- ★ Expand Recreational Users Statute – minimize local government jurisdiction liability for trails on transportation corridors.

Port of Bremerton

- ★ \$1.1 million for infrastructure development at Port of Bremerton.

Kitsap Transit

- ★ \$3 - \$5 million in WA State Department of Transportation toll credits.

Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs

- ★ Simple majority elections (50% plus 1) for Emergency Medical Services Levies and Benefit Charge elections.

The **2011 Legislative Agenda** was developed August – November of 2010 and officially adopted at the Council’s Executive Board Meeting of December 7th, 2010. The agenda was presented to state and local elected officials on December 16th, 2010. Attendees of the December 16th event are listed below:

23rd District

Senator Phil Rockefeller
Representative Christine Rolfes
Representative Sherry Appleton

26th District

Senator Derek Kilmer
Representative Larry Seaquist
Representative Jan Angel

35th District

Senator Tim Sheldon
Representative Kathy Haigh

Kitsap County

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Commissioner Steve Bauer

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Council Member Nick Wofford
Council Member Jim McDonald
Council Member Greg Wheeler
Becky Hasart, Finance Director

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Mayor Lary Coppola
Council Member Fred Chang
Council Member Jim Colebank
Council Member Carolyn Powers
Council Member Rob Putaansuu
Patti Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

City of Bainbridge Island

Council Member Hilary Franz

City of Poulsbo

Council Member Linda Berry-Maraist
Council Member Ed Stern

Port of Bremerton

Commissioner Bill Mahan
Commissioner Roger Zabinski
Gordon Walgren, Port Attorney
Tim Thomson, Dir. of Business Development

Naval Base Kitsap

Tom Danaher, Public Affairs Officer

Kitsap County Health District

Scott Daniels, Deputy Director

Kitsap Regional Library

Jill Jean, Director
Susan Whitford, IT Director

Kitsap County Lobbyist

Tom McBride

Guests

Dee Coppola

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Mary McClure, Executive Director
Vicky Clarke, Project Coordinator
Kirsten Jewell, Project Coordinator
Myrna Knode, Executive Assistant