It's hard to imagine today, but the first census in Washington Territory, in 1853, recorded a population of 3,965 with only 170 persons residing in King County. There were only eight counties in Washington Territory at that time. King County was number seven in terms of population; Pierce County, with a population of 513, was number four. (Greg Lange, “1853 Census: First Census of Washington Territory,” HistoryLink.org, Essay 2551, January 01, 2001.) Today, King County is the largest county in the state with a population larger than 14 states.

At our forum this month we will hear from three speakers who will talk about what the newly released 2010 census data tell us about how our population is changing both in Seattle and King County overall. This discussion will be followed by a report on King County redistricting.

We have a great lineup of speakers for you.

Chandler Felt has been a demographer for King County for more than 20 years. For many years he edited the *King County Annual Growth Report*, a reference book of demographic, economic, housing, and land information about King County, its cities and unincorporated areas. Recently he was involved with promoting the 2010 Census in King County.

Diana Canzoneri is an analyst on the staff of the Seattle Planning Commission. Her primary focus is on providing demographic research to inform Planning Commission recommendations and city policy decisions on land use, affordable housing, and transportation. Prior to coming to Seattle, she worked for the City of Bellevue where she was responsible for analyzing local demographic and economic trends.

Professor Richard Morrill is emeritus professor of geography at the University of Washington; he specializes in urban demography. In the 1970s Professor Morrill was appointed by the Federal District Court in Seattle to serve as “Special Master” to reapportion Washington State when the legislature, after a year-and-a-half, was unable to agree on a plan.

Terrence Carroll is Chair of the King County Districting Committee. Mr. Carroll is a professional arbitrator and mediator and a Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Seattle University School of Law. He previously served as a King County Superior Court judge, deputy prosecuting attorney, public defender, and private practice attorney.
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Connecting with Judy

We just held our Summer Board Retreat to chart our course for the coming year. I’d like to tell you about it.

We set priorities and voted on a probable calendar of programs for the year.

Our priorities are based on our mission to develop informed and engaged citizens and to act on issues on which we have developed positions. Voter Service and Ballot Issues (chaired by Cyndi Woods and Julie Anne Kempf) and Program and Action (chaired by Jeanette Johnson and Linda Brown) are our core functions. This year we will focus on education, transportation, and good government (for example, privatization, mail-in voting, and campaign finance reform).

We adopted a calendar of interesting programs for this year’s unit discussions and forums. In September we will look at the intriguing results of the census in our region and then, in October, we’ll hold our general election ballot issues program. We will have two studies on education—one on the federal role in education and one on the making of effective teachers. Early next year we will do our usual planning of program for the following year and we’ll look at privatization at the national level. We’ll finish up in the spring with a look at the Central Waterfront and at all-mail voting.

Already this year we have taken action on the county car tabs “congestion reduction charge” and supported the county veterans and human services levy. We expect to consider action on many other issues this year. Based on our established positions, we’ll take action on many of those we consider.

To make the work we do on our programs and action and ballot issues effective, we need a robust membership (Dana Twight) and adequate funding of our budget (Ginna Owens and Kathy Sakahara). We will support our core functions with many other forms of outreach (Jean Carlson and Kelly Powers): the Voter, press releases, website and constant contact messages, unit discussions, speakers bureau, and forums. We would like to double the number of people we reach with the fine studies, programs, and other information that we produce. These are all Points of Entry to the League, and we want to increase their effectiveness. To raise that effectiveness and our profile, Ginna reminded us to never go alone to a League event, to extend invitations to our friends, and to share our passion for this organization so that we help the League grow. Clearly we need to attract younger people as well as the newly retired. So we’ll explore something new—perhaps casual evenings discussing “hot topics”!

We recognized that no one joins League with the goal of “making money.” But we, the Board, are often in the awkward position of “nagging” others to do just that. Not until I was treasurer did I understand why this has to be a League priority just as it is for any non-profit organization. Most of our dues go to state and national Leagues for their work providing studies and lobbying; that leaves us with little money to run our local organization. We have cut our budget from $231,000 a couple of years ago to this year’s $197,000; that’s considerable belt-tightening. We used $24,000 of reserves last year and will use $10,000 this year. This leaves us with a need to raise about $160,000 for our basic expenses. Currently we rely on TRY contributions, unit activities, member contributions, and major events. We are looking for creative new ways to fund our organization that are less demanding of our volunteers and divert them less from working on our core mission. This will require us all to reach out and cultivate support for our organization (See the article about our successful pledge drive on page 12).

We intend to make this organization thrive in spite of economic and demographic challenges. We are committed to making our core functions of education and advocacy more robust; we recognize that increased outreach, development, and support are necessary for this. We are committed to Making Democracy Work.

Sincerely,

Judy Bevington, President
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County
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## SEPTEMBER

- **Labor Day**  
  Monday, September 5
- **Forum: 2010 Census Update**  
  Thursday, September 8 7:30 p.m., Briefing 6:30  
  Seattle First Baptist Church
- **Board Meeting**  
  Saturday, September 10 9:00 a.m.-noon  
  League Office
- **Voter Deadline**  
  Monday, September 12
- **International Relations Committee**  
  Monday, September 12 12:45-2:45 p.m.  
  League Office
- **Transportation Committee**  
  Tuesday, September 20 10:00 a.m.-noon  
  League Office
- **Immigration Committee**  
  Tuesday, September 20 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
  Location TBD
- **Economics and Taxation Committee**  
  Saturday, September 24 9:00 a.m.  
  909 E Newton, #D9
- **Land Use/Central Waterfront Committee**  
  Thursday, September 29 10:00 a.m.  
  League Office

## OCTOBER

- **Board Meeting**  
  Saturday, October 1 9:00 a.m.-noon  
  League Office
- **Voter Deadline**  
  Monday, October 3
- **Forum: Ballot Issues, General Election**  
  Thursday, October 6 7:30 p.m.  
  Seattle First Baptist Church
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum each month (except December) between August and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The expert speakers at each forum focus on a topic chosen by the Board with advice from the members. We also provide information on the topic in the Voter. Those topics are then discussed at unit meetings during the following weeks; unit meetings are open to all. See the list of units at the end of this Voter for a discussion in your neighborhood.

Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations and times. Because of the broad community interest in public education, we are holding the November forum, “The Role of Federal Government in Public Education,” at Town Hall Downstairs. This forum will be held on November 1, the first Tuesday of the month, rather than on Thursday. The briefing for discussion leaders will be held in the League office at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. The schedule of upcoming forums for 2011-2012 appears above; check your Voter or the LWVS-KC website (seattlelwv.org) each month for up-to-date information.

### Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

LWVS recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff, and programs.
Board Briefs by Joanna Cullen, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County met on Saturday, July 23, 2011 for an endorsement meeting for issues on the August 16th primary election ballot and again briefly on August 6th during the Board retreat. This a summary of their activities.

Endorsements
The Board unanimously decided in favor of voting to pass King County Proposition 1 to renew the county’s veterans and human services levy. League positions supporting human services in areas of mental health, housing, and employment were the basis of this endorsement.

After rigorous deliberation, the Board could not reach consensus on supporting a vote to accept or to reject City of Seattle Referendum 1; they decided to make no recommendation on how to vote on this referendum regarding the Seattle City Council agreements to replace the Alaskan Way viaduct with a deep bore tunnel.

The Board did not consider the Tukwila Pool initiative as it was able neither to determine the effects of the initiative on the people of Tukwila nor their thoughts on it.

Endorsement Process and Procedures
This was the Board’s first endorsement experience using the new process and procedures; as a whole members felt that it worked well. This experience, along with discussion, will be the key to determining if these procedures need any further work or clarification. The Board approved reconvening the Endorsement Process and Procedures Committee to recommend any necessary adjustments based on lessons learned.

King County South Merger
The Board also approved a motion outlining the transfer of the King County South League funds and materials to the LWVS as a part of the merger of the two leagues to become League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. This motion also recognized changes to the name of the organization and of the Voter, established how the per member payments to League of Women Voters of Washington (for current membership and unit dues for South County) will be handled, and provided for the formation of the units that represent members of the former South County League. A committee has also been appointed to align the positions of the two Leagues as part of finalizing the merger.

Programs
The schedule of upcoming programs proposed by Jeanette Johnson was approved: see Forum Schedule

Office
A Treasury Review Committee was approved, as was the purchase of a new server for the office

Development
Over the summer the Development Committee has continued to work on the upcoming fall Political Party and Auction, as well as the Leadership Circle pledge drive for those who are willing to pledge a significant amount each year for the next three years. Ginna Owens reported that the Leadership Circle event went very well and definitely will contribute to meeting our funding needs. The Board members were encouraged to be table captains for the fall event. Owens also provided Board members with information on new approaches to fundraising to help them become more effective in this area.

Board Retreat
President Judy Bevington arranged an all-day retreat for the Board so that the Board members may begin to get a sense of the working relationships necessary for their work and to establish a protocol that will allow them to take more action on the issues important to League work in the future.
Committees

**Economics and Taxation Committee**
**Date:** Saturday, September 24  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** 909 E. Newton #D9  
**RSVP:** lwvseattlenora@yahoo.com

**Education Committee**
The Education Committee is currently completing work on the study “Fostering Teacher Effectiveness: No Easy Answers.” It is not holding regularly scheduled meetings at this time. Upon completion of the study, the Education Committee will resume its regular mission and announce a monthly meeting time.

**Immigration Committee**
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20  
**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** TBD  
**Contact:** Please call Co-chair Barbara Reid, 206-329-4848, for location information.

The Committee is reading and discussing the book *Moving Millions*, by Jeffrey Kaye, a look at global forces that affect the movement of people in all areas of the globe. We invite all to join us. It is not necessary to have read the book nor need you be a member of the committee.

**International Relations Committee**
**Date:** Monday, September 12  
**Time:** 12:45 -- 2:45 p.m.  
**Place:** League Office

The International Relations Committee meets from 12:45 — 2:45 at the League Office on the first Monday of the month. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the first meeting will be held September 12. Anyone with an interest in international relations is invited to attend and help select the topics that will provide the committee’s focus for the coming year.

For further information contact Rebecca Castilleja, Chair, at telbalto@yahoo.com.

**Transportation Committee**
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. -- noon  
**Place:** League Office

A spokesperson from Puget Sound Regional Council will discuss planning for current and future transportation demands and projects within our political and economic constraints.

We encourage participation in our issue committees. Often there are excellent speakers who provide informative presentations.

### CONTACTING ELECTED OFFICIALS:

**Getting the word out**

In case you don’t know, we publish a directory called *They Represent You (TRY)*. *TRY* gives the contact numbers and addresses for elected officials so that you can get information or make your voice heard on issues of importance. (You’ll take care, of course, that you can’t be misconstrued as speaking for the League.)

With election season upon us, it is time to get this information out. We have boxes of *TRYs* in the office. You can get one directory for yourself or a friend or several boxes for distribution to libraries, schools, public places, and organizations. Call Lindsay at 329-4848. We’re happy to mail up to three copies of *TRY* for free; we ask to be reimbursed for postage when mailing more than three. You’re welcome to pick up any number of *TRYs* from our office.
King County Connects - Announcements

Challenge Yourself and Power the League to Go Beyond Spin

SPREAD THE WORD
It’s time to start inviting friends to be at your table for a “fasten your seat belts” encounter with nationally known author Stephanie Coontz. This is a rare opportunity to see and hear this dynamic personality. Complete “how to table-captain” packets are available on the web. They can also be picked up now at the League office and they will be distributed at the September unit meetings.

BID ON FUN AUCTION ITEMS
Plan to bid on dreamy vacation getaways, delicious dinners, personal services, parties, gift cards, and wine and food baskets? Good.

BUT WAIT!

DONATE ITEMS
We need to have many items donated! And that’s also where you come in. Please start identifying items you and your unit will donate; make a list of the businesses, friends, and organizations you will ask for contributions.

Auction donation forms are available on our web site. You may also send documentation of the donations to the office. All donors will be recognized in the Voter.

VOLUNTEER
Help is always needed for mailing parties, data entry, procuring items, creating baskets, volunteer recruitment, editing the catalogue, brainstorming, music, decorations, and especially helping out on the day of the event. To put yourself where you fit best please call 206-329-4848 or email event.seattlekclwv@gmail.com.
MYSTIQUE, MYTH, AND TRUTH

Stephanie Coontz is one of the most thought-provoking, engaging, and witty speakers appearing before contemporary audiences. She is a nationally recognized and internationally known author, an historian, a faculty member at The Evergreen State College, and the Director of the Council on Contemporary Families. Her presentations on American families, the history of marriage, and changes in gender roles always prove fascinating.

Coontz has appeared on national television programs, including *Oprah*, *Today*, *The Colbert Report*, and on National Public Radio; she's also addressed audiences in Europe and Japan. Her work is often featured in newspapers and magazines, and in academic and professional journals. She has testified before the House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families in Washington, DC.


GOT A TALENT? GIVE IT!

Do you think you have nothing to give to the auction just because you don’t have a vacation home to lend for a week? There are lots of talented Leaguers. How about giving your talent as an auction item?

Know your birds? Take a group on a field trip to Montlake Fill or your favorite birding spot.

Know your plants? Give a garden walk-through at the winning bidder’s home and suggest planting ideas. Add a trip to a local nursery to show possible plants.

Know how to bead? Give a class in making earrings.

Know how to play an instrument? Give two or three lessons to a bidder who’s “thinking about” learning to play that instrument.

Have a wonderful recipe? Have a group over for a demonstration and taste test. Hand out a pretty copy of the recipe to each one there.

Like to cook? Host a dinner party in your home or the bidder’s. If that sounds like too big an undertaking for you, get together a small group of friends or take this on with your unit.

You get the idea. Something you take for granted could be a wonderful experience for the rest of us less talented folk.

Folks who bid on your talents can gain an unusual and ready-made party to which they can invite their friends. They might be willing to bid quite a bit, especially for this good cause.
THE DEAD AND THE DYING

President Judy Bevington finds herself surrounded by the dead and the dying. “Our CPU (central processing unit for our telephones) just died,” she reports. “Cause of death: old age and a power surge.” On the days when we feel old, some of us would like a power surge; be careful what you wish for.


Sad to say, we have no line item in our budget for technology replacement. The CPU will cost about $3000; the server will be $5000. And our latest victim, the CIS computer? About $600.

Judy requests: “In lieu of flowers, please send checks to LWVS. Or you could make a contribution via Paypal on the web. You could even sign up for our Leadership Circle three-year pledge drive.”

If you need information, call 329-4848. Lindsay Cummings or the CIS volunteer can help you with your contribution.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

THIS JUST IN: League planners are thrilled to announce that Monique Ming Laven, KIRO 7 Eyewitness News’ weekend anchor, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the BEYOND SPIN 35th Annual LWV S-KC Auction and Political Party, set for October 23rd at the Seattle Red Lion Hotel.

Laven joined KIRO 7 Eyewitness News in June of 2006. In addition to performing her weekend anchor duties, she’s covered stories ranging from spring snowstorms on Stevens Pass to the shooting spree at Virginia Tech. In 2009 she reported live from Perugia, Italy, on the Amanda Knox trial and verdict. KIRO 7’s coverage received an Emmy Award and a National Headliner Award for Breaking News. Monique Ming Laven joins renowned author Stephanie Coontz to highlight what is fast becoming a star-studded event. Watch for more late breaking news on the League webpage, www.seattlelwv.org.
King County Connects - League News

CALL FOR LEAGUE NEWS

The genesis of the heading for this section—King County Connects—is the Board’s realization that League has grown tremendously in coverage area in the last few years. First the east side and west side joined forces, and now, at last, we strive to represent the entire county. It’s important to work at getting us all connected. To that end the Voter welcomes League news items from all around the county.

Please let us know about what you Leaguers are doing in your home area. Or tell us about happenings in your part of the county that are relevant to League and of interest to other Leaguers.

In future Voters you’ll find some of these items high-lighted by area:

- The Far North;
- The Mysterious East;
- Way Down Yonder (our new members from King County South); and
- The Really Rural.

Of course, some news is county wide. Needless to say, that’s just as important and very welcome too! Send your notes or articles to nanvoter@comcast.net. Request submission guidelines at that same address or look for them on the League website, www.seattlelwv.org.

ACTION REPORT

BY LINDA BROWN, ACTION CHAIR

One of the goals of the Board this year is to strengthen and enhance the action component of our mission. To accomplish this goal we will be working closely with League committees to identify possibilities for action that are consistent with League values and positions. We are developing a process by which requests for action can come to the Board for consideration; look for a discussion of it in the next Voter. We look forward to League members’ involvement in the process.

In July and August the Transportation Committee requested that League take action on the proposed King County $20 Congestion Reduction Fee, a measure designed to increase revenue in King County so as to limit reductions in the bus service provided by King County Metro. After consideration of League positions, the president authorized that email alerts be sent to all League members about the issues involved and the actions that members could take to support the measure. For more detailed information about the Congestion Reduction Fee proposal see the Transportation Committee report in this issue.

I, as Action Chair, and the Board look forward to working with all of you this year as we move our values and positions into an action agenda.
SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF LEADERSHIP CIRCLE PLEDGE DRIVE
BY JUDY BEVINGTON, PRESIDENT

In July, Ginna Owens and her team held a special event at the lovely home and gardens of Ann Ormsby. The gathering launched the LWVS-KC Leadership Circle pledge drive. The idea is to encourage those who can to make a three-year pledge to the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. Pledge levels range from $500 a year for three years to $5000 dollars a year for three years.

The launch was a success: League received pledges of almost $15,000 per year, or $45,000 for three years. We could leave off the word “almost” if we could receive one more pledge. Or better yet, if more folks could pledge before the end of the month, we could reach the three-year goal of $50,000.

This approach can allow us to meet some basic costs. It can help with unfunded equipment needs, replenish reserves, provide us with more stability, and reduce the burden on volunteers who plan and conduct our major events. All who pledge before the end of September will be founding members of the Leadership Circle; their names will be added to a plaque in the League office.

We were absolutely delighted with both the event and the generosity of the donors.

LEAGUE ADVOCACY

We are proud that the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County joined other voices in calling for $20 car tabs. Those fees will support buses and thereby help avoid congestion. They’ll provide transportation for those who need it and for those who wish to diminish the environmental impact of single-occupancy vehicles.

We applaud the fact that our representatives did their job: they held hearings, then made a wise decision that saved the cost of an election.

We supported another winner. The King County Levy for Veterans and Human Resources passed by a large margin with a vote of 134,509 to 68,534.

These levy funds should help many who are struggling to meet basic needs.
WASHINGTON STATE’S NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: A PROGRESS REPORT

By Janet Winans

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County joined City Club as a co-presenter of their forum on July 28. The forum featured Tim Ceis and Slade Gorton, two members of the Congressional Redistricting Commission.

Congressional districts are reconfigured after each decade’s census to reflect changes in population. Most states handle the process within their legislatures, with the majority party dominating the process. Washington is one of the few states with an independent commission. The League of Women Voters of Washington was instrumental in advocating for and guiding the development of our process. Two citizen commissioners are appointed by each of the two parties’ caucus leaders in the state house and senate.

On December 21, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that Washington will receive an additional congressional district. The new district will take effect in 2012, giving Washington an additional house seat in the 113th Congress and an additional Electoral College vote in the 2012 presidential election. In addition to the complications of deciding where to insert a new congressional district, the 2010 census determined that Washington will come under the demands of the Voting Rights Act because our minority populations have increased enough that Washington must have a “majority/minority” district that will make it more likely the population will elect a representative from the non-white community.

The commission will honor the current incumbents in each of the congressional districts. They must, in addition, maintain certain “contiguity” relations. As they see it now, wherever the district is inserted, it will have to be connected across the Cascades. The increase in minority population extends, more or less, south from Seattle to Tacoma along the I-5 corridor; there is also a significant increase in the Yakima area.

The commission has met with citizens in every area of the state and is taking all of the many and disparate interests into account. They expect to announce their decision before January 2012.

LAKE FOREST PARK MAYORAL FORUM

The North King County unit continues to take the initiative to make things happen in their area. They conducted a very successful mayoral candidate forum for Lake Forest Park. Toni Potter and Raelene Gold organized and publicized the event and Seattle-King County League provided a moderator. Over 200 people attended! Members of the audience were able to ask an array of questions to help them make an informed vote.
Getting Connected by Dana Twight, Membership Chair

Membership Dashboard

This month I will try out a new feature, called the Dashboard. I will endeavor to highlight our membership by the numbers each month. For example, Kelly Powers, my predecessor, conducted a census and learned that our youngest member is age 24 and that we have several members in the 90 and better range. This month’s number is a guessing game: How many members do we have under age 40? Send me an email at membership.seattlelwv@gmail.com and we’ll see how close you are to the actual number.

Seattle-King County League:
670 total members as of 7/31/2011
New members from King County South: 24. Welcome again!
Youngest SKC (Seattle King County) member: age 24

Young Member Event

Plans are underway to arrange a young(er) member event. All are welcome, of course. This might take the form of meeting at Jimmy’s on Broadway before the forum at Seattle First Baptist.

- Park once
- No-Host Happy Hour (snacks and libations)
- Attend the Forum
- Meet new people and learn more about the League of Women Voters

Perhaps this could lead to the creation of a new unit! Please watch your email or check the Events section of the League website for the September location.

“Get To Know League” Event for October

First call for volunteers to help the membership chair host a “Get to Know League Event” prior to the October General Election forum. Appetizers and beverages will be served along with lively conversation. (This is one of the first ways I met some wonderful League folks.) I would like to invite committee chairs to participate; and we’ll need at least 4-6 members to help with food. Note: this is a lovely, non-public speaking, short-term volunteer opportunity! Special invitees will be all new members plus members from (the former) King County South (aka Way Down Yonder). Please email me at membership.seattlelwv@gmail.com with ideas and your involvement.

New Members

When you see Shirley Gough or Lounette (Lou) Templeton, feel free to say hello and welcome! They joined us in July and August, having been exposed to the League at the August forum and via Horizon House. More on them next month!

Do, Then Join

This is the theme from National regarding how to increase awareness about the League. Think of an activity that you might enjoy doing: Citizen Information Service (CIS) desk, voter registration, observing a public meeting of a government body, or distributing copies of “They Represent You” – our TRY’s. Then ask someone to do it with you. You will both have a great time and your friend will learn how we “make democracy work”.

**Part II of Kelly Power’s report on the 50-year members honored at the 2011 annual meeting will appear in the October Voter.**
Thank you to all members who have donated an additional amount with their dues: Katie Bethell and Adam Jacob, Anne Conn, Karen Duval, Ellen Hansen, Kathy Jorgensen, Karen McFadden, Nan and Ron Moore, Alice and Jack Peterson, Debra Revere, Sari Schneider, Jack Smith, and Paula-Robin van Haagen

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....and to Ruth Kagi and Teresa Lutterman who each contributed at the $250 Contributing Membership level.

Your generosity helps retain active members who are going through hard times.

**Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters of Seattle, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle serves the greater Seattle area, including the cities of north King County as well as east King County from Bothell to Bellevue.
Over time the Transportation Committee has held regular meetings with department heads from Metro Regional Transit. When the committee wanted to request that the League president tell the membership about the issues involved in the King County Council’s vote on the proposed $20 Congestion Reduction Charge (CRC), the chair was able to draw on expertise gained in those meetings. She presented information about the issue and an analysis of relevant League positions to the LWVS-KC Board. As a result, the president—via League’s “Constant Contact” system—recommended that members contact their county council representative in support of the CRC. The CRC will provide a temporary increase in funding to prevent the loss of 600,000 bus service hours. The transportation chair testified in favor of the $20 CRC to the King County Council on July 25th. After listening to approximately 4 hours of testimony, almost all of it in support of the CRC with only one person opposed, the council postponed their decision until their August 15th meeting. At this point, August 8, five county council members have stated their support for the CRC. Unless at least one more council member votes in support at their August meeting the issue will be sent to the voters on the November 2011 ballot. That will cost approximately $1,000,000, along with more months of uncertainty for Metro planners.

[Seven members of the King County Council voted on August 15th to enact an amended package for a two-year, $20 Congestion Reduction Charge. Ed.]

**BOOK REVIEW** by **Vicky Downs**

**Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer—And Turned Its Back on the Middle Class**

by Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson

Professors Hacker from Yale and Pierson from the University of California both teach political science. In this book they explain why the very rich have become much richer in the last few decades while the middle class is mostly stagnating.

How could Washington stop working for the middle class? One would expect that swing voters would help level the playing field at election time, but this has not happened. The real answer has to do with the rise of organizations helpful to the well to do and the relative demise of organizations that have to do with the rest of the population. The authors say these changes began to become obvious in the 1970s.

Those who remember the years following WWII knew America when it was the most economically egalitarian it has ever been. Our country had experienced the terrible Depression and then the war. Immediately thereafter, the American Legion led “a grass-roots movement” to demand that “returning soldiers receive a broad range of generous social benefits including up to four years of taxpayer-funded college.” This showed how effective an organized broad-based effort could be and went a long way toward making the country more equal with regard to take-home pay.

At the same time, fraternal clubs (and their sister organizations) such as the “Elks, Masons and Eagles” “were crucial [in] America’s [postwar] civic culture.” These “membership federations [both] complemented and rivaled political parties in setting the course of politics and government.”
Such groups of mostly middle and working class Americans developed bonds of trust and reciprocity so that, through the clubs, they were able to make their numbers count politically. Meanwhile, the unions took the lead in ensuring that the working class had a chance to realize the American dream and a middle class life.

By the late sixties Ralph Nader’s wildly popular book *Unsafe at Any Speed* exemplified the growing effort to regulate products from cars to baby cribs. In addition, Nader and others pushed for tough and “extensive restrictions and requirements on business in areas from the environment to occupational safety to consumer protection.”

“In corporate circles, this pronounced and sustained shift was met with disbelief and then alarm… . Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell felt compelled to [write] a memo that helped galvanize business circles.” The memo claimed the American economic system was under attack. Powell argued for organization. Business groups such as The Heritage Foundation and Business Roundtable soon developed and expanded. Their purpose was to provide sustained research and information helpful to corporations. In addition, other organizations encouraged local newspapers to print editorials and articles that were business friendly.

In time these groups became increasingly powerful, while organizations benefiting the middle and working classes became less so. Newspapers were quick to point out the diminishing power of the labor unions, but they said little about a similar demise of the fraternal clubs that had done so much to develop civic society. This was perhaps an even greater loss as there are now fewer organizations that can help members understand political issues.

“[The Devil is in the details]” is especially true when discussing these ever-more-complicated political issues, with the result that “most citizens pay very little attention to politics.” The authors ask, “What does it take for weakly informed and aware voters to attract Washington’s sustained notice?” Corporations and the growing financial industry, by focusing attention on hot button issues such as “no new taxes” (which resonated with the mostly ill-informed and not-very-interested public), did such a good job that they now tend to control political discussion. “2009 was a terrible year” for everyone in the US except for the corporations and the financial industry. Unlike everyone else, some of them made more money than ever in this “winner take all” political system that has Washington in gridlock whenever it is not giving in to the winners.

Why can’t the Americans who are desperate for jobs be heard? With diminished unions and the loss of many social organizations, people have not only lost a way to learn about political issues from their peers, they have lost their former voices for influencing politics. For instance, there is nothing like the American Legion pushing for sustained help for returning soldiers. Just as Justice Powell did in the 1960s, the authors say that organization is key. But now, say Hacker and Pierson, it is the middle and working class who must organize for a sustained and consistent picture of the future they want.

I was fascinated to learn that both the GOP and the Democratic parties helped bring about the winner-take-all politics that we are experiencing today. The authors say middle class voters can once again make their voices heard, but they will need a clear understanding of what they want and they will need to develop and support organizations that will always be alert and will be pushing for that vision when most voters are distracted by temporary headline-grabbing news.

This is a good book on an important topic: politics today!

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
September Program: 2010 Census Update

2010 Census Update: Our Changing Population

Discussion Questions
(Please note that these questions are for purposes of discussion and not for consensus.)

1. What are some of the chief demographic changes in the last decade – national, state, local?

2. Have you experienced the impact of any of these changes?

3. What impact do you think the 2010 Census will have on our legislative districts, congressional districts, school board directors, or County council?

4. What are some of the challenges and benefits of the demographic changes related to:
   - Redistricting
   - Transportation
   - Housing
   - Education
   - Social Security and Medicare
   - Land use and natural resources
   - Cultural and political values
   - Employment/economy
   - Other

5. How can the challenges be addressed and the benefits maximized? Or, what adjustments are needed to make the changes positive?

6. What other information do we need to better understand and deal with changes?
2010 CENSUS UPDATE: Our Changing Population
By Jeanette Johnson

Last year we looked at the 2010 decennial census—its history, its importance, and how it would be carried out in 2010. This year we are taking a look at some of the early census results reported for the nation as a whole as well as for the Seattle-King County area. Our report concludes with a discussion of the King County redistricting process.

Information derived from the census is important because it helps define who we are as a nation. Here in King County, for example, we have large and diverse communities speaking over 90 languages and encompassing many ethnicities and races. Information about changes in our community is important for many planning decisions, such as those related to transportation, parks, schools, housing, employment services, social services, and many other governmental functions.

This report is limited in scope to the ten questions in the 2010 Census form, which asked for name, sex, age, date of birth, ethnicity, relationship, and housing tenure. A copy of the official form is included in the appendix. Also, note that this is not a full-scale League study but only a report on some of the initial results of the 2010 Census. Census information is released in waves throughout the year, so the data reported on today do not give the full picture of what will ultimately be released. Those interested in more in-depth information should consult the Seattle Times online guide “Census 2010: Counting Washington” at http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/census2010/ or the U.S. Census Bureau website, at http://www.census.gov, which is easy to use and has a wealth of information.

NATIONAL TRENDS

Slower Population Growth

During the decade from 2000 to 2010 the U.S. population grew by 27.3 million (from 281 million to more than 308 million), an increase of 9.7 percent. This was the slowest rate of growth in decades, according to the Census Bureau, and significantly smaller than the 13.2 percent gain during 1990s. In fact, it was the slowest rate of growth since the 1900s, except for the decade of the Great Depression, which had an increase of only 7.3 percent. Despite the slower growth of the past decade and projections that the U.S. will continue to grow more slowly well into the future, the Census Bureau predicts the U.S. will retain its title as the world’s third most populous country, behind China and India, through 2050.

Regional Population Shifts

Continuing a trend begun decades ago, the Northeast and Midwest grew more slowly than the South and West. While the Northeast grew by

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3.2 percent and the Midwest by 3.9 percent, the South and West grew by 14.3 percent and 13.8 percent, respectively (see table 1). Census figures show that “the South and West accounted for 84.4 percent of the U.S. population increase” during the decade.³

Nevada was the fastest growing state at 35.1 percent. Michigan was the only state to lose population during the decade, losing 0.6 percent. ⁴

Over time, the incremental population gains made by the South and West over the Northeast and Midwest have added up. As Tim Jones and John McCormick point out, “When President Barack Obama was born in 1961, more than half the nation—54 percent—lived in the Midwest and Northeast. Now, midway through his first term, 39 percent live there.” (Bloomberg, December 25, 2010).

Big Gains for Minorities
The Pew Research Center reports that “racial and ethnic minorities⁵ accounted for 91.7 percent of the nation’s growth over the decade; non-Hispanic whites accounted for the remaining 8.3 percent.”⁶ Jay Bookman, quoting William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institute, reports that the amount of growth due to minorities during the decade was comparable only to “the influx of European minority immigrants such as Italians, Poles and Jews in the late 1880s.” (Associated Press, February 3, 2011).

Overall, people of Hispanic origin accounted for about 56 percent of the nation’s growth. In 2000 there were 35.3 million people of Hispanic origin in the U.S. Today there are 50.5 million, an increase of 43 percent, making people of Hispanic origin the single largest minority group in the nation at 16.3 percent. The second largest minority, black or African American people, also increased their share during the decade from 12.1 percent in 2000 to 12.2 percent in 2010. People of Asian origin were the fastest growing minority group, with a growth rate of 43.3 percent during the decade, increasing their percent share from 3.6 percent to 4.7 percent.⁷

Aging of the Population
The 2010 census shows that the U.S. population continued to grow older during the decade. While the population as a whole grew by 9.7 percent, the number of people 65 and older grew by more than 15 percent, increasing their percent share of the total population from 12.4 percent to 13 percent. The Baby Boomers are just beginning to hit 65; therefore, the numbers of senior citizens are expected to increase even faster over the next few decades. The Census Bureau predicts that by 2050, people 65 and older will constitute 20 percent of the total population.⁸ Today the median age of the nation as a whole stands at 37.2 years, up from 35.3 a decade ago.

The percentage of those 65 and older varies among the four census regions. The Northeast has the highest median age at 39.2 years, followed by the Midwest at 37.7, the South at 37.0, and the West at 35.6.⁹

Same-sex Couples
The 2010 Census is the first to report counts of both same-sex partners and same-sex spouses. The campaign “Make Your Family Count” leading up to the census encouraged gay and lesbian couples to identify themselves and be counted. The initial information regarding same-sex couples was released a little too late for including in this report. However, we will try to provide some of this information for you at the September forum.

KING COUNTY CENSUS FACTS

Overview
The trends playing out in the nation as a whole are also visible in King County, but with some important variations. Among the census findings are:
• King County grew by more than 194,000 over the decade, from 1.7 million to 1.9 million, securing its position as the 14th most populous county in the nation with a population larger than 14 states.\(^{10}\) (King County has a larger population than Wyoming, Vermont, North Dakota, Alaska, South Dakota, Delaware, Montana, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Idaho, Nebraska, and West Virginia.)

• As in the nation as a whole, growth in the county was slower during the past decade (11.2 percent) than it was during the 1990s (15.2 percent), but still faster than the 9.7 percent growth rate experienced nationwide.

• Racial and ethnic minorities played an even greater role in the growth of King County than they did nationally, accounting for fully 100 percent of the county’s growth during the decade. Minorities as a group increased by 47 percent,\(^{11}\) with people of Hispanic origin experiencing the largest increase at 81 percent. Non-Hispanic whites declined by almost two percent.\(^{12}\)

• People of Asian origin--in contrast to people of Hispanic origin nationwide--are the single largest minority group in the county, numbering more than 280,000 (14.5 percent) of the population. People of Hispanic origin make up the second largest minority group, with more than 172,000 (8.9 percent), followed by black or African Americans with about 116,000 (6 percent).\(^{13}\)

• The number of people 65 and older inched upward over the decade from 10.5 percent in 2000 to 10.9 percent in 2010. This is significantly lower than in Washington State overall (12.3 percent) or the U.S. as a whole (13 percent).

City-Level Growth
The fastest growing cities over the past decade were Renton, up 82 percent, and Auburn, (which is partially located in Pierce County), up 74 percent. According to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), both cities annexed large populations during the decade. These annexations are reflected in that high rate of growth (see table 2). Renton and Auburn are followed by Sammamish (34 percent), Redmond (19.6 percent), and Bellevue (11.7 percent). All five cities grew faster than the county wide average during the decade. Seattle, with a growth rate of 8 percent, had the largest

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numeric gain of 45,286.

Shift in Diversity
As the county has grown, diversity has shifted away from Seattle, where minorities have increased only slightly over the years, to nearby cities and suburbs, where minority populations have grown far more rapidly. Here are a few examples:

- In Bellevue, the percentage of minorities has surged over the last 20 years, up from 15 percent in 1990 and 28 percent in 2000 to nearly 41 percent in 2010. People of Asian origin are the largest minority group and have been growing the most rapidly over the last 20 years, making up 10 percent of the population in 1990, 17 percent in 2000, and 28 percent 2010. Nancy Bartley and Justin Mayo point out that “every neighborhood in Bellevue has at least 20 percent minority.” (Seattle Times, March 4, 2011).

- Immigration is a key factor in the growth of Bellevue’s minorities, according to Bartley and Mayo. The American Community Survey of 2005-2009 estimates that 30 percent of the population in Bellevue are foreign born. Almost 43 percent of those have arrived in the U.S. over the past 10 years. (Seattle Times, March 4, 2011).

- What is the draw? Bartley and Mayo speculate that “often, immigrants move to Bellevue and the Eastside after they’ve arrived to work at Microsoft and other local tech companies.” In addition, they report from an interview with Gwen Rousseau, Bellevue demographer, that the quality of the schools is an important attraction for the engineers and other high-tech personnel “recruited by Microsoft and other local companies.” (Seattle Times, March 4, 2011)

- Minorities have also blossomed in other Eastside communities. In Redmond, Bartley and Mayo report, the “minority population has just about doubled since 2000 from 10,663 to 21,095. Now, about 39 percent of the city’s residents are minorities, up from 24 percent 10 years ago.” Similarly, in Bothell, minorities have increased from 15 percent in 2000 to 25 percent in 2010. (Seattle Times, March 4, 2011).

- South King County has also been a magnet for minorities. Lornet Turnbull and Justin Mayo report that over the past several decades, immigrants and minorities from “Seattle’s Central Area, Rainer Valley and Beacon Hill neighborhoods” have moved in large numbers to the suburbs of South King County, forming majority minority populations in SeaTac, Renton, Kent, and Tukwila. “Overall in South King County, the white population declined by more than 14 percent, while the number” of minorities increased 66 percent. For South King County, a lot of the growth has been due to people of Hispanic origin, “whose population doubled and even tripled in some cities.” (Seattle Times, February 2011).

A Quick Look at Seattle
Seattle’s population grew by 45,286 during the decade, from 563,374 to 608,660--an increase of 8 percent. This was slightly slower than the 9 percent growth Seattle experienced during the 1990s but still stronger than the 5 percent rate of the 1980s. The census data reveal a number of interesting characteristics about Seattle that distinguish it from many other cities and communities in the county.

- While King County overall has become more diverse--moving from 73 percent non-Hispanic white in 2000 to 64.7 percent non-Hispanic white in 2010--Seattle’s non-Hispanic white percentage has barely budged, shifting from 67.9 percent in 2000 to 66.3 percent in 2010.

- Seattle, with 66 percent non-Hispanic white,
ranks No. 5 among the 50 largest U.S. cities for its percentage of non-Hispanic white residents, according to Lornet Turnbull and Justin Mayo. (Portland is No. 1 with 72 percent.) Turnbull and Mayo also point out that at No. 5, Seattle ranks higher than Wichita, Kansas, and Minneapolis for its share of non-Hispanic white residents. Over the past decade, Seattle has gone from No. 7 to No. 5, chiefly because other cities have increased their numbers of people of Hispanic origin more significantly than has Seattle. (Seattle Times, April 23, 2011).

- People of Asian origin are the largest single minority group in the city with 84,215 (13.8 percent of the population). Black or African Americans are second with 48,316 (7.9 percent) followed by people of Hispanic origin with 40,329 (6.6 percent). There are 31,247 persons (5.1 percent of the population) of two or more races. People of Hispanic origin were the fastest growing group over the decade with a growth rate of 35.7 percent.

- In contrast to national and countywide trends, where the share of the population 65 and older has trended upward over the decade, the trend in Seattle has been just the opposite: over the last 10 years the percentage of persons 65 and older has declined from 12 percent to 10.8 percent. The median age at 36.1 is also low compared with county and national figures.

- Among the 50 largest U.S. cities, Seattle stands out for: its high percentage of people living alone (ranked No. 3 at 41.3 percent); its high percentage of non-relatives living together (No. 3 at 15.8 percent); its low percentage of single-parent families (among the bottom five at 15.8 percent); and its small family size (at the very bottom at 2.87 persons). (Lornet Turnbull and Justin Mayo, Seattle Times, June 12, 2011).

- Seattle also stands out for the high percentage of its population between the ages of 20 to 39 (38.4 percent) compared with the county’s share (30.6 percent) or the state’s share (27.4 percent).

- The percentage of nuclear family households—husband-wife family with own children—has remained relatively stable in Seattle over the past decade, but at 13 percent in 2010, the share is quite low, especially when compared with that of the state, which Lornet Turnbull and Cheryl Phillips point out is at 20 percent. (Seattle Times, May 18, 2011).

- The absolute number of children in Seattle (those up to 19 years of age) has increased over the decade by almost 7,000; however, the percent share has declined slightly from 18.5 percent to 18.2 percent. Children five years and under accounted for the majority of the increase.

- Home ownership in Seattle (at 48 percent) is low compared to the county as a whole (59 percent) and to Washington State (64 percent).

This snapshot of Seattle shows how Seattle is “changing in fundamental ways. It has become a haven for singles, for young people (but not for children), and for renters. [And] married couples with children, the historic norm,” have become a smaller share of the community.15
THE COUNTY REDISTRICTING PROCESS

This material is from the King County Districting Committee website and can be found at the following link: http://kingcounty.gov/operations/districting.aspx

Requirements
Population shifts are important not only in determining changes in legislative and congressional districts, but also for redistricting here in King County. The county is required by state law and King County Charter to redraw council district boundaries following each decennial census to ensure that districts are as nearly equal in population as possible. The county charter places the authority for adopting the districting plan with a five-member, independent citizen districting committee. Four members of the committee are selected by the county council. The fifth member, who serves as chair, is selected by the four appointed members. The process calls for the committee to contract with a technical expert qualified by education, training, and experience to draw a districting plan, and to serve as “districting master.” The committee is required to complete their work and file the final districting plan with the clerk of the county council by January 15, 2012. The plan becomes effective upon filing. State law allows any registered voter residing in an area affected by the redistricting plan to request a review of the adopted plan by the superior court of the county within 45 days.

The 2011 Redistricting Process
County council districts were last apportioned in 2005 as a result of the decision by county voters to reduce the number of county council districts from 13 to 9. At that time, the districts were drawn into nine districts of relatively equal population. In the six years since then, the county
has grown disproportionately, with District 3 and District 9 growing faster than the rest. A map of the council districts as currently configured is included in the appendix. Figure 1 shows the population imbalance between the districts.

The King County Districting Committee began meeting in January. In April the committee held a series of three public meetings throughout the county to gather community input. These meetings featured a short briefing on how population has shifted in King County and provided opportunity for public testimony on how council districts should be redrawn.

Four alternative plans for redrawing district boundaries were released by the committee in June and four public hearings were held throughout the county during June and July to gather community input on the proposals. You may view the four plans online at: http://kingcounty.gov/operations/districting/resources.aspx. Each draft plan has an overall target goal of approximately 214,583 persons per district, but each has a slightly different approach to meeting that goal and the other districting requirements in state law and county charter.

After community input and further study by the Districting Committee, the draft plans may be revised, combined, or one proposal may be adopted as is.

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3Mackun and Wilson, “Population Distribution and Change.”

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5Minorities in this report refer to any person of non-Caucasian race or of Hispanic origin.


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12King County Executive Press Release, “King County experiences strong population growth.”

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16To view this and other resources, go the the King County Districting Committee website, http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/districting.aspx; under Resources you will find this chart and many other analyses and maps.
## Appendix

### United States Census 2010

**Start here**

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010. Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines:

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:
  - Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
  - Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
  - Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. **How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?**

   Number of people = ____________

2. **Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?** Mark X all that apply.
   - Children, such as newborn babies or foster children
   - Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
   - Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters
   - People staying here temporarily
   - No additional people

3. **Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark X ONE box.**
   - Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loan.
   - Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
   - Rented?
   - Occupied without payment of rent?

4. **What is your telephone number? We may call if we don’t understand an answer.**
   - Area Code + Number

5. **Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.**
   - What is Person 1’s name? Print name below.
     - Last Name __________________________
     - First Name __________________________
     - M I

6. **What is Person 1’s sex? Mark X ONE box**
   - Male
   - Female

7. **What is Person 1’s age and what is Person 1’s date of birth?**
   - Print baby’s ages as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
   - Print numbers in boxes.
   - Age on April 1, 2010
   - Month
   - Day
   - Year of birth

   **NOTE:** Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. **Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**
   - No
   - Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
   - Yes, Puerto Rican
   - Yes, Cuban
   - Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin for example Argentine, Bolivian, Dominican, Mexican, Salvadorian, Spanish, and so on.

9. **What is Person 1’s race? Mark X one or more boxes.**
   - White
   - Black, African Am., or Negro
   - American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of specific principal tribe.
   - Asian Indian
   - Japanese
   - Chinese
   - Korean
   - Filipino
   - Vietnamese
   - Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.
   - Native Hawaiian
   - Guamanian or Chamorro
   - Samoan
   - Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.
   - Some other race — Print race.

10. **Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?**
    - No
    - Yes — Mark X all that apply.
      - In college housing
      - In the military
      - At a seasonal or second residence
      - For child custody
      - In jail or prison
      - In a nursing home
      - For another reason

   → If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.
# Unit Meetings

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➤ **Diana Canzoneri**, Analyst, Seattle Planning Commission
➤ **Richard Morrill**, Professor Emeritus of Geography, University of Washington
➤ **Terrence Carroll**, Chair, King County Districting Committee