



County Council

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## Next Week's County Budget Preparation Meetings

"The county council is hard at work preparing the county's 2009-2010 biennium budget," said Council Chair Dave Somers. "Last week, we decided to break with tradition and go in a new direction.

"Instead of relying primarily on County Executive Aaron Reardon's proposed budget," said Somers, "we are producing the budget from scratch and in the open. Our process will be conducted in open meetings with everyone invited to attend. You can even watch the meetings live on the web."

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## Next Week's Budget Preparation Schedule

- **Committee of the Whole Budget Deliberations:** Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.
- The full two-month schedule follows.

Most council meetings are held in the **Henry M. Jackson Board Room**, in the **Robert J. Drewel Building**, on the County Campus at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett. Please call 425-388-3494 to confirm meeting schedules.

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## Continuing Public Participation Opportunities

The County Council is committed to public participation in the preparation of Snohomish County's first biennial budget for the years 2009 and 2010. Reaffirming their commitment to open, transparent government, the council recently opened several new lines of communication, including a targeted web-based response form.

The council's budget commentary web form can be found by going to the county's homepage at [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and entering "comment on the budget" into the "Search For" box located in the middle top of the homepage. Then click on [Comment on the 2009-2010 Recommended Budget](#), fill out the information requested and enter your comments.

Comments about the 2009-10 proposed county budget will be made a part of the public record, which must include your name, address, city, state, and zip code.

Citizens can also contact the county council directly by e-mail at [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org), or by letter to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Ave. M/S 609, Everett, Washington 98201.

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## Budget Panel Meetings

The council will scrutinize every taxpayer dollar they allocate in the county's 2009-2010 budget through the lenses of three panels that support the council's overarching theme of "**Sustaining & Enhancing the Quality of Life for Snohomish County Residents.**" The panels are:

- **Panel 1 "Mobile, Livable & Sustainable Communities,"** chaired by Councilmember Mike Cooper.
- **Panel 2 "Safe & Healthy Communities,"** chaired by Councilmember Dave Gossett.
- **Panel 3 "Public Accountability,"** chaired by Councilmember John Koster.

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The public is welcome to attend all panel meetings, as well as all meetings and hearings on the budget. Panel meetings and hearings may also be view live on the council's webcasting site – see details below. The schedule of these meetings and hearings follows:

### **Committee of the Whole Budget Deliberations**

— 11 am Wednesdays: Sept. 24, & Oct 29

### **Budget Panel Meetings**

- **Panel 1: Mobile, Livable & Sustainable Communities**  
— 9 am - 12 pm: Oct. 7, Oct. 14, & Oct. 21
- **Panel 2: Safe & Healthy Communities**  
— 1 - 4 pm: Oct. 8, Oct. 15, & Oct. 22
- **Panel 3: Public Accountability**  
— 9 am - 12 pm: Oct 9, Oct 16 & Oct. 23

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## Budget Public Hearings Schedule

### **Public Hearing on the Executive's Proposed Budget Ordinance & the Biennial Public Forum on County Operations**

— Wed., Oct. 1, at 11 am

### **Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget**

— Wed., Nov. 5 at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

### **Possible date for continuation of Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget**

— Monday, Nov. 24 at 10:30 am

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