

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX: Human Services

Source	Question	Comment
QoW	Transportation Improvement	We need to invest in a mass transportation system. We have a very diverse work force living in our county. Kitsap County has become more of a "bedroom" community with an increasing amount of our higher educated workers commuting to other counties for work. We can entice more tax payers to our county by enhancing our transportation opportunities for their work commute.
QoW	Transportation Improvement	Rail service
QoW	Transportation Improvement	A link from Kitsap County to the Amtrack station in Tacoma or the Greyhound bus station.
QoW	Transportation Improvement	After filling out the survey form about how to make Kitsap County a better place to live, I wanted to mention my concern about making sure kids and young adults feel connected to their communities. I don't know if there are such a programs, but I hope so. Young people often don't feel as if they belong (I know I certainly felt that way as a teenager/young adult). That sense of belonging is so important to growing up and becoming positive members of our communities.
QoW	Job Opportunity	Health Care jobs. I think the expansion of Harrison Hospital has the potential to make Kitsap County a premier center for health care of all kinds.
QoW	Job Opportunity	On-the-job training jobs that can take moderately skilled workers (builder assistant, medical office person) and train them up with so that they have more sophisticated skill (building plans/ site engineering, medical technologist) all the while ensuring a livable, family wage. Also, for existing business and larger companies in Kitsap to have clear paths for advancement to keep smart and qualified people earning at home in Kitsap without having to commute.
QoW	Open Space	OPEN SPACE: Elbow room. Places where nothing gets built. The trees, grass or bushes stay put and nothing gets ripped up and built where they once were. Green belts and vacant, natural lots are what I'd call open spaces. They need to be patrolled and monitored to prevent illegal dumping and occupation by trespassers and homeless.
QoW	Open Space	Open space is either undeveloped or minimally developed space in rural, suburban, and urban areas that are open to the public 24/7. The public may use this open space for individual or family gatherings, but not for organized gatherings, i.e. political events, religious events, commercial or retail events, county, city or state events. It may include a dog off-leash area, fencing, parking area and minimum signage
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITY: low pollution, crime; easy access to health care providers
QoW	Healthy Community	Elements of a healthy community: willingness to share resources and help out in hard times. Ability to engage in respectful but honest discussion around political issues. Ability to appreciate other people's points of view even if you disagree with them. Willingness to compromise through conscious deliberation and avoidance of power plays. Lots of infrastructure supporting walking, biking, and public transit, e.g. extensive biking and walking paths, paved shoulders or bike lanes on lots of roads, covered bike parking near transit hubs, public transit options on evening and weekend as well as daytime. Healthy salmon populations in the streams and bays, water clean enough for shellfishing, lots of green infrastructure for dealing with runoff. No big expanses of treeless asphalt--trees, tall shrubs, swales in large parking lots. Minimal shoreline hardening; the community seeks alternative approaches to living with an active coastline.
QoW	Healthy Community	Healthy Community would include a growing population, growing businesses, and not vacant buildings sitting for lengthy times. Keeping the city upgrading with solid business growth and things the community would use regularly including parks and recreation areas for families and individuals. Something to keep the "community" together as a whole. Also good schools and education for the upcoming generation and communities future.
QoW	Healthy Community	A healthy community is one in which community residents feel connected, have safe and accessible open spaces, retail areas and recreational amenities - preferably within walking distance on safe sidewalks, not paved shoulders - and is a community that takes its physical, economic and social good health very seriously and works collaboratively to achieve a high quality of life.
QoW	Healthy Community	A community with diverse economic contributors. Not one dependant mainly on federal dollars. A unified group of communities as much as possible.

QoW	Healthy Community	A health community would be safe for kids and cats alike, a place where people know each other by first name and value their shared place enough to drive carefully and take an active role in taking care of it. It would have safe places to walk and the ability to access a healthy diet without requiring a vehicle.
QoW	Healthy Community	A healthy community is one where the natural environment is appreciated and protected, the residents have productive employment, schools and other public services are well funded, and housing is well kept up but affordable.
QoW	Healthy Community	The core values of a healthy community start with adequate health care services and a healthy, sustainable environment. When basic health care services are not available to all, our air, water and food is fouled with toxic contaminants, and the surrounding environment are being gradually degraded by reckless, short-sighted development in the name of "economic development," the community is failing its primary responsibility to its families and their children. While no one disputes the need for decent jobs, short-term economic development is typically the behemoth that dominates all else, despite pious political disclaimers. A healthy and sustainable environment, quality public education and responsible, far-sighted economic development are the three legs of the stool supporting a healthy community.
QoW	Healthy Community	It means a community that is safe, proud enough of itself to take care of the way it looks, organized and well supported by a local government and it's protecting agencies such as the police and fire depts. It means it's people know what is going on in their neighborhood and work together to keep it a place people desire to live in. It is served honestly, fairly and efficiently by those elected to serve and those whose job it is to take care of community owned assets (streets, utilities, green belts, parks, etc).
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Maintaining and promoting a healthy lifestyle. That is what the Comp Plan can help us do. Access to health care for all ages and economic classes. Access and preservation of farm land for, to healthy foods that are locally grown. Access to local recreational opportunities for keeping us fit and healthy..Safe routes to schools and work for non-motorized transportation. Also, Preserving our open spaces, waters and forests for; a healthy population of wildlife, cleaning our atmosphere and ground water, as these systems all help us keep healthy, too, on so many levels..... and of course, good access to a local brewery! Hum, might run into trouble trying to mandate that!?:)
QoW	Healthy Community	A healthy community would be one that supports residents in the necessities of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness! Where have we heard that before? I think it still applies. Although, the necessities change over time (for instance, we need paved roads now instead of trails), that is where the focus of community representatives focus should be. Its simple. Start with the basics limited to infrastructure. Are the basics/necessities available for residents. I would suggest starting with questioning whether sufficient/current emergency services (police, fire, medical, etc.), utility services (power/gas, water, sewage, trash), educational services (K-12 and higher ed.), transportation services (bus, taxi, rideshare senior
QoW	Healthy Community	healthy community is one all inclusive of the needs (handicap, disabled). Plans for future growth (roads, parks, demographics) meaning 50 ,100 years from now now just 10 years. business traffic is on separate road from other traffic. plan more trees in in city and urban areas. listens to everyone without repercussions
QoW	Healthy Community	A community would need reliable public transit that offered regular trips to grocery or other retail and to perhaps medical centers. Another thing that a community would need is safe sidewalks, not paved shoulders, so that reutred and elderly could stroll at the pace they do without feeling threatened by all other uses on the same roadway. Lighting is a factor too especially in the winter months . But all times of year are important for elderly to get outside and to walk safely.
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: transportation options, such as rail, bus, hire cars, etc.that enable access to essential services and entertainment. availability of essential services nearby.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: At a time when more than 1 in 5 adults would prefer to die, rather than face retirement without sufficient funds (http://time.com/money/3528851/retirement-middle-class-not-saving/) , it seems this is a much larger question than can be addressed at the community level. It will depend largely on funds available and community provided health care and support.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Special, lower property ax rates for seniors so that those of us who are living on social security, can afford to keep our homes.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: To be able to have a separate apartment for a caregiver - basement, separate building, etc.This is an area where Kitsap County is very much behind times. In addition there needs to be transportation available for people who can no longer drive

QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Special, lower property tax rates for seniors so that those of us who are living on social security can afford to keep our homes. Also, access to "approved" (vetted to eliminate those who cheat seniors) handymen or contractors who can install safety bars in bathrooms, hand rails where needed, and those "little things" that can help seniors with in-home mobility issues.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: 1. They need contact with someone who can evaluate their needs and abilities. 2. They need help with maintaining their homes. 3. They need easy transportation opportunities 4. They need someone that can give them help with what benefits are available and how to apply. 5. There must be good counseling when they need to make a decision about life style changes.
QoW	Retirement	We need prop-13 like California so we would not be taxed out of our homes and be forced into retirement homes.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: I do not believe it is the place of the county to be funding such a thing. This is the responsibility of the individual. I am retired and considering assisted living in the not too near future so I can speak to this with some authority. Perhaps the county could make it easier for retirement and nursing homes to be built and help with the monitoring of facilities and care. That's all that I would want..
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Transportation for when elderly can no longer drive. It is currently extremely time consuming to go anywhere around the county by bus, and out taxi system feels like the wild west with no apparent regulation or supervision. It should be possible to go to recreational activities, cultural activities and business activities via public transport. I do not believe that is possible today.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Excellent quality health care within a reasonably close commute from residence; convenient "routine" shopping opportunities (grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store); access to local government activities ("neighborhood" auxiliary office for county services); reliable public transportation during a citizen's "awake" hours
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QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Transportation for those needing rides and cannot drive themselves. Grocery delivery. Medication delivery. In home help of cleaning, repairs and maybe cooking...as well as upkeep of yard and outside structure of home... if you have one so home stays well maintained and not an eyesore to the community or neighborhood bringing down property value for others. Safety or security check ins either in person or on the phone. Easy emergency contact access for home invasion, medical emergency, or any other type of urgent need that arises. Meals for shut ins or those who can't cook for themselves. Community or Senior events and informational presentations and/or mailers.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: For senior citizens who own a suburban house and decide they want to stay in it, as they age they will need progressively increasing assistance with home and property maintenance, shopping, food, and health monitoring. Ideally, as with 'Meals on wheels' or 'Chuckwagon', there would be publicly supported programs for home cleaning and maintenance, and routine nurse check-ins. I believe the choice, or the perception that there is no other choice, to age in place, is a big mistake, leading to social isolation, a huge danger of falling or having a stroke with no-one to timely know about it and respond, and the constant nagging stress of home maintenance: the tap that starts leaking, the paint that needs re-doing, the lawn that needs mowing, on and on. Reverse mortgages are a gamble. Instead, a competently planned and functioning society will be able to answer to the needs across the human age spectrum. For seniors, this means housing that has handicapped accessible built into every minutiae, that they are not too big, that they bring people together for positive, daily social contact, and are right where food and the necessary consumer sundries can be bought, right around the corner, or down at street level. While such spectrum retirement communities are available all over the place with a wide array of options, I do think that there has been far too little consideration given to spiritual nourishment and tailoring senior communities to addressing the interests of their residents. People who are music lovers are going to be much happier in a place built for music lovers. Gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts will be much happier with access to gardening, animals, outdoor field trips, etc. Services and facilities are astronomically expensive, so the key in trying to get the best quality of life for seniors without massive cost is to look to the ability of the active, ambulatory seniors in a community to participate and be rewarded for working to maintain the community.
QoW	Retirement	RETIREMENT: Lots of discounts for seniors, a resource office for seniors, bus service to more rural parts of the county to help seniors get around.

QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: 1. Small stores within walking distance of one's home (an integrated community) and pedestrian trails that are completely away from roads (people don't walk next to traffic, unless forced to). A town becomes a community when people get out and walk to get milk, or a cup of coffee, or a tool, and when the children can walk or bike to school and not be on a road with cars.</p> <p>2. Silverdale, especially, needs to establish within the community pedestrian/bike pathways that are separated from roads. Otherwise, people will be forced to get in a car to go to a store or school, and traffic congestion will increase. It would also help Silverdale to have small markets within housing areas, so that people could walk to a store to get some of their goods.</p> <p>3. Parks that are centrally located within communities, with benches (it's important to keep vagrants out), that are kept clean, become a gathering and play places.</p> <p>4. For some towns (Poulsbo, Bremerton), having a shopping street with nighttime activities (such as the Art Walks, or perhaps displays of children's art, or Kitsap's musicians playing in the stores, or just a once a week opening of most of the stores) that is consistent and predictable could develop a nighttime strolling habit for people.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: a "Dial-A-Ride" type service where older people stranded in their homes as by inclement weather could get out; better and earlier snow plowing in residential areas such as Lake Symington where I live and HAVE "retired in place."</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: Some of us need good public transportation, a senior discount on property taxes, help with home maintenance, and safe places to get exercise such as walking and bike paths along the roads and access to swimming with life guards on duty.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: A great place to retire would require a nice blend of the following things: Good recreational amenities such as parks, beaches, trails, hiking or picnicking areas. Animal friendly areas as most retired people tend to keep pets,. Good restaurants with variety and venue. Community centered recreational facilities such as gyms, theaters, museums, art centers, music centers. Educational facilities and good medical facilities with a wide variety of providers and specialists. Affordable housing and cost of living. Good roads and transportation facilities and venues. Easy access to government buildings and political representatives. Open spaces left for wildlife preservation and recreation. Well planned and attractive housing developments. Good opportunities for employment and commerce as well as volunteer opportunities. Good shopping facilities and well planned parking and transportation venues.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: ADA upgrades made easy. I have a two story and likely will not be able to get upstairs forever.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: Good public transportation</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: Since it does not cost anything extra it would be good to build new homes so that elderly and or handicap people could use them by requiring the installation of wider doors and without multi levels on the ground floor. If the home is multi level the master bedroom should be on the ground floor.</p> <p>When building down town try to do it with slightly less density and not right next to the highway. create more open space within the developments.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: To retire comfortably in the Kingston community it needs to include the following: High quality & affordable food supply (combination of chain stores and farmers markets), affordable housing (taxes remain affordable), accessible healthcare (Harrison & local clinics), strong and vibrant social community with facilities to meet in town, walkable "downtown" (like Poulsbo or Edmonds), free downtown wifi would encourage "stickiness" to hang out, and lastly - strong protection of the natural wonders (seashore, woods, lakes) that brought us here in the first place.</p>
QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT: In home CNA care covered by insurance. Now these services are covered only if you are in a Nursing Home and then you pay privately or are covered by state assistance. Washington should allow for these services to be covered in the home. Would potentially cost less.</p>

QoW	Retirement	<p>RETIREMENT:</p> <p>Retiring "in place" is something people have done for ages. What a retired or aging community needs is access to health care facilities within a reasonable distance and/or roads to accommodate optimum emergency response. Collector roads with speed bumps hamper and delay this essential service. Therefore they should be removed. More roads need to be lighted with street lights so people feel safer when driving at night. Putting in sidewalks to get walkers off the shoulders of the road is also a huge benefit to people who may want to walk to local destinations. Bus service should be expanded in order to give those living on a retirement income an economical option. Having less power outages is desired by all residents and almost essential for the retired who spend most of their time at home - -</p> <p>Our state and county government should be working with utility companies to bury lines. The local Navy bases are essential for ensuring a comfortable retirement for many of the retired military in Kitsap County.</p>
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: hiking, trails, walkable neighborhoods. music venues, art
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: Kayaking and more public access to the water. Hiking, biking and horse back riding in our large parks. Being able to ride or walk to my neighbors and to other communities on a wide road shoulder or sidewalk.. Watching birds and other wild animals in their habitat.
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: Something for young people to do. Like a boys and girls club.
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: Walking trail
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: A place to do jazerercise that does not cost tooooooo much and a tennis court
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: Heavily wooded trails is my first choice. A park with a walking path is second.
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: An indoor swimming pool!
QoW	Recreation	RECREATION: Youth center. Ideal hands are the devils tools.
QoW		<p>To all of you who are involved - I have been a resident of Kingston for over 70 years. Growth is NOT what I would like to see. Growth without adequate care and knowledge has definitely reduced my quality of life. Let us take care of those who already live here, the environment, and the quality of life we so often tout. WE NEED: *Loyalty to our local businesses/ *Support for local schools through higher taxes, more volunteers, more event participation (we must make young people feel valued and BE valued.) *To include young people in this planning process. It is THEIR future. *Support for local initiatives like Kingston Cares, food banks, Coffee Oasis, severe weather shelter, Stillwaters, etc.*A Port that listens to and is more responsive to OUR resident community on quality of life issues like beach access, beach clean-up and not only looking to attract big boats and tourists. *A Port that listens to and is more responsive to OUR resident community on quality of life issues like beach access, beach clean-up and not only looking to attract big boats and tourists. *More surface water management that works. *County staff that says "yes" rather than "no" in solving resident's issues. *A way to handle public generated trash *A Community Center that is open and hospitable to the community *A community with less fear of the "other"*More affordable and alternative housing WE DO NOT NEED: *More people *More traffic and noise*More trees coming down*More people with unmet social service needs *More inequity *More businesses not thriving *More empty business space*Travel to other towns to fill our "needs" *Any more permitting with mitigation for building on shakey sites*Any more shameful mitigation "deals" like with the Navy. I appreciate the chance to express my views as I was unable to attend the Kingston meeting.</p>
QoW	Healthy Community	<p>HEALTHY COMMUNITY: Though regulations sometimes are criticized, they are essential to enforce standards for clean water, clean air, and clean food. Regulations work best, though, when the population is educated and knows why those regulations are necessary, and how those regulations keep people safe. I applaud Kitsap County for its active program of education regarding clean water, stormwater, shorelines, parks, wildlife and the environment, salmon, hazardous waste disposal, noxious weeds, septic tanks, where to dispose of trash and recyclables, and so much more.</p> <p>Education: It helps us to hear what good and bad health practices are, and what healthy and unhealthy environments are.</p> <p>Walking/Biking to work, school, and the home promotes physical and mental well-being, decreases traffic congestion, and reduces pollution. Several decades ago, the city of Copenhagen, Denmark committed to getting 50% of their population to bike/walk to work and school, and they've succeeded brilliantly.</p> <p>Parks and open areas are good for individuals, families, and wildlife. They give us a place to recreate, to think, and to offer thanks for our blessings.</p> <p>It's a national problem that we're painfully working through, but we, as Americans, in contrast to most other industrialized nations, don't yet have affordable health care and catastrophic health care coverage. Ours is the most expensive health care in the world, and yet it does not rank highly among industrialized nations. I realize that this is a national issue rather than a Kitsap County issue.</p>

QoW	Housing	It would be great to see more cottage and carriage-house style units on small lot, zero lot-line, and condo developments. Incorporating community gardens and small open spaces could add character. These developments would be best close to, or inside, the urban core to make access to services easier. This would also help create a closer community feel in the areas supporting these developments, especially if there are neighborhood commercial uses built into and alongside these residential developments
QoW	Housing	Less low-income housing.
QoW	Housing	Historically, families have coped with unemployment and hard times by clustering under the same roof. Before Social Security, many widows managed by renting out rooms and providing domestic services to their guests. Hard times are coming, and many of our zoning restrictions need to accommodate the needs of its families. Loads of restrictions were placed solely to keep property values high and exclude low income renters and the poor. We need more flexible options for struggling families, single moms and the elderly.
QoW	Housing	Over 55 high rise housing centrally located in downtown (near water) areas of Port Orchard, Silverdale and Bremerton.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: We Need a program like in Seattle for the elderly housing program (SHAG)
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: Affordable housing near to shopping and support centers for seniors only.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: I'd like to see energy-efficient new homes and subsidized retrofits for existing homes owned by people on fixed incomes. Heating bills can really rack up, particularly for older people who need to keep their homes warmer. Along the same vein, I'd like to see continued/increased subsidies or other options that make it affordable for people to install solar panels, either free-standing or roof-top. This can also help keep bills down. Attractive communities near bus lines or within easy walking distance of stores would also be good. I'm thinking homes or small multiplexes with porches rather than garages or parking lots along their front sides, lots of greenery and small parks where folks can socialize, play croquet or bocci, etc.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: more 'affordable' options that include pet-friendly rent and purchase for elderly
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: I would like to have a Del Webb type 55+ community of single family detached 2 bedroom homes on decent sized lots with a clubhouse and yard maintenance included. All I can find in Kitsap County for seniors are apartments or trailer parks.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: Quality but less expensive senior housing that can graduate to assisted living and then long term care in the same complex.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: more single story homes ("ranch homes") constructed, more senior housing not limited to poor or disabled, more affordable housing, lowered homestead tax exemption rate (now too high of an adjusted gross income amount required for this area), building code or other requirements that housing be safe and accessible (for example, safe bathtubs/showers with hand railings, bathrooms on lower levels, etc.)
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: Some non postage stamp sized lots so single level accessible houses (with a large enough footprint) can be built.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: Townhouses in the urban cores, proximate to grocery shopping, will be great for seniors wanting to live in Poulsbo, Silverdale, Kingston, or Bremerton.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: Higher quality smaller homes closer to shops, services, parks, open areas etc. House should have wider doors and master bedrooms on the ground floor.
QoW	Housing	HOUSING: a small community-development built with one story duplex style home that are owner occupied, with homeowners dues that are paid according to their income. An area with a cafeteria, gathering room, and medical area
QoW	Healthy Community	Get school kids and other interested parties involved in growing organic vegetables and making them available to the public.
QoW	Healthy Community	Kitsap County needs more sexual help locations such as planned parenthood. Looking at the health district it's obvious we need help with STD control.
QoW	Healthy Community	continue to enroll those who need insurance in Affordable Health Care.
QoW	Healthy Community	help people who do not have jobs in fixing their teeth and hospital bills.
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITY: Clean up the Methamphetamine problem.
QoW	Healthy Community	There seems to be a substantial drug problem here, including alcohol abuse. What is causing it? Address that and the overall health of the county should improve. Thank you.
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITY: In general, I think the health of Kitsap County residents is pretty good. Environmental issues are few since there are few hazardous manufacturing sites in the county, with the exception of "the shipyard". Even there, oversight is strong. There are population minorities with alcohol issues, drug dependencies, etc, but not the majority of the population. There are growing medical facilities, not only in the central (Bremerton/Silverdale) areas but also in North and South Kitsap to support residents. Seattle/King County is only a ferry ride or helicopter ride for emergency or more complex medical support. Maintaining existing medical personnel and expanding future staff, as older physicians/nurses/ health care providers age and retire would be the key area to improve our community health.

QoW	Healthy Community	Universal health care.
QoW	Healthy Community	HEALTHY COMMUNITY: Health of the community would include having parks, playgrounds, dog parks, water access for warm weather play. Providing places that are clean, safe, monitored, and open (free or for a nominal price) gives the community access to being outdoors and increasing family togetherness and knowing the community cares about people and families. If we are talking the health of people in our community, that would need to include access to affordable medical care, medications an hospitalization and urgent care access for individuals and families in all stages of life.
QoW	Healthy Community	Protect the environment.
QoW	Healthy Community	FOOD: Address the issue of the lack of the availability of local wholesome food. As long as we mostly rely on imported foods often of unknown source and the issue of whether it's safe food to eat, we are p laying Russian roulette with what we are putting in our mouths every day of our lives. The majority of food travels long distances and is subject to contamination many times during shipment. The ot her huge factor is how it was grown, what has it's exposure to chemicals, treatments, preservation practices, etc. Kitsap county needs to be more involved on these questions and more supportive of <u>locally produced foods</u>
QoW	Housing	HOUSING AND RETIREMENT: I would like to submit a response to last weeks question which was regarding housing and the retirement population. I would encourage us to consider the benefits and life style that cottage housing offers.
QoW	Healthy Community	deal with food insecurity and other issues of poverty in our community
QoW	Healthy Community	I think the most important thing the county could do is to assist the elderly and disabled with <u>transportation to their medical care and the grocery store.</u>
QoW	Healthy Community	Bike Lanes and perhaps considering organizing senior citizens meeting places where people could s ocialize - I always wonder what the elderly get to do with their time especially if they can't drive.
QoW	Healthy Community	Focus on where we are most likely to have an impact on indicators of health. I think that the most potential is in the schools with a focus on healthy eating and active living - reaching children at am impressionable age, making healthy food and opportunities to be physicall y active a routine part of their day every day, and involving families in learning to make healthy ch oices.
QoW	Healthy Community	Affordable preventative health care for all
QoW	Healthy Community	quality education at the elementary and secondary school levels --
QoW	Transportation Improvement	COMMUTE: More public transit, better biking infrastructure. I'd like to see some sort of study into why so many people drive onto Bainbridge Island to commute rather than bussing it--the rush hour traffic is crazy, and we need to figure out a way to get more folks on transit. Do we need more park-and-ride spaces? Park-and-ride lots in new locations? More bus space? Subsidized bus fare? I've hear people toss around ideas about building a turn-around on the Kitsap side of the Agate Passage bridge, or widening the road and bridge, but I'm wondering whether subsidizing bus fare wouldn't be a better investment of funds. I grew up back east in a moderately rural area with terrible air quality (lots of folks heating with wood), and towns in the region got funding to try out a free bus system. It worked great! Better air quality, less traffic, easy for everyone to get around. Maybe get together with Olympic College, major shopping areas, and municipalities to seek funding to try free or very cheap busses for a while?
QoW	Transportation Improvement	COMMUTE: Improving transportation hubs and connections to them. especially trails, sidewalks and road shoulders for walkers, and bikers, not to mention safe routes to hubs for school kids going and coming from schools (not all school buses take all kids to schools)
QoW	Transportation Improvement	COMMUTE: Commute time for residents of Kitsap County who work in Kitsap County is not an issue. <u>Comp Plan</u> should be focussing on other items.
QoW	Transportation Improvement	COMMUTE: plan for a train service between Poulsbo and Winslow, Poulsbo and Silverdale/Bremerton, and Bremerton to Tacoma
QoW	Transportation Improvement	COMMUTE: light rail from Kingston to downtown Port Orchard, better bus service, continued financial support of van pools

QoW	Zoning Compatibility	ZONING COMPATIBILITY: A good transition between the commercial property and adjacent residential property is to require a strip of landscaping between them to be maintained by the owner of the commercial property. A low open fence might be helpful to keep business customers from straying onto the home site. But a tall solid fence would just be ugly, and give a "we don't like you and don't want to have anything to do with you" impression. Try to make this look like a friendly neighborhood!
CKCC Open House	Open Public Comment	Zoning maps should be looked at in relation to densities for growth because younger families cannot afford to build. Make area accessible and affordable.
CKCC Open House	Open Public Comment	Keeping 30-50 year olds in the community is needed - perhaps meet with school boards and talk about common goals to this end.
CKCC Open House	Open Public Comment	The plan for Kingston needs a specific goal to address the quality of life of residents including the needs of families, homeless, elderly, etc. It's only indirectly included in the plan now.
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Do we want a Town newspaper or newsletter?
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Large group supported a library in the area - approximately 28 people in attendance who showed support.
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Affordable Housing is a concern
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Comment regarding Youth in the Community. A Youth Center or someplace for kids to go in downtown.
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Disaster Preparedness - expand/include County Disaster Preparedness to Suquamish. Community needs to know more about County plan and have or develop their own. Earthquake preparedness, etc.
SCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	Possible sidewalk on Center Street. More 1 way on Geneva and Center. LED lighting where sidewalks are. A little light goes a long way. Community involvement and responsibility for sidewalk maintenance. They need to look cared for. Suquamish has been a place where poor people can live a good life, don't take that away. People who move here need to accept that this is an Indian reservation. Suquamish should instantly be recognizable as a reservation.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like the fact that it is not crowded. I dislike the necessity of driving long distances to do business. The courthouse is over 30 miles away. The transportation options are limited. I like the peaceful beauty that is everywhere. This is a wonderful place to live if you are retired and don't need to commute to work.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Like the community and where I live and work. Dislike the quality or lack of community-based services
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Kitsap county has a rural feel to it but Seattle is easily accessible.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	quiet
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Access to Seattle, lack of traffic, close proximity to salt water/shoreline, low housing prices
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Forests, vistas of the water, not too crowded, fish in the streams, deer in the woods, eagles flying by, migratory ducks, clean, healthy, good for the soul.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I moved from Colorado to Kitsap County in 2013, after purchasing a house here in 2011. While in line at Costco in Silverdale, I talked with a little girl who wanted to move to California. I told her and her grandpa that this is the best place in the world, period. And that's the way I still feel about it. I love the trees, I love the water, I love the rain, I love the space. I love the parks, the hiking trails, the library system, the ferry system and public transportation. I love everything about this place. You've done a good job! Keep it up!
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I dislike the level of taxation and the automatic increase in property taxes every year. I dislike the amount of money spent for school administration (for instance, why does the county need to pay for five school superintendents and their staffs - could we not have one Kitsap county school superintendent and save a million dollars a year?). I like the rural atmosphere in most of the county. I find the services in Kitsap county adequate for my needs. I like the water that surrounds most of the county.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like the close-knit community.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	disparity in services (public safety, schools) from south kitsap, to central, to north kitsap.

Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Family and kid focused, much of community is focused on schools, sports and church communities, the green everywhere I drive- trees and greenbelts.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Kitsap is a great place for us old folks, nothing to keep the youth here and we are losing them - look at the NKSD enrollment history. As of August 2014 we are down to 5001 students, another significant drop
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Good: It is quite; enjoy the tree; enjoy the incredible views. Great properties for small farms and ranching. Bad: There are no local decent services, no trendy businesses, one must drive to Gig Harbor or Tacoma to shop or get decent medical care. There's not even a 24 hour pharmacy in the county. Residential wise, drugs are rampant (growers, sellers) and the community turns a blind eye. Not a great environment for kids.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like the comfort in my small community. I would like to see a YMCA in Port Orchard though - somewhere for our youth to go. Also, obviously, we need another high school - South Kitsap is overcrowded.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	We live in the county and like the peace & quiet & scenery.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Like the military diversity. Working with or Kitsap County Government is like working with Neanderthals. There is no long term vision, the departments don't communicate. Their leaders and department staff bring nothing new to the table and only promote their own agenda. They put out press releases of "changes" but rarely include the public in the initial conversation or find ways to exclude them.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	People who respect each others' rights but expect to work together for a improving community future stewarding natural, fiscal, and human resources.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	More relaxed atmosphere than Seattle - less traffic problems usually.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Likes: open space and trees, small community but with lots of amenities. Dislikes: building vacancies, garbage & lots of homeless/drunk people along Hwy 303 in East Bremerton.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I'm sorry to see the rural character disappearing. I like the proximity to the water, the ocean, the mountains, Seattle, Tacoma and Canada. I appreciate the parks, the farmer's markets, the importance of providing programs for children, especially teenagers; the community events and the library system. Love the road to the Kingston Ferry until you get close to the terminal (nice job on accommodating ferry traffic).
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	dislike the number of marijuana stores.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Rednecks, people that don't care about what their property looks like ie junky cars sitting around, litter on roads. Hard to ride bikes or walk due to safety (minimal sidewalks, dedicated bike paths)
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like that Kitsap County is a growing community and is building many new amenities yet retains a smaller close community environmental atmosphere.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Dislike Poor traffic and traffic noise. Dangerous turn lanes. Love views, parks, caring community, community activities, Fishline.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like that I can find anything I need in Kitsap county and don't have to cross the bridge to shop. I truly dislike the choke point at the Bremerton waste treatment plant making commuting a nightmare.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	What I like about Kitsap County is it's natural beauty. The parks are clean , inviting and well maintained. The quality of life here is inviting to those who are raising a family as well as retirees. Our police forces as well as our fire departments are trusted by, and provide excellent service to, the community. What I don't like about Kitsap County is that the current education system needs upgrading (crowding - more schools needed especially a High School in South Kitsap. Higher Education Availability- possible University of Washington campus in downtown Bremerton.) We also need an upgraded Public Transportation system-(a public transportation system running down the middle of our highways with depots on the sides of the highways to catch more direct public transportation to out lying areas of the county. Also, to connect with outlying counties for those living in Kitsap who work in Pierce, King, and Mason Counties.) I also dislike the insecurity of illegal drug sales and manufacturing in our neighborhoods. Children who grow up here should not have their quality of life threatened by the degradation of illegal drugs.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	the tendency of the political climate to be more liberal. We don't have to copy Seattle. Let Kitsap be the better alternative.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like The Library system.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	The beauty of the area, the small town feel, the diversity of locals people come from.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Dislike the traffic. I was born in Bremerton, grew up in Silverdale, married and moved to port orchard and lived in port orchard the last 40 yrs and I am 66 yrs old. I have seen change and know it can never be like it was.

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Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	The eclectic neighborhoods. Turn the corner and you go from a nice neighborhood to the hood.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Drugs and high home burglary rate
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Rural character, convenient services
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Like: The amenities of an international city are less than an hour away and it doesn't feel like I live in the traditional Suburb. Dislike: Permissibility for industrial and commercial development doesn't foster economic development. We need to accept the fact that Kitsap County will grow and increase the ability to foster good projects.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Lack of services in rural areas
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like the small town feel and sense of community. I dislike that South Kitsap is lacking an established community center - in one location (performing arts theater, library, YMCA type activity center, park).
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I dislike the fact that there are no 55+ communities with detached single family houses. All I have found for seniors are trailer parks or apartment buildings.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	I like living in my little neighborhood, I like the convenience of services in Silverdale and Bremerton, I like living near (but not in) Seattle, and I love the many beautiful views toward the Olympics, Puget Sounds, and Mount Rainier.
Electronic Survey One	Kitsap Likes and Dislikes	Love the beaches, dislike the nasty, polluted lakes. Dislike the lack of jobs paying a livable wage that aren't related to the Navy. Also dislike having one of the largest arsenals of nuclear weapons an arms length away. Love the cultural richness the tribes bring to this otherwise too-white county. Dislike so little cultural recognition and population. Love ease to get to Seattle (ferries!). Love the wildlife and ample habitat. Love the different communities with their own identities. Balance of liberals and conservatives.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Above comments, but also would like to see more development WITHIN our cities - rather than outside of them. East Bremerton needs more attention - empty retail buildings are a major problem - especially when Silverdale continues to expand. Part of this also disturbs me because we have such a high poverty rate in Bremerton - our main urban core - and proximity to jobs is important! I think we need to focus more on our county's low income population - as well as the services needed. Mental health is a major concern. Would also like to see our county services become more approachable - e.g. DCD. If staff shortage and funding continues to be a problem, then the county needs to be smarter.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	more bike and pedestrian trails more support for the arts more support for mass transit including washington state ferries
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	More sidewalks and bike lanes. A new silverdale library. Help for food producing home gardens. Help taking care of homes that are in need of repair or demolished.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	none, other than more police protection
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	I would like to see Bremerton become the 'last suburb' of Seattle, a joking reference to all the educated, employed people that would come to Bremerton and greater Kitsap if we secured more and faster connections to Seattle from Bremerton. I would also like to see the County invest in Silverdale with amenities to make it more of a "home" for families, e.g. new library and community center, upgraded parks (e.g. make Old Mill a sculpture park), and pedestrian-friendly connectors between key locations (e.g. schools to YMCA to new library to park(s)).
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	More neighborhood gatherings and news about our specific area
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Get businesses in that bring law abiding people back to Bremerton.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	More social and cultural activities.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Focus on creating a more pedestrian friendly, cleaner, and focused image.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	I'd like to see more public transportation. We have family in Holland and the bicycle paths, frequent bus schedules, and trains make getting around without a car easy. I'd like to see that for Kitsap County. Our neighbor hood is pretty sketchy with Meth addicts and such. I'd like to see more education and treatment opportunities for these folks.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	More patrols, less violence, graffiti, etc. Nicer police force
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Better education (e.g. class sizes are too large, too many people rolled into a single High School). Consolidation of business to a few locations rather than all spread out, creating a hub of activity. Regulation/oversight of new weed businesses; Better police enforcement (or a special branch) for dealing with drug trafficking.

Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	I would like to see us promote business and personal growth. We seem to be stuck in the "Retirement Mind Set" and don't want anything to change ever!
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Business growth, KEDA expansion, more Commercial buildings (zoned for density increases) and business attraction incentives, better planning for being "age friendly" cities, towns, county with comp plan, zoning, incentives to builders for "visitable" and "accessible" housing in developments for % of homes to attract boomers, retirees, aging & increasing longevity with smart housing design
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	No further growth.....It must become politically correct to talk about the negative affects of population growth and encourage everyone to understand that a sustainable society cannot continue to grow in population. You folks have to begin selling the idea of it being OK to talk about limiting population growth. You understand the negative affects better than most.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Would like to see more strict conviction and dicipline for multiple drug offenders. To include removing children from the houses and famlies of repeated abusers.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	People that are not so aggressive. too much tailgating and folks with anger management issues
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	More control is needed over the apparent homeless and mentally challenged that are showing up in increasing numbers. They are everywhere anymore at all hours of the day and night. They beg on street corners, litter the neighborhoods and even can be hostile. Surely more can be done to reign them in for their own safety and the betterment of our community. Allowances for this and that in their behavior and practices has resulted in their taking advantage of those allowances/situations and them pushing the limits of what is acceptable behavior. How many street corners do we need to see them on? How many are truly homeless and need handouts for anything other than their next drug or alcohol fix? There's plenty of false representation there as well (people NOT needy but panhandling). Get rid of the nuisances taking advantage of the good will of decent people and re-focus how that good will is distributed (food banks, homeless shelters, etc).
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	stronger economic base with less drop-out, low-rider attitude
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Drug tests and background checks for all county officials and welfare recipients.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Neighborhood clean up.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Increase of industrial zoning or increase in allowed density in preexisting industrial areas and allow hemp to be an agricultural product. Our soils and climate are conducive to hemp growth and processed hemp fibers could be used by the ample boating industry, including Department of Defense, in Kitsap County. Increase the amount of educational opportunities in Kitsap County and the number of medical facilities.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Character. Businesses brought in with livable wages.
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	Looking pretty good right now. (<i>Rural South Kitsap - between Port Orchard & Sunnyslope</i>)
Electronic Survey One	Types of Changes	more retail, parks with things for children, soccer fields, covered play area, summer water works, community centers with after school activities.
North Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	You're doing a great job bringing federal and state funding to our citizens. Continue being a voice/advocate/resource for our vulnerable people and keeping their needs in planning coversations and funding.
North Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	More workforce development for displaced workers.
North Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	Encourage and support vocational training oportunites for the lower income residents, helping them to overcome challenges of an expanding country.
North Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	Write your vision in plain, clear language.
Central Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	We need more Veterans housing
Central Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	Need for affordable housing
South Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	Please provide Veteran's transitional Housing
South Kitsap Open House	Written Comment/ Post-it Notes	Encourage supporting the needs of veterans as well as the elderly also the needs of mentally impaired and physically impaired population

Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	improve downtown core improve network of pedestrian and bike trails improve mass transit improve water & air quality support for schools, youth, veterans, and elders
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	I'd like to grow what we have. I'm not sure I want to see the rural nature of Kitsap County changed all that much. I would like to see more cooperative community work: gardens, home maintenance, helping neighbors, that sort of thing. We are seniors, and have every intention of remaining in our home as long as possible. But that will take more help and cooperation from local services. I am willing to help others as long as I can. If we are going to call ourselves a Christian nation, we need to live like one. This is where it begins: right here, at home.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Develop a pro-active attitude in assisting citizens with their efforts to achieve acceptable living conditions and a comfortable life style. County officials use their knowledge to assist the citizenry utilizing appropriate existing regulations rather than creating illogical and self-serving new ones.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Limit building permits (private and commercial); better, more complete review of pending building permits prior to their issue; maintain and/or improve existing public parks and public lakes; create programs for the "less fortunate" to help maintain their houses and properties their by helping to limit or even eliminate "blighted" areas
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Work to keep Kitsap Rural. Honor previous zoning decisions. Help house the homeless and give them a hand back into society and our community.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Find a vision. Involve and recruit community members. To preserve the change you will need to LISTEN to the people.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Discourage population growth.....
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Make urban growth more restrictive. Encourage renovation of existing spaces. Improve library services. Improve access to transit systems outside the county. Work with the state to remove restrictions on Bremerton Ferry speeds. Bring light rail to Kitsap Co.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Update surface streets and city landscape. Make these communities beautiful and inviting. Crack down on drug-related crime.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Keep the citizens safe from criminal and drug activity.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	get rid of the marijuana stores and crackdown on people whom exhibit bad aggressive behavior. Almost like a hate-crime environment.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Improve education , Invite Higher education into our county, improve the "war" on drug trafficking, Invite businesses to settle here and increase jobs/opportunity for the communities. We have a lot to offer in this county, we need to take pride in it, increase our populations education base, advance our public transportation system (to even connect into neighboring counties), Eliminated the sale and manufacturing of illegal drugs in our county, and invite businesses that will bring skilled work, manufacturing, and electronic production for our diverse work force living here.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Find a way to supply needed urban services within the UGAs to encourage/promote growth there, in order to keep rural areas rural.
Electronic Survey One	Next 20 Years	Support job growth.
CKCC Open House	Open Public Comment	Silverdale There are a lot of homeless young people and adults in the Central Kitsap area. Are there any plans in process for helping these people? If not, there should be.
KCAC Open House	Open Public Comment	The plan for Kingston needs a specific goal to address the quality of life of residents including the needs of families, homeless, elderly, etc. It's only indirectly included in the plan now.