

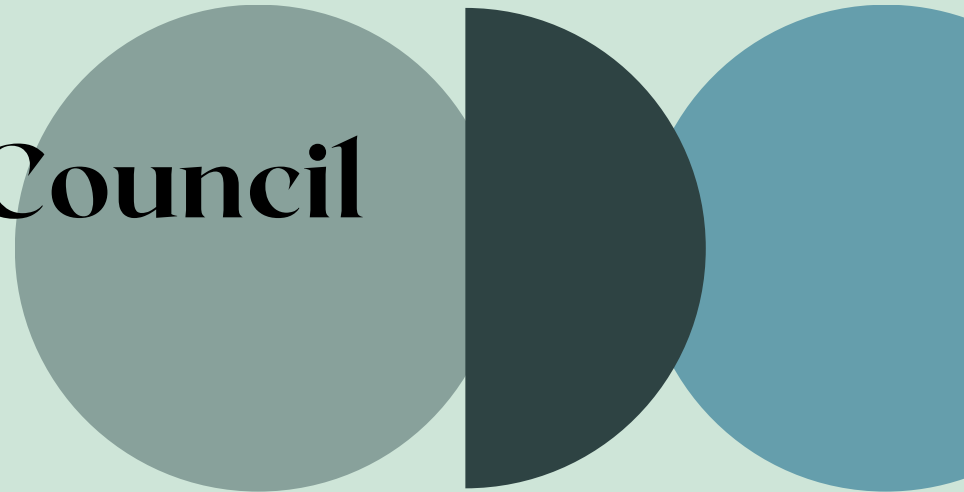


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Snohomish County Council

2024 Scorecard

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Public Safety.

Taxes and Fiscal Responsibility.

Government Regulations.

Do these local issues relate to your life?

**These are issues the
Snohomish County Council
discusses on a regular basis.**

Public Safety



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Nate Nehring
Council Dist 1



Megan Dunn
Council Dist 2



Strom Peterson
Council Dist 3



Jared Mead
Council Dist 4



Sam Low
Council Dist 5



How did your Snohomish County Council Members vote on these issues in 2024? Let's find out.

COUNCIL MEMBER	TERM ENDS	Budget A	Hotel Drug Testing B	Affordable Energy Choices C	SW-Urban Growth Area Expansion D	Attached Single Family Dwelling E
Sam Low	2025	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nate Nehring	2027	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jared Mead	2027	✗	✓	?	✓	✓
Megan Dunn	2025	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Strom Peterson	2025	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Vote KEY:

✓ Voted **with** Future 42s Position

✗ Voted **against** Future 42s Position

? = Absent or Abstain



Taxes + Fiscal Responsibility



Budget Adoption

3-2 Passed, Voted on 11/25/24, Ordinance 24-083

The Snohomish County Council approved its first “biennial” budget (2025-2026) after operating on an annual budget process in previous years. Previous annual budgets were \$1.5 billion for 2023 and \$1.6 billion for 2024. The new budget totals \$3.22 billion and includes a 4% property tax increase.

County Executive Dave Somers had requested an 8% increase and had the support of Democratic council members Megan Dunn and Strom Peterson, however, public outcry influenced that original proposal, so it was lowered to 4% with Councilmembers Nate Nehring and Sam Low opposing any increase.

Future 42 opposed the budget proposal with concerns regarding the significant tax burden.



Public Safety



County-Owned Hotel Facility Drug Testing

3-2 Passed, Voted on 5/1/24, Ordinance 24-011

Methamphetamine contamination testing will now be required annually in county-owned housing facilities. The ordinance stated that everyone deserves safe living conditions to keep non-drug-using homeless individuals safe from meth exposure and to implement testing to ensure these county-owned hotels meet those safety standards. The new rule mandates testing every 12 months, including in individual units while they may be occupied.

Future 42 supported this agreement to improve public safety.



Government Regulations



Affordable Energy Choice

2-2-1 Failed, Voted on 4/10/2024, Resolution 24-013
This resolution urged the WA State Legislature to support energy choices for residents and business owners in Snohomish County.

It pointed out that the conversion from natural gas to electric service will require homeowners to remove all natural gas appliances, rewire their home, purchase all-electric replacement appliances, and dispose of gas appliances.

Future 42 supported this resolution to decrease government regulation and ensure energy choice.



SW-UGA Expansion

3-2 Passed, Voted on 12/4/2024, Resolution 24-100
This area known as the SW-UGA (Southwest Urban Growth Area) was expanded in order to create more buildable land for housing. More housing supply leads to lower costs and increased opportunities for potential future homeowners, as opposed to simply creating high-rise apartments/condos in metro areas.

Future 42 supported this resolution helping to reduce barriers to home ownership.



Attached Single Family Dwelling

5-0 Passed, Voted on 8/14/2024, Ordinance 24-061
This ordinance would encourage more affordable entry points into homeownership by allowing development of attached single family dwellings (subdivided duplexes).

Future 42 supported this resolution helping to reduce barriers to home ownership.

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