



# City of Tukwila

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### Tukwila City Council Announces 2015 Reorganization

At the first regular Tukwila City Council meeting in 2015, Councilmember Kate Kruller was elected by her peers to serve as the 2015 Council President for the City of Tukwila. "I am honored to serve as the Council President in 2015 and look forward to working with my colleagues and the Administration on behalf of the residents and businesses here in our great City of Tukwila," commented Council President Kate Kruller.

In addition, the Council committee structure will be as follows in 2015:

*Community Affairs and Parks Committee* - second and fourth Mondays of every month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Chair: Verna Seal

Members: Dennis Robertson, Allan Ekberg

*Finance and Safety Committee* – first and third Tuesdays at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Chair: Kathy Hougardy

Members: Joe Duffie, De'Sean Quinn

*Utilities Committee*- second and fourth Tuesdays at the 6300 building in the Public Works Department at 5:30 p.m.

Chair: Dennis Robertson

Members: Verna Seal, De'Sean Quinn

*Transportation Committee* – first and third Mondays at the 6300 building in the Public Works Department at 5:30 p.m.

Chair: Joe Duffie

Members: Allan Ekberg, Kathy Hougardy

The Tukwila City Council has an annual reorganization in the first meeting in January, and Council Presidents are historically chosen in a rotating fashion based on seniority. Committees are assigned by the new Council President who also determines who will serve as Committee Chairs.

Tukwila's elected officials have a long history of involvement in additional committees, boards and commissions. Currently, Tukwila's mayor and councilmembers are involved in the following activities:

*National:*

- National League of Cities' Information Technology and Communications Steering Committee
- National League of Cities' Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee
- National League of Cities' First-Tier Suburbs Council
- National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education and Families;

*Statewide:*

- Association of Washington Cities' Board of Directors
- Washington State Commission on African American Affairs.

*Regional:*

- Sound Cities Association Board of Directors
- Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors
- Administrative Board of Valley Communications Center
- Administrative Board of SCORE (South Correctional Entity)
- Sound Cities Association's King Conservation District Advisory Board
- Sound Cities Association's Public Issues Committee
- Sound Cities Association's Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
- Water Resource Inventory Area 9 (WRIA 9)
- Water Resources Inventory Area 9 Management Committee
- Puget Sound Regional Council Regional Transit Oriented Development Advisory Committee
- City of Tukwila Equity and Diversity Committee
- Highline Forum
- South County Area Transportation Board
- Soundside Alliance for Economic Development Board
- King County Executive's Kitchen Cabinet;

In addition, the Mayor and Council are involved in numerous other organizations that do not include formal appointment or designation, such as the Tukwila International Boulevard Action Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council, Tukwila Children's Foundation, Tukwila Historical Society, Tukwila Pantry, Tukwila School District – Providers' Meeting, Tukwila Elementary – Safety Meeting, and the Southside Rotary.