



## Tukwila Equity and Social Justice Commission

City of Tukwila – City Hall

6200 Southcenter Boulevard, Tukwila, WA 98188

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 5:30PM

#### ATTENDEES:

Dennis Nguyen  
Perri Doll  
Joe Duffie  
Kristen Schwabe-Fry  
Will Ragin  
Trish Kinlow

Jo Anderson  
Rachel Bianchi  
Chief Sean Penwell  
Division Chief Pat Pawlak

#### I Call to Order

#### II Introduction (2 minutes)

#### III Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)

#### IV Approval of Minutes, April 13, 2023 (2 minutes)

#### V Business Items

- Get to know your fellow Commissioners.  
Commissioners shared something about themselves.
- Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Annexation Update.

Rachel Bianchi was joined by PSRFA representatives Chief Sean Penwell and Division Chief Pat Pawlak to present information, including an introduction of the PSRFA, Background, and City of Tukwila Proposition No. 1. Q&A included clarity about the term annexation, impacts of the proposition, and PSRFA's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.

- Legislative Session Overview.

Rachel Bianchi presented information about the status of current legislation.

- Juneteenth 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Commemoration Update.



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Jo Anderson provide an update of run of show, presented the poster art by local artist Teddy Phillips (Stat the Artist), and shared opportunities to support the program on Saturday, June 17 emphasized that participation is voluntary.

### **VI Miscellaneous**

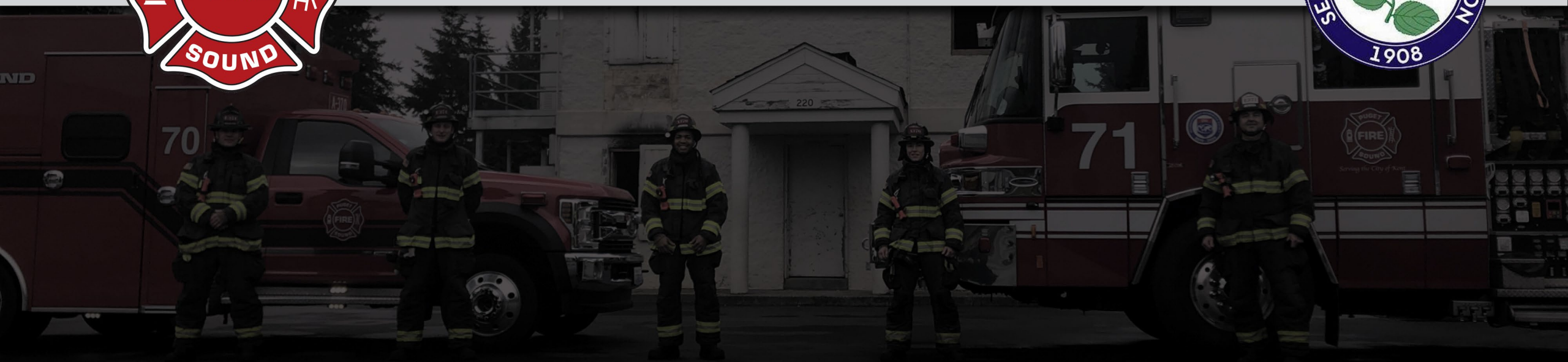
- Jo Anderson provided an update on the availability of Benita Horn as a potential facilitator for the B&C equity training this fall. Obtaining a proposal from a second potential facilitator, Dr. Caprice Hollins, was requested.

### **VII Adjournment**



# PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

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# City of Tukwila

Proposition No. 1 to annex into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority

# TODAY'S PRESENTATION

## Presenters

- Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority
- City of Tukwila

## Agenda

- Introduction of Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority
- Background
- City of Tukwila Proposition No. 1
- Q & A



# GOVERNANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Voting Board Members

### Fire Chief



**Brian Carson**



**Les Thomas**  
Chairperson



**Margaret Harto**  
Vice Chairperson



**Allan Barrie**  
Board Member



**Bill Boyce**  
Board Member



**Lloyd Holman**  
Board Member



**Toni Troutner**  
Board Member

## Advisory Board Members



**Sean Smith**  
Advisory Member  
(Covington)



**John Herbert**  
Advisory Member  
(KCFD#43)



**Jake Simpson**  
Advisory Member  
(SeaTac)



**Tom McLeod**  
Advisory Member  
(Tukwila)



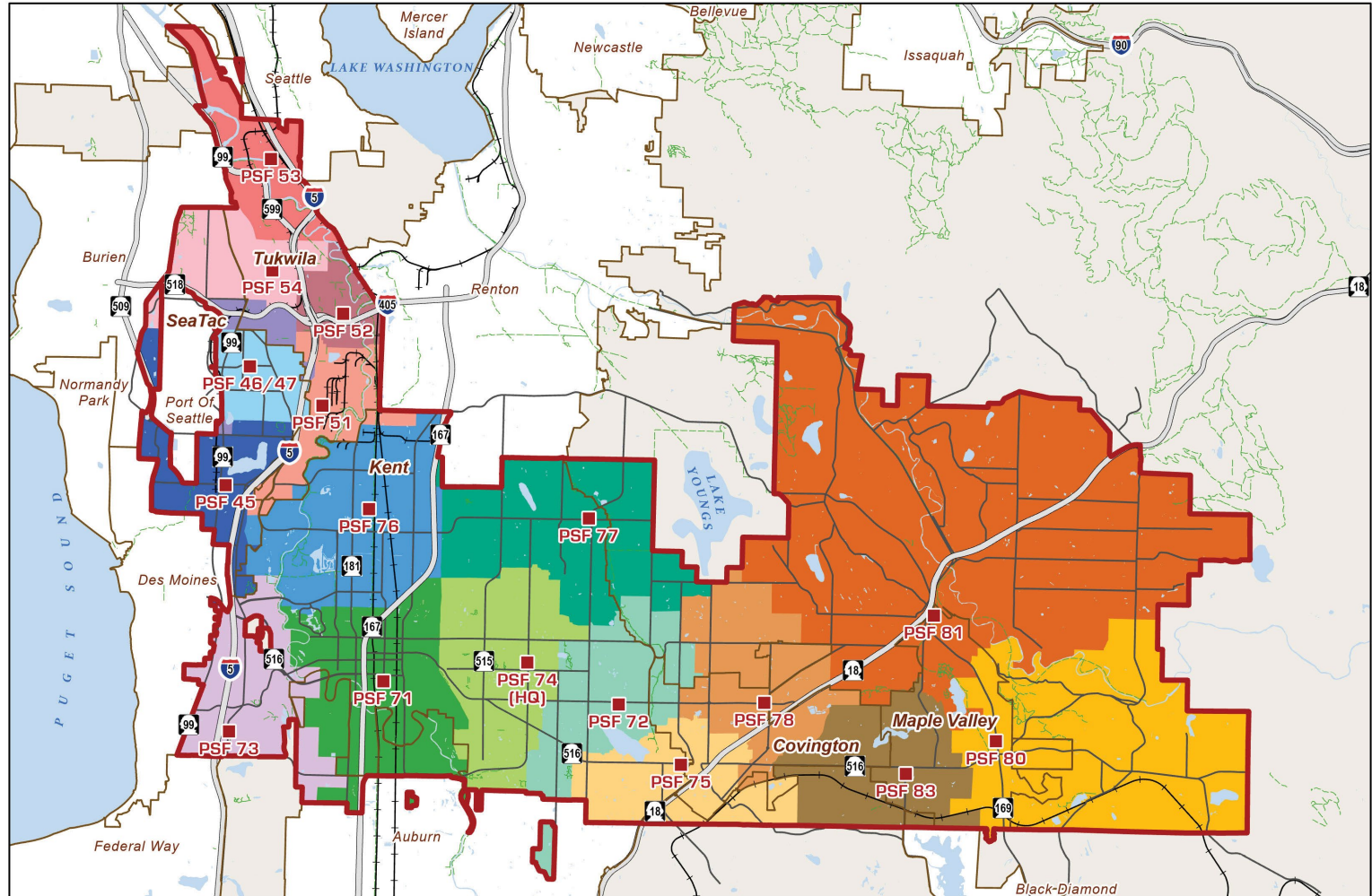


# RESPONSE AREAS

Proudly serving the communities of Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, SeaTac, Tukwila, and King County Fire Districts #37 and #43.

**Population: 260,000+**

**Coverage: 118+ square miles**



# FIRE STATIONS AND APPARATUS

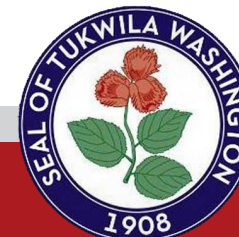
## Headquarters/Station 74

24611 116th Avenue SE  
Kent, WA 98030

District Chief 307  
Engine 374  
Ladder 374  
FDCARES 374  
Air 374

Station 45 3011 S 200 <sup>th</sup> Street SeaTac, WA 98198	Station 46/47 3521 S 170th Street SeaTac, WA 98188	Station 51 17951 Southcenter Pkwy Tukwila, WA 98188	Station 52 15447 65th Ave S Tukwila, WA 98188	Station 53 4202 S 115th St Tukwila, WA 98168	Station 54 4237 South 144th Street Tukwila, WA 98168	Station 71 504 West Crow Street Kent, WA 98032	Station 72 25620 140th Avenue SE Kent, WA 98042
Battalion 345 Engine 345	Engine 347 Ladder 346 FDCARES 346	Ladder 351	Battalion 352 Engine 352	Engine 353 Rescue Boat 353	Engine 354	Aid 371 Engine 371 Engine 471/Rescue 307	Engine 372 ATV 375 Rescue Boat 372

Station 73 26512 Military Road S Kent, WA 98032	Station 75 15635 SE 272nd Street Kent, WA 98042	Station 76 20676 72nd Avenue S Kent, WA 98032	Station 77 20717 132nd Avenue SE Kent, WA 98042	Station 78 17820 SE 256th Street Covington, WA 98042	Station 80 23775 SE 264th Street Maple Valley, WA 98038	Station 81 22225 SE 231st Street Maple Valley, WA 98038	Station 83 27250 216th Avenue SE Maple Valley, WA 98038
Engine 373 Foam Trailer 373	Quint 375 HAZMAT/Decon 375 Tender 375	Quint 376 HAZMAT 376 Vehicle Maintenance	Engine 377	Engine 378 Brush 378 Tender 378	Engine 380 ATV 380	Battalion 381 Engine 381 Brush 381 Tender 381	Engine 383



# HISTORY OF PUGET SOUND FIRE

- 1974** – Kent Fire Department and King County Fire District #37 (Covington) create partnership.
- 2010** – Voters approve formation of the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.
- 2014** – SeaTac Fire Department contracts with the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.
- 2017** – Kent Fire Department changes name to Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.
- 2018** – Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety contracts with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.
- 2023** – City of Tukwila contracts with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.
- 2023** – City of Tukwila puts Proposition No. 1 concerning full annexation on August 1 primary election ballot.





# HISTORY OF PUGET SOUND FIRE

## Active partnership between Tukwila Fire Department and Puget Sound Fire

- Through the **South King County Fire Training Consortium**, Tukwila and Puget Sound Fire firefighters all attend the same training academy.
- All firefighters complete the same **joint entry level testing** process.
- Tukwila Fire Department and Puget Sound Fire have had a **mutual aid agreement** to help each other across jurisdictional boundaries.



# BENEFITS OF A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

## Enhanced Levels of Service

- **Public Education** programs provide civic groups, schools, businesses, and residents fire and life safety training and community engagement resources.
- A larger **Fire Marshal Office** reduces time to receive fire-related building permits and provides fire prevention and safety guidance through routine fire inspections.
- **FD CARES** provides non-emergency medical services and connect residents to community resources that will better meet their needs than a call to 9-1-1.



# BENEFITS OF A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

**Regionalization of services is equitable, more efficient, and cost-effective.**

- Costs are decreased to individual fire departments when they can **share resources** and a larger revenue base.
- Centralized fire service management results in **cost savings** in administration, personnel, equipment, and operating costs.
- **Levels of service are improved** through consistent training and operational guidelines.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How is Puget Sound Fire funded?

- **Part 1: Property Tax Levy**
  - Fluctuates based on assessed values.
  - Does not consider the hazards and risk associated with a property.
- **Part 2: Fire Benefit Charge**
  - Based on the resources needed to extinguish a fire (size, use and risk)
  - Applied to structures – not vacant land
  - Discounts are available for monitored alarms, fire sprinkler systems, senior/disabled citizens, and for agricultural enterprises
  - Questions or more information: [TukwilaRFAVote@pugetsoundfire.org](mailto:TukwilaRFAVote@pugetsoundfire.org)









# BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION

**Annexation provides a secure funding source for Fire and EMS services in Tukwila.**

**Annexation brings representation on the Governance Board.**

- City of Tukwila would have three (3) voting representatives on Puget Sound Fire's Governance Board.
- Tukwila's representatives on the Governance Board will actively participate in making decisions that guide and oversee the fire authority.

**Annexation also allows the City of Tukwila the option to maintain other key City services and avoid budget cuts that could reduce or eliminate programs.**



# BACKGROUND

**2010–2021** – Multiple efforts in Tukwila to review fire services and costs.

**Oct. 2021** – Tukwila Mayor and City Council appoint the Future of Fire/EMS Community Advisory Committee.

**May 22, 2022** – Community Advisory Committee recommends annexation into Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

**June 2022** – Tukwila City Council confirms Committee Advisory Committee recommendation.

**October 2022** – City of Tukwila and Puget Sound Fire approve a contract to serve as a bridge to full annexation.

**January 1, 2023** – City of Tukwila begins contracting with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

**April 2023** – City of Tukwila and Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority adopt annexation plan.

**April 17, 2023** – Tukwila City Council approves a resolution placing the measure on the primary ballot.

**August 1, 2023** – **Tukwila Proposition 1** on the primary election ballot.



# KING COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 1

## City of Tukwila – Proposition No. 1

“The City of Tukwila Council adopted Resolution No. 2070 concerning a proposition to maintain current Fire and EMS services.

Should the City of Tukwila be annexed into and be a part of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to maintain current fire and emergency medical service levels, effective January 1, 2024, per City of Tukwila Council Resolution No. 2070?”

YES

NO



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What happens if this measure passes?

- City of Tukwila would no longer have responsibility for funding fire department costs.
- Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Governance Board, including three (3) Tukwila City Councilmembers, would be responsible for the budget and decide on service levels and program offerings.

## What happens if this measure does not pass?

- City of Tukwila will continue to be responsible for funding fire department costs and will not have voting representation on the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Governance Board.
- The City will likely have to review levels of municipal services in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Without additional revenues the City would need to reduce or eliminate programs, such as recreation, street cleaning and litter pick up, police staffing, human services funding, fire and EMS services, communications, rental housing inspections, parking enforcement, and investments in infrastructure such as roads and bridges.





# PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

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# Thank you!



# 2023 Budget Outcomes



## Operating

- \$150 million to move people from encampments
- Additional BLEA classes
- Diversion program grants
- Continued funding for Blake cases
- Alternative response grants
- Housing & homeless assistance
- Behavioral health investments



## Transportation

- \$287 million for TIB
- \$70 million Safe Routes to Schools
- \$1 billion for state and local culverts
- \$23.7 million for pilot federal funds exchange
- \$2.5 million for truck parking sites
- \$45.7 million for FMSIB
- Study of a statewide retail delivery fee
- Study of collaborative partnerships on local delivery of state projects



## Capital

- Fully funded the PWAA
- \$400 million for the Housing Trust Fund
- \$200 million for broadband
- \$60 million for CHIP
- Additional Drinking Water Assistance Account funding
- \$25 million for CERB
- \$48.4 million for culverts
- \$211 for behavioral health capacity grants



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# Housing bills

## Proactive approach this year

AWC Housing Solutions Group [proposals](#)

### Passed

- **HB 1110** – Middle housing & density mandate.
- **HB 1042** – Conversion of existing commercial and mixed-use buildings for residences.
- **HB 1046** – Increases AMI threshold for housing authority projects to 80%.
- **HB 1293** – Objective design review.
- **HB 1250** – Low-income home rehabilitation program reform.
- **HB 1267** – Rural public facilities tax with workforce housing nexus.
- **HB 1326** – Can waive utility connection fees for certain housing and shelter.
- **HB 1337** – ADU mandate.
- **HB 1425** – New version of the annexation sales tax credit.
- **HB 1474** – Covenant homeownership program.
- **HB 1695** – Broadens definition of affordable housing under surplus property law.



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## Housing bills

### Passed

- **SB 5058** – It's not a condo!
- **SB 5290** – Local project review.
- **SB 5604** – Amends **HB 1406** (2020) sales tax credit to allow all cities to use revenue for rent assistance.
- **SB 5258** – Increasing condos and townhouses for homeownership.
- **SB 5386** – Document recording fees.
- **SB 5412** – Exempting housing development consistent with a comp plan and when environmental analysis is completed from SEPA.
- **SB 5491** – Residential building exits.



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## Housing bills

### Did not pass

- **HB 1111** – Housing benefit district
- **HB 1149** – \$4 billion bond bill & Workforce Housing Accelerator Loans
- **HB 1245** – Lot splitting
- **HB 1628** – New 0.25% local option real estate excise tax (REET) & new state REET tier
- **SB 5466** – Transit oriented development density mandates

Plus, multiple competing bills on local permit processing and housing regulations.



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