



# CONTRA COSTA **BUDGET JUSTICE**

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# Our Mission

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# Reflections

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# Recommendations

# Our Mission

*The Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition advocates for **community engagement in the Contra Costa County budgeting process** and for a set of values-based budgeting principles that support safe and affordable housing, stable employment with fair wages, sufficient healthy food, essential health care, access to critical social services, quality early care and education.*



# Successes and Appreciations for 2021





# *Engagement in Action and Partnership Work!*

Measure X adds >\$110 million per year to General Fund

- MX CAB generated enthusiastic engagement by a broad range of community representatives
- Many community-inspired programs were funded: Miles Hall Crisis Response, County Youth Centers, Supportive Housing, Innovation Fund, and more!

Community partnered with County to create Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

County-wide eviction moratorium and joint county/community efforts to promote ERAP rental assistance

Public more informed by workshops on COVID and ARPA expenditures

Supervisors declared racism a public health crisis

# Lessons of MXCAB Process

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Advisory Board members, local residents, and stakeholders were all deeply and consistently engaged in sharing knowledgeable input on community needs and solutions

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Interpretation services expanded community engagement and input

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Grounding the Advisory Board's work in Equity and other shared [Operating Principles](#) created a strong context for the work

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Issue presentations by diverse experts (residents with lived experience, county departments, community-based service providers) provided diverse data and viewpoints on each issue

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Deeper shared clarity on roles and expectations would have been useful



# Looking Forward

*Engage and Inform*

*Process*

*Embed Equity*

*Long-Term*

# Educate and Engage

- Continue to partner on Budget 101 Workshop(s)
- Virtual Budget Town Hall and community dialogue, well before County staff present draft budget to Supervisors prior to draft budget presentation
  - Director of Health Services Dept.
  - Director of Employment and Human Services Department

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**BUDGET**  
WORKSHOP

Time to  
**ENGAGE**

# 2022 Budget Process



Identify opportunities to inform and engage the community at key decision points beyond budget hearings



Community town hall and input on ARPA expenditures and proposed uses for 2022-23



More accessible budget information for lay people – e.g., simplified, brief budget explanatory materials



## King County Expenditures by Program Area

Health and Human Services 19%	Justice and Safety 11%	Physical Environment 32%	Capital Improvement 21%	General Government 17%
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## Budget Highlights

**Mobility** Investments in Metro Transit will increase service to customers, create a better workplace for transit employees, and build the infrastructure for sustained growth of one of the nation's largest and fastest growing transit systems.

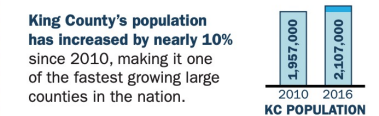
**Strategic Climate Action Plan** Climate change is one of the paramount environmental and economic challenges for our generation, and the proposed 2017-2018 budget makes strategic investments in transit, energy efficiency, green building, and preparing for climate impacts consistent with the 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan.

**Equity and Social Justice** The 2017-2018 budget makes strides in realizing the vision of a King County where all people have equitable opportunities to thrive, investing upstream and where needs are greatest, in community partners, and in our employees with transparent and accountable leadership.

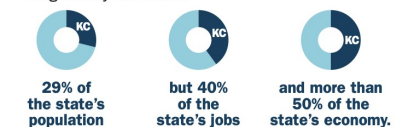
**Best Run Government** New investments in King County's employees

## King County by the Numbers

King County ranks **#1 in population** in Washington State and is the financial, economic, and industrial center of the Pacific Northwest.



King County has about:

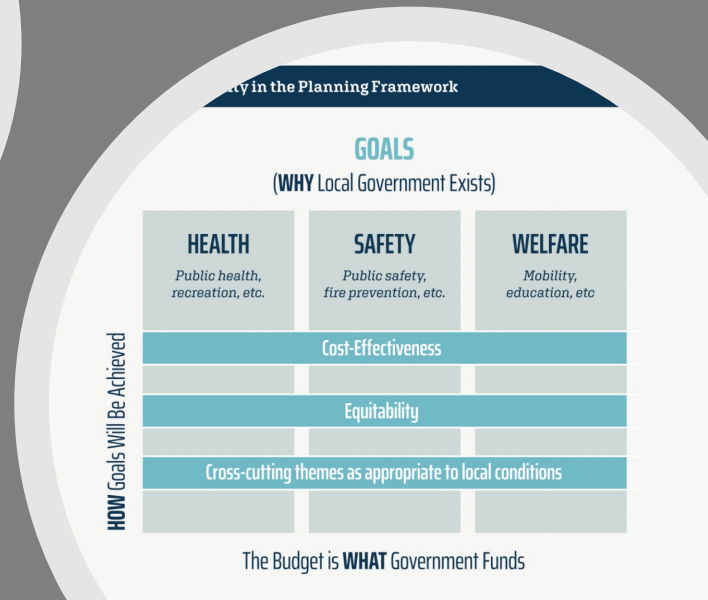
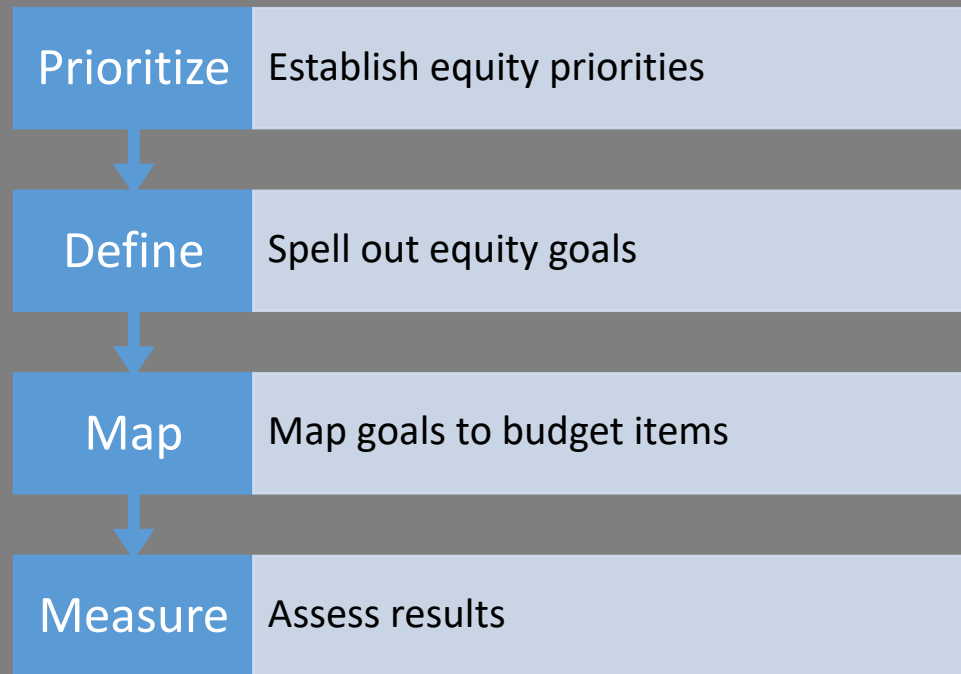


King County has a diverse population



King County has a higher education level compared to the national average.

# Embed Equity Goals in the Budget



# Create County/Community Workgroup to Develop Integrated Budget Planning Process

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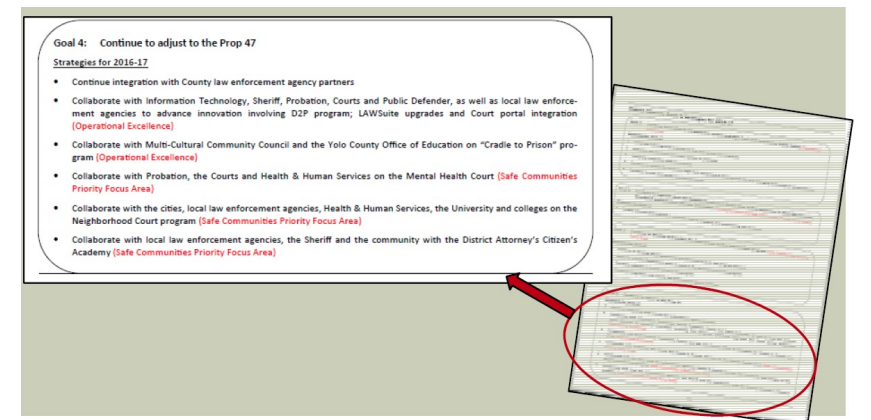
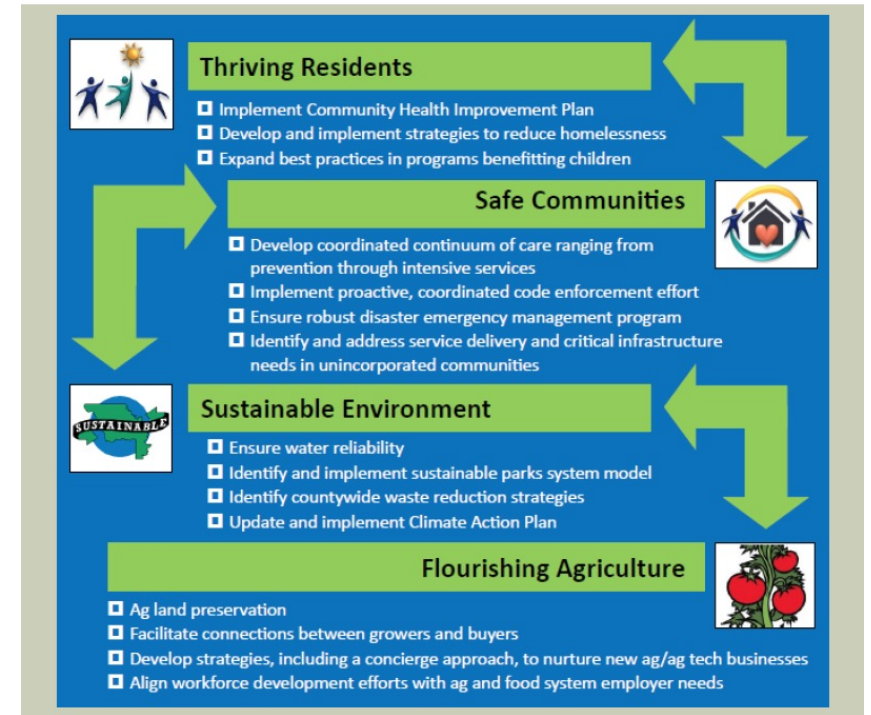
Draw on MXCAB lessons

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Develop 3-5 year framework, priorities and goals

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Link to annual budgets



# On behalf of BJC Members - THANK YOU!

- 350 Contra Costa
- AFSCME Local 2700
- Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Contra Costa
- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Bay Area Community Services
- Choice in Aging
- Community Clinics Consortium
- Contra Costa Labor Council
- Contra Costa Office of Education
- East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
- East Contra Costa Community Alliance
- Ensuring Opportunity
- First 5 Contra Costa/Family Economic Security Partnership
- Food Bank of Contra Costa
- Great Richmond Interfaith Program
- Healthy Richmond/Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa
- IFPTE Local 21
- League of Women Voters Diablo Valley
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Meals on Wheels Senior Outreach
- Monument Impact
- Multi-Faith Action Coalition
- Planned Parenthood of Northern California
- Racial Justice Coalition
- Richmond Community Foundation
- Richmond LAND
- Rubicon Programs
- Safe Return Project
- SEIU Local 1021
- SURJ Contra Costa
- United Latino Voices
- *And many residents of Contra Costa*