

Action on Resolution No. 510 –  
Declaring Support for  
King County Proposition No. 1



April 3, 2023

**Behavioral  
Health**

**=**

**Mental Health  
&  
Substance  
Use Disorder**

**People Recover.**

**Core Crisis  
System  
Elements:**



**988,  
Regional  
Crisis Line**



**Mobile Crisis Teams,  
Co-Responders,  
Outreach,  
Peers**



**?**

**What do  
we have  
now?**

***Anyone, Anywhere, Any Time***

# King County's *proposed* Crisis Care Centers Levy

1.

Create five new regional crisis care centers:



Distributed geographically across the county, the centers will provide walk-in access and the potential for short-term stays to help people stabilize, depending on needs, with one center specifically serving youth.

*Currently*

One 46-bed crisis center for 2.3 million people in our county



2.

Preserve and restore the dramatic loss of residential treatment beds:



In 2018, 355 beds providing community-based residential care for people with mental health residential needs existed in King County. Today, only 244 of these beds are available.

*Currently*

Loss of 1 in 3 of our residential treatment beds in recent years



As of July 2022, people waited an average of 44 days for a mental health residential bed.



3.

Grow the behavioral health workforce pipeline:



The proposal will create career pathways through apprenticeship programming and access to higher education, credentialing, training, and wrap-around supports. It will also invest in equitable wages for the workforce at crisis care centers.

*Currently*

Historic labor shortages  
A 2021 King County survey of member organizations of the King County Integrated Care Network found that job vacancies at community behavioral health agencies

were at least double what they were in 2019.



## Paramount Purpose: What is a CCC? *see §1.A*

**Same Day Access** to multiple types of crisis stabilization services, which shall include:

**24/7 Walk-In/Drop-Off**  
BH Urgent Care  
Clinic

**23-Hour**  
Observation  
Unit

**14-Day Crisis  
Stabilization:**  
16 beds for  
short-term care

Onsite access  
to a **DCR**  
(Designated Crisis  
Responder)

**No Wrong Door:** “Shall endeavor to accept at least for initial screening and triage any person...”

**Single Facility or Grouped Facilities** that are adjacent or with transportation provided

Staff must be multidisciplinary and include **peers**.

May incorporate *compatible* pre-existing facilities

# Projected Costs for a 14.5 cent, 9-year Countywide Levy

	2022 Median Assessed Value	<i>Estimated</i> 2024 Median Assessed Value	<b><i>Estimated</i> 2024 Annual Payment</b>	<i>Estimated</i> 2024 Monthly Payment
Auburn	\$433,000	\$522,544	<b>\$75.77</b>	\$6.31
Kent	\$467,000	\$563,576	<b>\$81.72</b>	\$6.81
Renton	\$534,000	\$644,431	<b>\$93.44</b>	\$7.79
<b>Countywide Median</b>	\$694,000	\$837,519	<b>\$121.44</b>	\$10.12
Seattle	\$760,000	\$917,168	<b>\$132.99</b>	\$11.08
Bothell	\$758,000	\$914,754	<b>\$132.64</b>	\$11.05
Redmond	\$1,005,000	\$1,212,834	<b>\$175.86</b>	\$14.66
Bellevue	\$1,107,000	\$1,335,928	<b>\$193.71</b>	\$16.14

Proposed at \$0.145 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (AV)

- Assessed values often differ from sale prices
- Levy period would begin in 2024

This projection *estimates* 2024 median AV by applying a 20.68% growth factor to 2022 median AV. The Assessor's 2022 Median AV by city is [available online](#).

# Public Comment

- Per State law, Council must allow equal opportunity for the public to express views in support and opposition to Resolution No. 510.
- City Clerk will manage the public comment period to ensure that equal time is provided for public commentors.



# Recommendation

- Following the dedicated public comment period, staff recommends that Council discuss and adopt proposed Resolution No. 510.