



City of Kenmore  
City Council Special Meeting  
Agenda  
Monday, May 4, 2026  
6:00 PM

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1. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the City of Kenmore is situated upon the ancestral lands of the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Sauk-Suiattle, Duwamish, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Suquamish, Muckleshoot, and other tribes who are part of the Coast Salish Peoples. We recognize and express our deepest respect for their enduring stewardship and profound relationship with this land, which they have cherished and protected since time immemorial. We honor the First Peoples, acknowledge their vibrant cultures, and commit ourselves to learning from their wisdom in our journey to promote justice, equity, and mutual understanding. We pledge to stand alongside these communities in acknowledging past injustices and working towards a future that respects and celebrates the diverse heritage of this land.

4. FLAG SALUTE

5. STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- A) Potential November 2026 Ballot Measure, *for discussion and direction*
  - 1. Agenda Bill - Study Session
  - 2. Attachment 1 - Presentation (updated 5/4)

6. ADJOURNMENT

**UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- A) Monday, May 11, 2026 5:45 PM – Special Joint Meeting at the Shoreline City Council
- Monday, May 11, 2026 7:30 PM – City Council Special Meeting
- Monday, May 18, 2026 7:00 PM – City Council Regular Meeting

**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL QUORUMS**

- A) [Click here for information about Potential Quorums of the City Council](#). Now found on the City website under City Council Meetings.



Subject/Topic:	Proposed Council Action/Motion:
<p>Study Session: November 2026 Ballot Measure</p> <p><b>Department:</b> City Clerk's Office</p> <p><b>Prepared by:</b> Michelle Kang                      Interim Assistant to the City Manager</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b></p> <p>1. Presentation (to be uploaded prior to 5/4)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discuss</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Authorize</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>

Approvals:

Department \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Head TK 4/29/26 Attorney DR 4/27/26 Director MM 4/27/26 Manager TK 4/29/26 Optional \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary/Background:**

At the City Council Special Meeting of April 6, 2026, the City Council gave Staff direction to return to a future Council meeting with additional information for a potential November General Election 2026 ballot measure as well as options for a ballot measure in future year(s).

Staff are returning to a May 4, 2026 Council Meeting Study Session with information for consideration for a potential ballot measure in both 2026 and 2027 including the cost of programs and estimated costs per assessed value for Kenmore residents.

At the May 4, 2026 Council Meeting Study session, Staff seek direction on the following:

- Whether the Council intends to put a measure on the November 2026 General Election Ballot. If so:
  1. How many measures will be proposed
  2. What elements will be included in the measure(s)
  3. What will be the total levy rate(s)
  4. How long will the levy/levies be in effect
    - a. Number of years
    - b. Will the levy/levies be temporary or permanent

If Council directs Staff to proceed with the ballot measure for 2026, Staff intend to return to the City Council in June to:

- Present and discuss draft resolution(s) and packaged information based on the results of the May 4 study session
- Potentially adopt resolution(s) to put ballot measure(s) on the November 2026 General Election

## Previous Council Action(s):

Monday, February 23, 2026 Special Meeting Study Session: Financial Forecast Update and Discussion

- [Council Meeting Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Council Meeting Video Recording](#)

Saturday, March 21, 2026 City Council Retreat Day One: Fiscal Strategies and Issues Discussion

- [Retreat Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Retreat Video Recording](#)

Sunday, March 22, 2026 City Council Retreat Day Two: Fiscal Issues and Strategies Discussion, cont.

- [Timestamped Retreat Video Recording](#)

Monday, April 6, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Study Session: Fiscal Strategies and Revenue Measures

- [Council Meeting Agenda Packet and Materials](#)
- [Timestamped Council Meeting Video Recording](#)

## Fiscal Consideration:

The discussion and direction from the May 4, 2026 study session will inform Staff on actions for a potential 2026 ballot measure that will impact not only 2027-2028 biennial budget planning, but also for financial forecasting into 2032 and beyond.

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Consideration:

[DEIA Strategic Plan](#) | [City's Equity Framework Toolkit](#)

Goal 2: Plans Policies & Budgets – Promote accountability to ensure our plans, policies, and budgets incorporate our foundational and core values so that we equitably address the needs of our communities.

## City Council Priorities or Budget Objective Being Addressed:

Preamble: Safeguarding the City's finances.

2026 City Council Priority #1: Ensure financial sustainability through revenue enhancement and cost-cutting measures.

**CITY OF KENMORE**

**Study Session:  
November 2026 Ballot Measure**

**May 4, 2026**

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# Tonight's Agenda

- Review of Information
    - Timeline
    - Update on Councilmanic Public Safety 0.1% Sales Tax
    - 2025 Property Tax
    - Reminders
    - New Legislation
    - Consultants' Feedback
  - Revenue Measure Scenarios
  - Council Discussion and Direction
  - Final Checklist
  - Next Steps
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# Timeline

Feb 23

Study Session:  
Financial Forecast  
and Potential  
Revenue Measure

Mar 21-22

Council Retreat:  
Fiscal Issues and  
Planning

Apr 6

Study Session:  
Fiscal Strategies  
and Revenue  
Measures

May 4

Study Session  
(tonight):  
Potential  
November 2026  
Ballot Measure

Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP) Task Force:

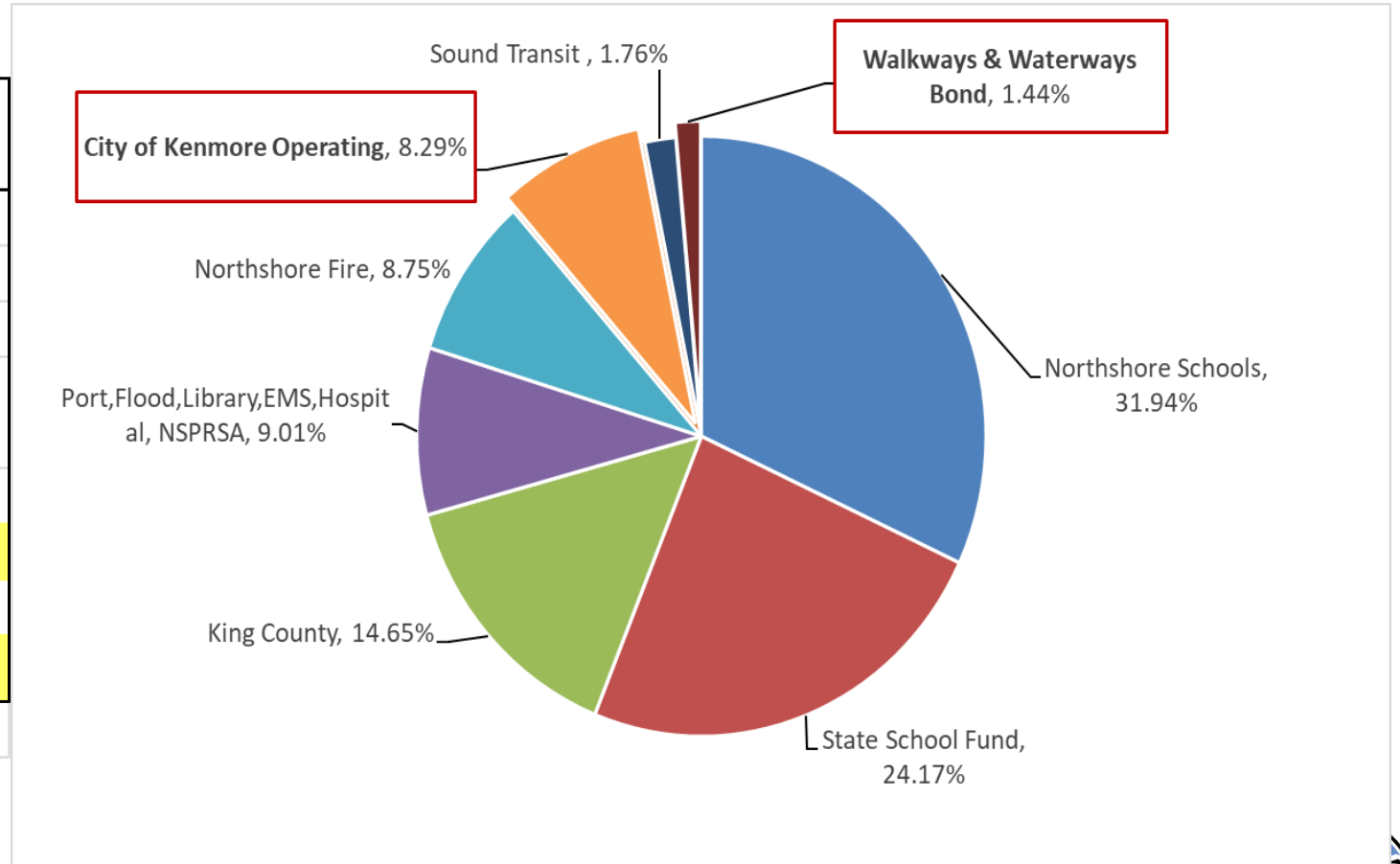
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- 2024

# Councilmanic Public Safety 0.1% Sales Tax

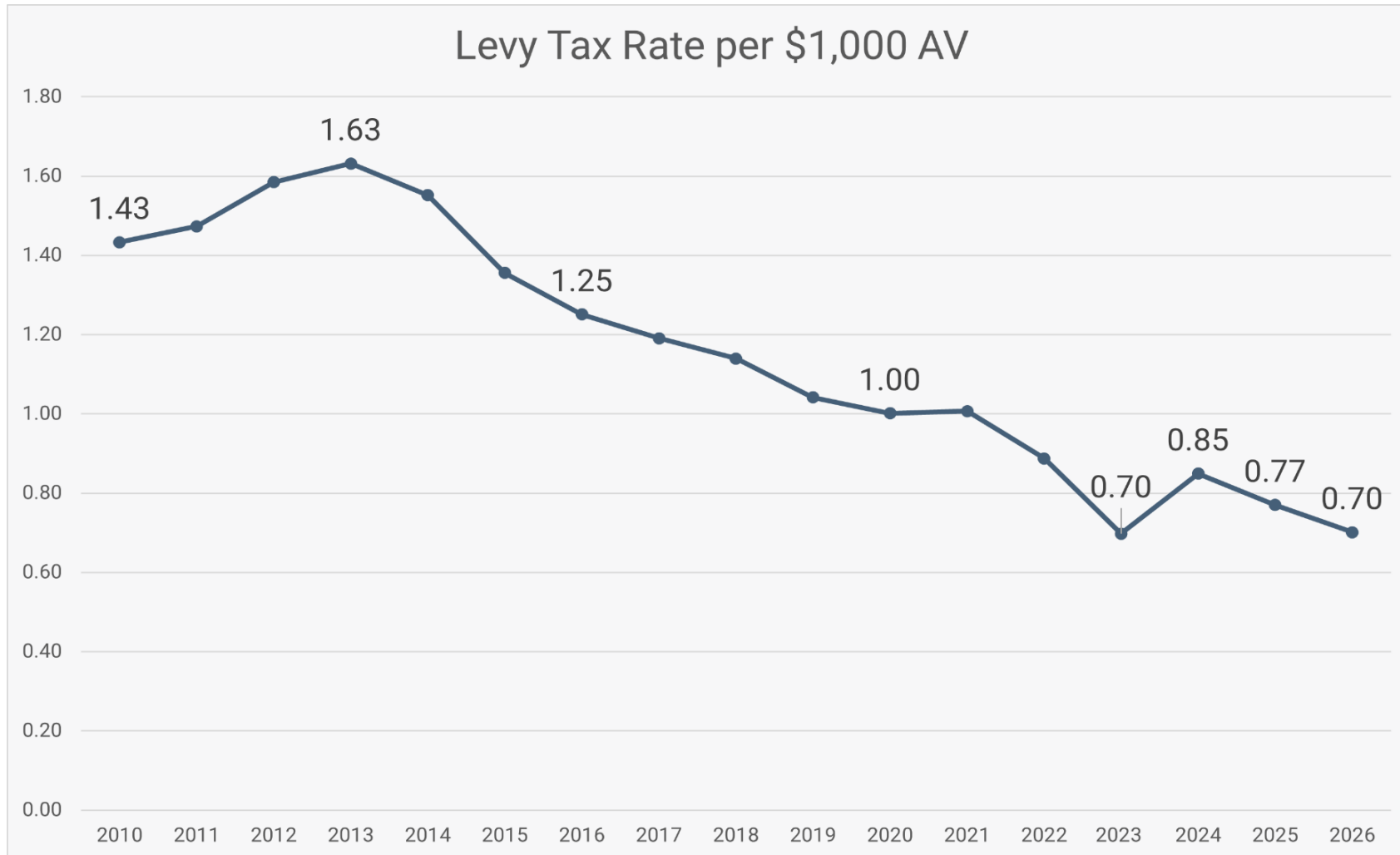
- Already included in financial forecast
- Staff work in progress
- Ordinance to Council May 18

# Property Tax (Pie Chart) – 2025 data

Estimated Annual Homeowner Property Tax Bill - 2025		Rate per \$1000 AV
Northshore Schools	\$ 2,860	\$ 2.97
State School Fund	\$ 2,165	\$ 2.25
King County	\$ 1,312	\$ 1.36
Port,Flood,Library,EMS,Hospital, NSPRSA	\$ 807	\$ 0.84
Northshore Fire	\$ 783	\$ 0.81
<b>City of Kenmore Operating</b>	<b>\$ 742</b>	<b>\$ 0.77</b>
Sound Transit	\$ 158	\$ 0.16
<b>Walkways &amp; Waterways Bond</b>	<b>\$ 129</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,956</b>	



# Levy Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV

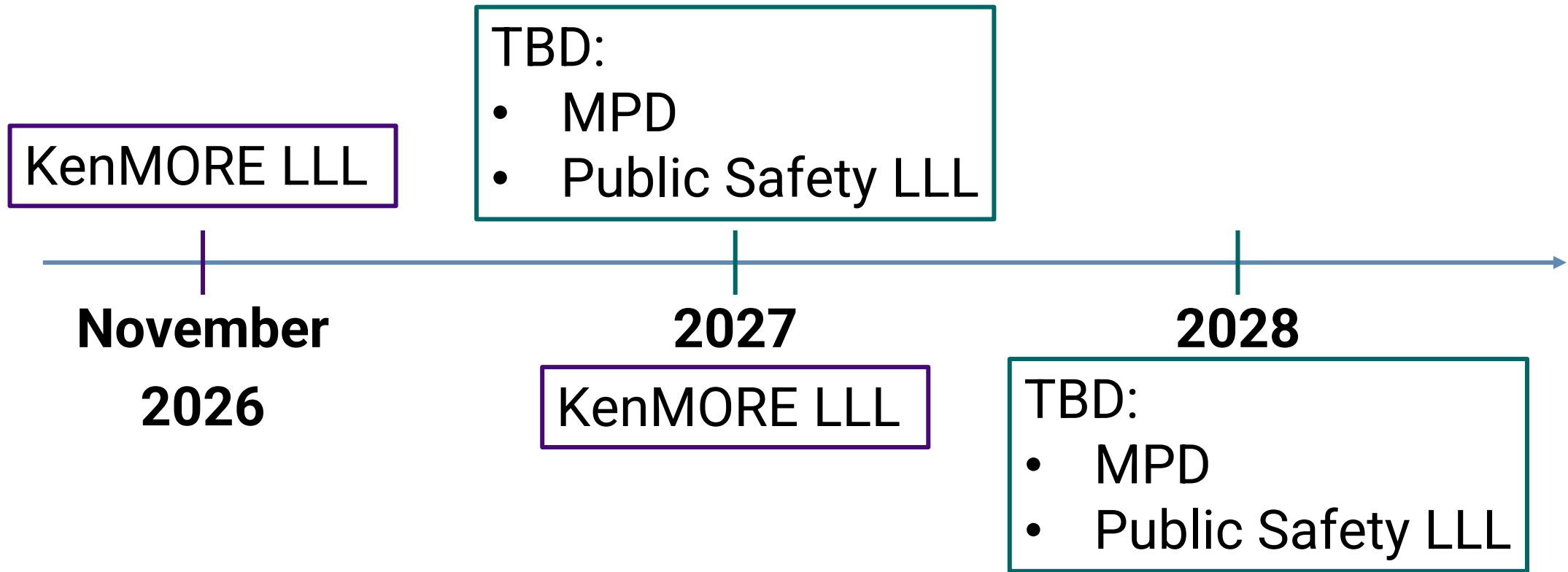


Year	Levy Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV
2010	1.43
2011	1.47
2012	1.58
2013	1.63
2014	1.55
2015	1.36
2016	1.25
2017	1.19
2018	1.14
2019	1.04
2020	1.00
2021	1.01
2022	0.89
2023	0.70
2024	0.85
2025	0.77
2026	0.70

# Reminders

- Adopting Resolution
  - Council Vote: Needs 4-3
  
- Passing Revenue Ballot Measure
  - Voter Approval: simple majority (50% + 1 vote)
  - No minimum voter turnout

# Revenue Measure Timing Options



# New Legislation

Effective July 1, 2026 (\*Does not impact Nov 2026 ballot)

- “Single-Year” LLL → Up to Two Years
- Multi-Year LLL: Up to Six Years → Up to 10 Years

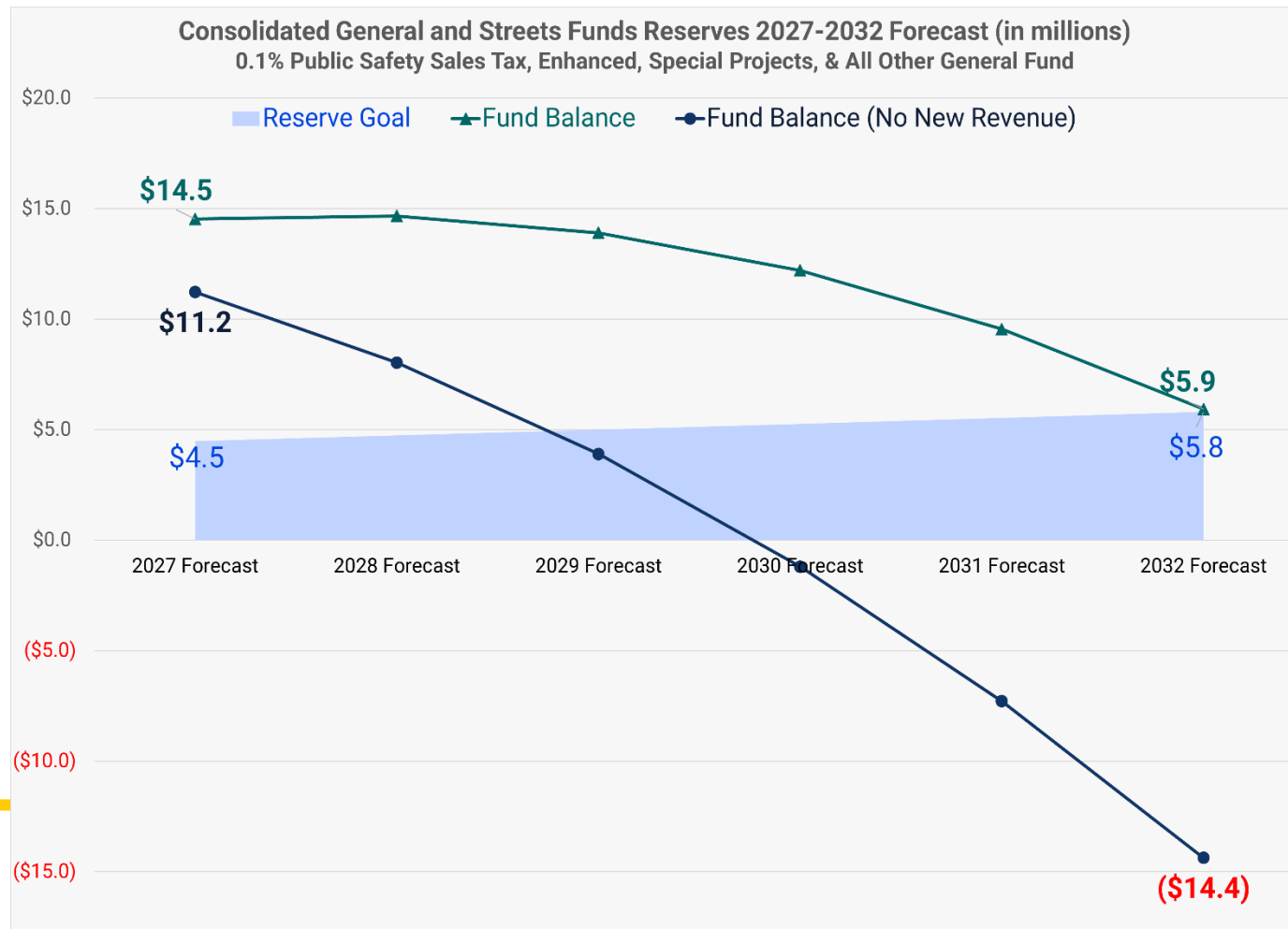
# Consultants' Feedback

2026 Ballot Measure	2027 and beyond Ballot Measure(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Doable but much quicker turnaround</li><li>▪ Some <b>Education</b> and mostly <b>Communication</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ More time available for Council and Staff</li><li>▪ Education and Communication</li><li>▪ <b>Community Engagement</b></li></ul>



# Scenario 1 – Reserve Goal Thru 2032

## Ballot measure including Enhanced + Special Projects



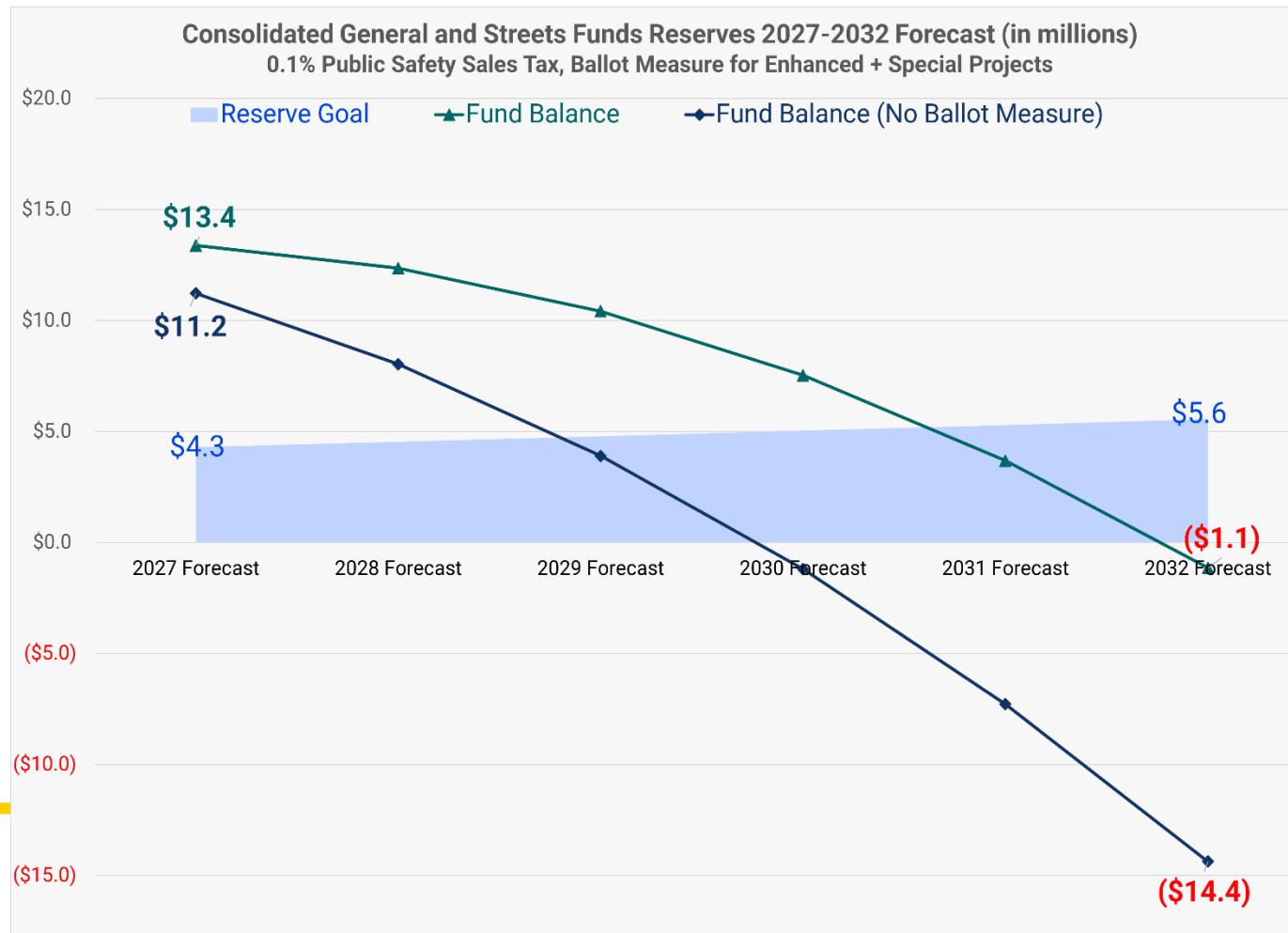
2026 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$3,300,000 (\$0.36 per \$1,000 AV)

or

2027 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$4,000,000 (\$0.44 per \$1,000 AV)

# Scenario 2

## Ballot measure for only Enhanced + Special Projects



2026 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$2,150,000 (\$0.24 per \$1,000 AV)

or

2027 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$2,250,000 (\$0.25 per \$1,000 AV)

# Scenario 3

## Ballot measure for Enhanced Only (no Special Projects)



2026 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$1,200,000 (\$0.13 per \$1,000 AV)

or

2027 Ballot Measure Ask:  
\$1,250,000 (\$0.14 per \$1,000 AV)

# Impact of Ballot Measure Scenarios

	2026	2027
<b>Scenario 1</b> Reserve Goal Thru 2032	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.36</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$360</b>	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.44</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$440</b>
<b>Scenario 2</b> Enhanced + Special Projects	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.24</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$240</b>	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.25</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$250</b>
<b>Scenario 3</b> Enhanced Only	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.13</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$130</b>	Tax Rate: <b>\$0.14</b> per \$1,000 AV Property Tax for \$1M home: <b>\$140</b>

# 2026 Ballot Measure: Enhanced + *Special Projects*

*(italicized)*

	<b>Programs</b> (examples, not exhaustive)	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Cost per AV</b>
Climate Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education &amp; Outreach</li> <li>CAP Program Implementation</li> <li><i>CAP Transportation Program</i></li> <li><i>UFMP Implementation</i></li> <li><i>CAP Building/Energy Program</i></li> </ul>	\$782,625	\$0.09 per \$1,000 AV
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARCH Membership</li> <li>ARCH Housing Trust Fund</li> <li>Operational Costs</li> </ul>	\$339,988	\$0.04 per \$1,000 AV
Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Services Pooled Funding</li> <li>KCRHA Homelessness Funding</li> <li>Northshore Senior Center Funding</li> <li><i>HHS Utility Assistance Program</i></li> <li><i>HHS Navigator</i></li> </ul>	\$1,003,843	\$0.11 per \$1,000 AV



# One Measure or Two Measures?

# Final Checklist:

- Going out for a ballot measure?
- How many ballot measures?
- What elements?
- Total levy rate?
- How long is the levy?
  - Single Year or Multi-Year (up to six)
  - Permanent?

# Next Steps

## Council Meeting

- Early June: Return to Council with a Resolution

## Other Activities

- Communication Process: Normal and Regular
  - FAQs
  - Mailer
  - Newsletters
  - Webpages
- Legal Process: Statutory Steps
  - Deadline: August 4, 2026:
    - Last day to file for general election RCW 29A.04.330
    - Pro/Con Committee appointment form due
    - Explanatory Statement due

# THANK YOU

