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Please contact me anytime with questions, concerns or to share your priorities.

Sincerely,

Brian Sullivan

Snohomish County Council,
District 2



Sound Transit 3 Open House



On Monday - Sound Transit will be in Everett to host an Open House about their plan to bring light rail to Everett. I feel very strongly that light rail arriving in Everett in 2041 is unacceptable - I've made my voice heard, and I hope you will attend and add your feedback.

Monday, April 25th - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave

[*Everett Herald: county legislators thump Sound Transit's timeline*](#)

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Working to Solve our Homeless Crisis in Snohomish County

I introduced and the county passed a joint resolution with the executive recognizing homelessness in our county as a crisis and committing us to concrete action to work to solve the problem. According to the County's Annual Point in Time Count showed that on earlier this year, 474 people were still sleeping outside in the elements, in vehicles, or in abandoned buildings. On any given day in Snohomish County, it is estimated that up to 1,000 people are experiencing homelessness.

[*Mukilteo Beacon: County Council Passes Resolution Recognizing Homeless Crisis*](#)

\$1 million in funding to City of Everett

I'm pleased to report progress on the funding that the county has already committed to put in rapid place for housing projects. The Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Board met on March 30th and made a recommendation to fund a project in the City of Everett. Access to this facility will also be made available people who are from outside of Everett - so this project will be a benefit to the entire county.

I worked to secure this funding with Everett in mind during last year's budget process. It is critical that we increase our investments in housing infrastructure across the spectrum - emergency shelter, long term and supported housing, low-income through middle class housing and beyond - if we want to tackle this challenge.

Building on our past work - like securing capital funds for short term housing in the County's Carnegie building, the work of embedded social workers with Sheriff deputies, and in partnership with our cities - I believe we are making a meaningful impact on this problem

[*Mukilteo Beacon: \\$1 million to go to Snohomish County Homeless Crisis*](#)

Advocating For Our Shared Budget Priorities

Also late last month, the Council approved new funding for the Prosecutor's Office to hire staff to help them

tackle a work backlog that has developed from increasing caseload. The additional money will hire four new prosecutors and a support staff role, and will enable them to continue prosecuting cases that ensure community safety.

[Everett Herald: County to Add Prosecutors](#)

While this action was absolutely necessary to keep up with the criminal caseload and ensure accountability - we still have work to do to ensure that our county budget is supporting these goals in a long term sustainable way. Snohomish County has strong economic and job growth, with our economy outpacing the state and country as a whole. However, governments in general are still lagging the larger overall recovery. This puts us in the position of trimming budgets even as demand on our services increase.

Our courts, clerks, sheriff's office and of course the prosecutor are particularly hard hit. These items make up the largest portion of our budget at the county, and we must find a way to fund these critical priorities for the long term.

As chair of the Finance and Economic Development Committee, I will continue to work with departments in County government throughout the year to ensure we are meeting performance and cost-saving measures. Although we still have challenges, I'm confident in our ability to solve them collaboratively with an eye towards the future.

Snohomish County Lodging Fund At Work



I was pleased to be able to help present a check to the Public Facilities District as part of a capital investment for the scoreboard at Xfinity Arena in Everett. This investment will help the arena attract the type of events that use a high-tech scoreboard incorporated into their events.

These dollars also benefit other projects around the county related to tourism, and I'm glad that the Edmonds Center for the Arts received funds as well. If you have questions for future funding for Public Facilities Districts through the LTAC, please contact my office.

[Everett Herald: xFinity Arena Gets a Financial Boost](#)

Things to do District 2 & Snohomish County Spring, 2016



Discover what our own community has to

offer, be a tourist or have a "staycation" - courtesy of Snohomish.org.

[Everett Farmers Market - Opens in May](#)

Everett Farmers Market starts up again in May - they are moving to a new location, be sure to check it out!

[Evergreen State Fair Grandstand Concerts Announced](#)

Get your tickets now! Highlights include Hunter Hays, Old Dominion with special guest LOCASH and others.

[Hibulb Cultural Center's Exhibit "Project 562" - Now through June 30th.](#)

Mtika Wilbur is presenting portraits of Native Americans devoted to the protection of the sacred and the natural. Project 562 aims to build cultural bridges, abandon stereotypes and renew and inspire our national legacy by documenting people from 562 Tribal Nations in the United States.

[Cascadia Art Museum "Looking Back, Moving Forward" - Through May](#)

The Cascadia Art Museum is dedicated to the legacy of Northwest Art. Cascadia presents private historic artwork, dance films, costumes and more by key Cornish 1/6/2016 Visitor Newsletter: Winter in Snohomish County, Washington 8/8 figures such as Merce Cunningham, Robert Joffrey and Mark Toby.

[Historic Everett Theatre presents: Late Nite Catechism "Sister Rolls the Dice - May 7th 7PM](#)

The final show in the Late Nite Catechism installment. Sister Rolls the Dice! The Naples News calls it "sharp, witty and

spectacularly brilliant" and says: "Anyone from Buddhists to Zoroastrians will enjoy attending this 'Late Nite Catechism'." The convent needs a new roof, so the order has decided that Sister (with her extensive gambling experience running the Church Bingo for the last 25 years) will organize a Las Vegas night! Sister will tackle topics ranging from Magicians and Show Girls to live animal acts and the dangers of drive-through marriage chapels.

Everett Philharmonic - Listener's Choice - May 14th 7PM

Stage Side Chat at 6:00 pm. Located at Everett Civic Auditorium. \$25 General Admission \$20 Seniors, Students & Military
Bachianas Brasileiras #5
Heitor Villa-Lobos
Ellaina Lewis, soprano

Piano Concerto in a minor
Edvard Grieg
Alexander Ardakov, piano
Symphony No 8
Antonín Dvořák

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