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## *Inside the Budget #3*

### Council Stresses Transparent Budget Review

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In the latest edition of the county council's weekly budget commentary, [Inside the Budget #3](#), the focus is the importance of the council's leadership role in the public participation process offered through its hearings on the county budget, said Fred Bird, the council's public information officer. The first two hearings on the proposed 2008 budget are set for Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – details below.

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The council's public hearings offer the opportunity for public involvement not available during the preparation of the recommended budget. The council's goal is to make the details intelligible and the ultimate decisions transparent to the public, Bird said.

A good government budget goes beyond the easy headlines to balance today's needs with mindful planning and saving for tomorrow. As the custodian of taxpayers' money, the council will continue to lead Snohomish County to many more years of financial stability. See [Inside the Budget #3](#) for further details.

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### Budget Public Hearing Details

For the convenience of the public there are two hearing sessions on Monday, Nov. 5th. The first begins at 1:30 PM and will likely run most of the afternoon. Following a dinner break, the second session will start at 6:30 PM. The public can attend and speak at either session.

Both sessions will be held in the Jackson Board Room on the 8th floor of the Administration East building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave. in Everett.

This hearing is the public's first opportunity to speak in person about their priorities for Snohomish County government. Public testimony plays an important role in the council's deliberations on the proposed budget. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to submit testimony by letter, e-mail or use the council's budget testimony web site.

### Comment on the Proposed Budget

In addition to speaking at either of the two hearings, the public may also testify on the proposed budget via the County Council's public testimony web site. Go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and click on **Inside the Budget Update** under the **Spotlight** heading. Background information on the proposed budget is also available at this site.

Written testimony can be mailed to:  
Snohomish County Council, M/S 609  
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Testimony may also be e-mailed to [contact.council@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:contact.council@co.snohomish.wa.us).

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