

RESOLUTION NO. 050 -2008

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE KITSAP COUNTY CITIZEN'S BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, with the projected general fund budget shortfall facing Kitsap County government, decisions will have to be made to ensure that the county will continue to deliver the vital and quality services the people expect and deserve while living within its means; and

WHEREAS, most of the general fund is dedicated by law for mandatory services and programs that the county is required to provide, such as law and justice services, and;

WHEREAS, the county's options for potential budget cuts are pointing to discretionary – or elective – programs and services that are likely to face the most pressure for reductions in funding and services; and

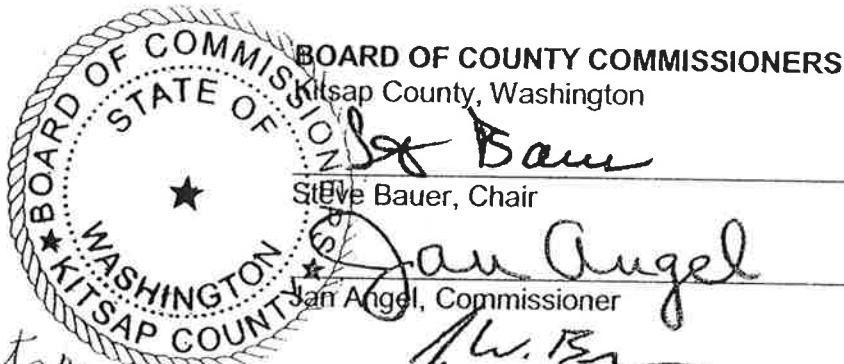
WHEREAS, the budget challenge presents a great opportunity to bring thoughtful, visionary people together to consider new innovations and ideas on how the citizens of Kitsap County can continue to enjoy these services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Kitsap County, establish a Citizen's Budget Committee comprised of up to twelve civic, professional and community leaders. The committee shall be empowered to review all County programs and services, and make recommendations on what types of, and how services should be provided in the future. The committee will examine the County's revenues, expenditures, mandated costs and financial drivers, and make recommendations for a sustainable budget to support those services. The committee shall advise the Kitsap County Commissioners on:

- Budget priorities – funding by program
- Efficiencies or improvements in service delivery
- Overall assessment of County services and customer satisfaction
- Action to be taken with regard to expenditures and revenues

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Kitsap County that the Citizens Budget Committee presents a report, independent of County officials, to the public on County performance.

ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2008



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Kitsap County, Washington

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Attest:

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