Proposed Changes to Kitsap County Mission and Vision in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan
(From Kitsap Environmental Coalition)[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| Statement | 2016 Version |  Proposed Revision for 2024 |
| **Mission** | **Mission -** Kitsap County government exists to protect and promote the safety, health and welfare of our citizens in an efficient, accessible and effective manner. | Kitsap County government exists to protect and promote a safe, healthy, fair, and sustainable relationship among the people, cultures, and natural environment of Kitsap County for current and future generations with attention to climate change and the limits of a healthy ecosystem.  |
| **Vision:****County Services** | **Effective and Efficient County Services** - County government continuously assesses its purpose, promotes and rewards innovation and improvement, fosters employee development and uses effective methods and technologies to produce significant positive results and lasting benefits for citizens. | **Effective, Just, and Efficient County Services –** County government regularly assesses and adapts its services—and fosters its employee capacities—to promote innovations, improvements, and its mission. It uses effective methods and technologies to produce positive results and lasting benefits for the county’s people, cultures, and natural environment. |
| **Vision:****Economy** | **Thriving Local Economy -** A well-educated workforce and strategic investment in county infrastructure prompt businesses to expand or locate in Kitsap County, creating well-paying jobs and enhancing our quality of life. | **Responsible, Thriving Local Economy –** Kitsap County government policies, practices, and infrastructure promote a local economy that provides a living wage and quality of life for all; the ability to live and work in one’s community; and protects and rejuvenates our ecosystems in the midst of climate change. |
| **Vision:****Communities** | **Safe and Healthy Communities -** People are protected and secure, care about their neighborhoods and are proud of where they live, work and play. | **Safe and Healthy Communities –** Kitsap County government, in partnership with other community organizations and with understanding of planetary limits, ensures that all people are treated equitably, protected, and secure with clean (non-toxic) air, water, and land where they live, work, and play.  |
| **Vision:****Government** | **Inclusive Government -** County government conducts all activities in a manner that encourages citizen involvement, enhances public trust and promotes understanding. | **Inclusive and Equitable Government –** Kitsap County government policies, practices, and infrastructure are designed with recognition of planetary limits to function effectively, equitably involve residents, enhance public trust, and promote understanding among the diverse entities of the county.  |
| **Vision:****Nature**  | **Protected Natural Resources and Systems -** Education, land use planning and coordinated efforts assure that the forests, clean air and water that Kitsap is known for are sustained for the benefit of current and future generations. | **Protected Natural Resources and Systems –** In education, land use planning and in collaboration with other organizations, Kitsap County government assures that the county’s ecosystems (including forests, air, soil, water, streams, and wildlife) are protected, safe, healthy, and sustainable for current and future generations of Kitsap inhabitants, human and endemic forms of life. |

1. *The changes in the table were submitted as a* [*text amendment*](https://www.cognitoforms.com/KitsapCounty1/ComprehensivePlanRequestFormTextChange) *for the 2024 updated Comprehensive Plan.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)