



**Annexation? Let's Talk.**

# **Annexation Public Forum**

**St. John Vianney Church  
October 23, 2007**

**Presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m.**



# Agenda

- Presentation
  - **Exploring annexation: What is the four phase process?**
  - **What have we heard and learned from the first two phases?**
  - **What's next?**
- Discussion/questions and comments
- Closing remarks





# What is annexation?



**Annexation** is when people in an unincorporated area vote or petition to become part of a larger city such as Kirkland, and receive local services such as police, parks, and roads from the city.



# Why consider annexation now?

- Annexation is encouraged under the Growth Management Act because it is more efficient
- In 2006, State funding was made available through Senate Bill 6686 to encourage cities to consider annexation
- Annexation must be initiated by 2010 in order for the City to be eligible for the State funding



# Four-Phase Decision Process

Phase	Work Program	Decision Point
I	Outreach to Kirkland Long Range Financial	Go/No Go to proceed with annexation work
II	<b>Expand outreach to PAA Initial ILA w/ King Co. Begin planning work</b>	<b>Decision whether or not to place on ballot and timeline</b>
III	Election preparation Continued planning	Election Vote
IV	Implementation	Approval by Council



# The Annexation Dialogue

Stakeholder Briefings • Web Site • Open Houses



Listening Log • Informal Outreach • Focus Groups



# What have we heard and learned so far?

- What are the benefits of annexation?
- What are some of the concerns of annexation?
- Can we afford it?





# Benefits of Annexation

<b>Kirkland</b>	<b>PAA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A larger regional voice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased services (especially police response time)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Control over development in the PAA</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to City staff and facilities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased police service in PAA that will benefit Kirkland</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local representation – City Council</li></ul>



# Concerns About Annexation

<b>Kirkland</b>	<b>PAA</b>
• Loss of “small town feel”	• Increased development
• Decreased access to city staff and City Council	• Increased regulation
• Financial Impacts and tax impacts	• Cost of improved services and tax increases (in relation to levels of service)

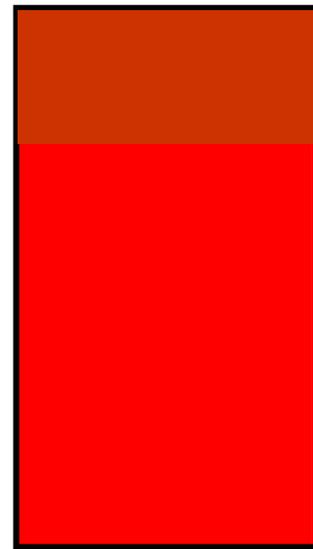


# Can Kirkland afford it?

## 2005 Financial Study



Revenue  
from PAA



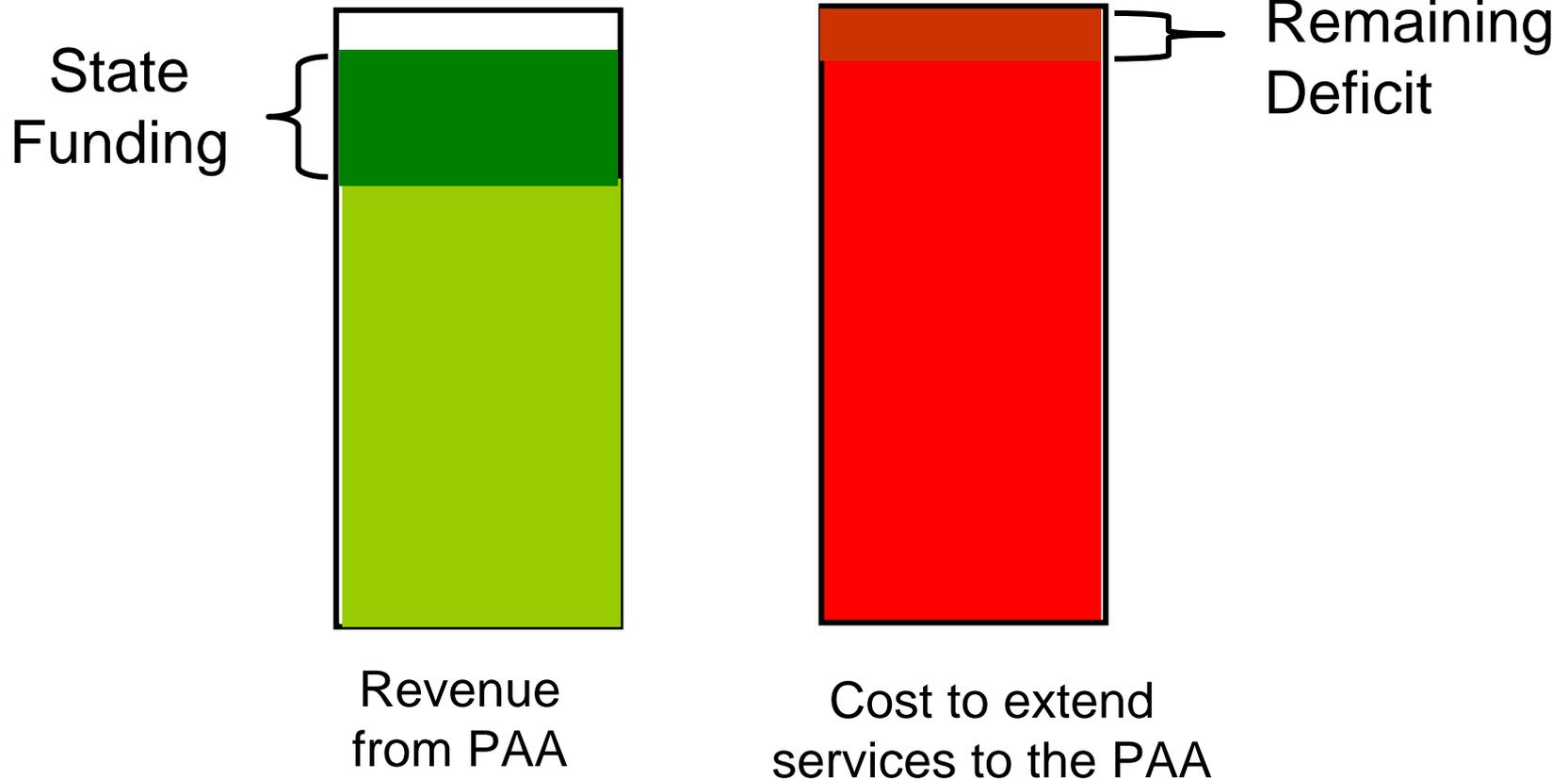
Cost to extend  
services to the PAA

\$4.8  
million  
annual  
deficit



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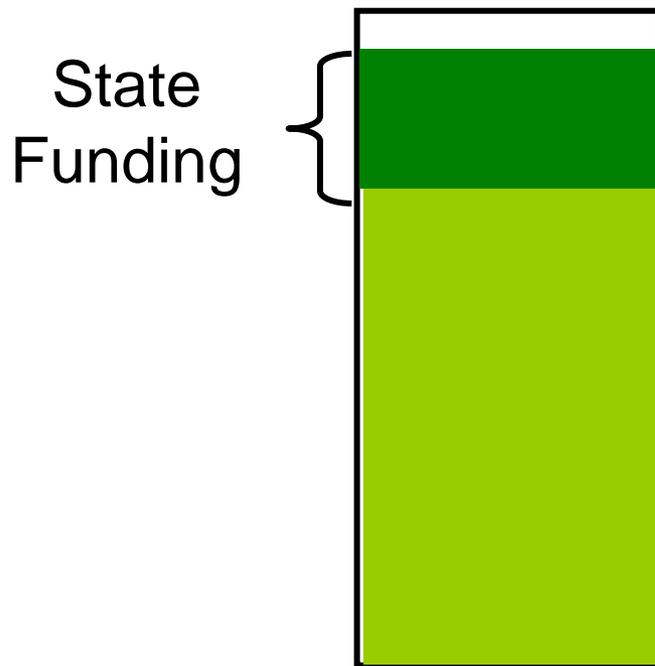
## 2006 Financial Study (Year One)



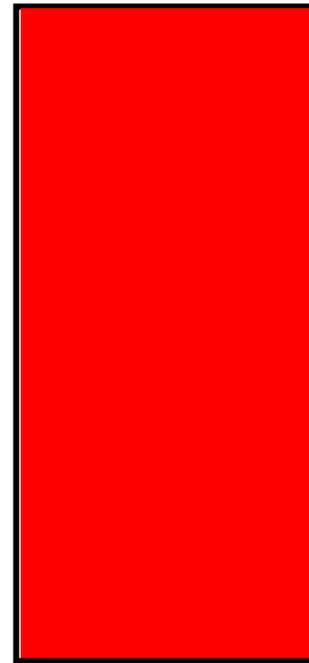


# Can Kirkland afford it?

## 2006 Financial Study (Year Eleven)



Revenue  
from PAA

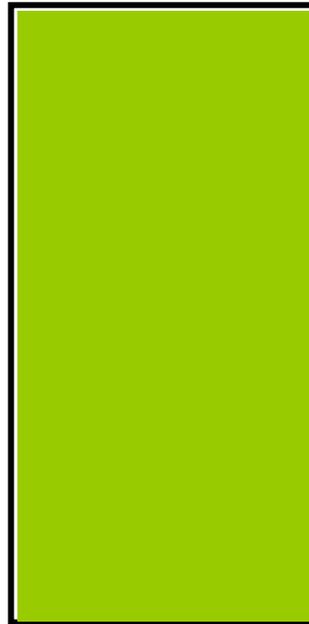


Cost to extend  
services to the PAA

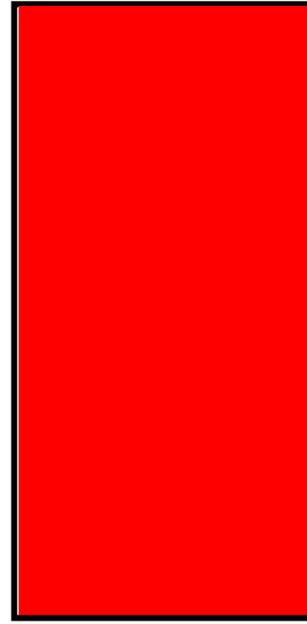


# Can Kirkland afford it?

2006 Financial Study (including state funding)



Revenue  
from PAA



Cost to extend  
services to the PAA

**Year 11 of Annexation**



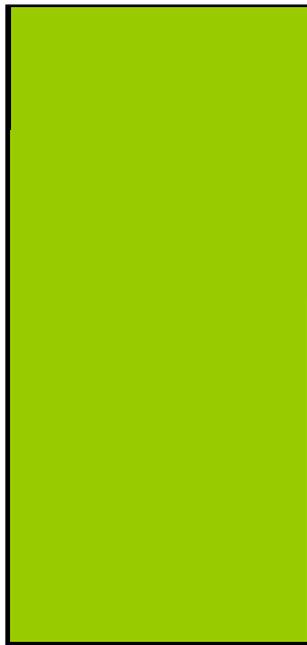
# Tools and Trends Impacting the Bottom Line

- Relative age of housing in PAA and expected redevelopment after ten years
- Strategic use of state funds applied to debt for new facilities
- Revenue and expenditure tools implemented by City Council to balance the annual budget
  - *No additional impact on Kirkland beyond what would need to be put in place with or without annexation*
  - *Impact on PAA would be improved services and tax impact may be same as King County would implement to maintain lower level of service*



# Can Kirkland afford it?

## Long-Term Financial Outlook



City Revenue

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City Expenditures



# Infrastructure Study

- Pavement Condition
- Transportation
- Surface Water System
- Parks





# What's Next?

- **Operational Plans**
- **City Council Decision Process**
  - City Council deliberates
  - Study sessions (Nov. 15 and Dec. 4)
  - City staff continue to work
  - Phase 2 decision (Dec. 11?)
    - Go → Phase 3 – vote Nov. 2008
    - No go → Process stops



# Stay Informed

- Project information materials
- Comment form
- Annexation webpage
- Annexation listserv



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# Have Your Say

What should the City Council consider as they decide whether or not to put annexation on the ballot?

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