

Greater Kingston Community Conversation – October 21, 2023

Report on specific actionable items to implement:

Topic Area: Local Governance
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Session 1
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Discussion Questions:

1. Issues, problems, or challenges facing our community:
 - Many governmental entities – no centralized government
 - Don't have local government
 - Lack of a representation from the North Kitsap area
 - Frustration with remote governance
 - Particular emphasis on the delays in permitting processes
2. Group's identified main issue or a list of prioritized concerns of the top three issues:
 - Inadequate staffing at the County offices (particularly with building/developer issues)
 - Inadequate representation
 - Suggesting incorporation of north County into one entity, similar to Bainbridge Island model
3. Possible short-term solutions (1-3 years)
 - Research process for incorporation
 - Engage with county regarding lack of involvement with local area
 - Access county officials assistance with issues
 - Letter writing to local and county officials regarding issues
4. Possible long-term solutions (4-10 years)
 - Use current elected officials to communicate with County
 - Communicate with Commissioners office
 - Communicate with KCAC to take to County