May through September were busy as I visited with and listened to constituents, and worked on local, regional and federal issues. Please read this report for some of the highlights.
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**May and June** – At both the Federal Way Farmers Market and Auburn International Farmers Market, approximately 300 people stopped by my Mobile Town Hall on Identity Theft to share ideas and shred sensitive papers. **Save the date for our next Mobile Identity Theft Town Hall and Free Document Shredding Event, Saturday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. to Noon**, Federal Way Farmers Market, located in the Sears parking lot of the Commons Mall (1701 S 320th Street, Federal Way).

**May 10** – King County Assessor John Wilson announced that 5,000 seniors have signed up for our new Tax Relief Program to help with property taxes.

*Photo left to right: Market organizers Karla Kolibab and Rose Ehl.*

*Photo from left to right: Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Assessor John Wilson, Kim Zier, and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.*
May 21 – Korean School of Federal Way’s celebration of another year of educating children about Korean culture.

May 22 – King County Council’s 2nd Annual MLK Medal of Distinguished Service was awarded to Thomas Jefferson Baseball Coach Joseph Townsend for his dedication to young people as a coach and a corrections officer.

May 24 – After three successful seasons and two state championships, I hosted a celebratory pizza party for the members of the Federal Way High School Boys Basketball team, head coach Jerome Collins and his assistant coaches.
June 3 – I sponsored a table at the South King County Multi-Service Center Crab Feed.

Photo left to right: Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell, King County Sheriff John Urquhart and Shelley Urquhart, Bev and Wes Stock and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus.

June 9 – I celebrated our growing Korean population’s new access to the Korean Broadcasting Service and its world network of international news and local coverage.

June 10 – The 28th Annual Flag Day Celebration honoring Army Captain David Celski, a Federal Way High School graduate who served our country overseas, and 92-year-old nurse Florence Rigney, who still serves our region working at Tacoma General two days a week.

Photo from left to right: State Senator Joe Fain, Army Captain David Celski and Florence Rigney.
June 13 - The King County Council recognized the Todd Beamer High School Boys Soccer team and coaches for winning the school’s first state title.

Members of the state champion Todd Beamer High School Boys Soccer team with Councilmembers after the Council recognized the team for winning the school’s first state title.

June 19 - The King County Council recognized the University of Washington Women’s Crew Team for their NCAA Championship.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Women’s Crew Team members Maggie Phillips and Phoebe Spoors.

July 18 - Auburn and Federal Way High School Basketball Teams joined University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins to raise over $60,000 at the annual Federal Way/Auburn Boys and Girls Club Breakfast.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and Auburn Mountainview High School basketball team players Talan Alfrey, PJ Ghungu, Grant Kline, Quinn Lacey, Zach Richardson, Zavion Trapp, coach Matt Sinnes, and assistant coach Dan Winter.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and Auburn Riverside players Javon Forward, Isaiah Prescott, Dan Ramirez, Jaden Robinson, Jayden Taylor, Tyler Pisha, and Ravens coach Kevin Olson.
Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and players and coaches of the Auburn High School basketball team.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and players and coaches of the Decatur High School basketball team.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and from Federal Way High School, basketball coach Jerome Collins, players and assistant coach Doug Sloane.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and players and coaches of the Kentlake High School basketball team.

Photo left to right: University of Washington Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Hopkins and players and coaches of the Todd Beamer High School basketball team.
July 19 - Washington State Transportation Secretary Roger Millar talked about the future of transportation and infrastructure and its impacts on the economy, housing and more with South King County leaders.

July 28 - Federal Way has many fun traditions, but one of my favorites is the Kiwanis Salmon Bake. Good food, people, music and a greater cause: helping kids.

August 3 - Hundreds came together to raise tens of thousands of dollars at F.U.S.I.O.N.'s annual fundraiser to provide transitional housing in South King County. This is one more example of families helping families in their time of need.
August 4 - Pacific Raceways hosted the NHRA in August, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors to South King County bringing lots of revenue and making it the 5th most successful sports venue in our state.

Photo left to right: Staff members Thomas Efrem, Christopher Cho, Tyler Pichette, Joey Schneider and Jason Fiorito from Pacific Raceways.

August 13 - As honorary Steward for the “King County Overnight Stakes” race at Emerald Downs, I was pleased to present the award to the owner and jockey of the winning horse.

August 16 - Congressman Adam Smith met with South King County leaders at the monthly “Good Eggs” breakfast meeting. Smith discussed his policy priorities for South King County in Washington, D.C as Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee, and emphasized the need to work across the aisle in Congress to get results.

Photo left to right: Way Scarff, Auburn Auto Dealer, U.S. Representative Adam Smith and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus.

Photo left to right: Federal Way City Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way Deputy Mayor Jeanne Burbidge, U.S. Representative Adam Smith, and Federal Way City Councilmember Martin Moore.
**August 19** - Art brings people together, and the diverse communities of South King County came together to celebrate the opening of the Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center (PAEC). Music and entertainment have no borders--the PAEC is for everyone!

**September 17** - Please join me in thanking Paul Allen for his decision to purchase the Seattle Seahawks 20 years ago. As part of the celebration, Russell Wilson, Bobby Wagner, John Schneider, and I, along with many others, were featured in a documentary mini-series about Paul and his family’s role in developing a winning culture with the Seahawks. The first episode aired on Q13 FOX and is available at this link: https://www.facebook.com/Seahawks/videos/10154810462981722/
September 19 – At the annual Reach Out breakfast, I joined Becky Vinson and Pastor Casey Treat to help raise approximately $55,000 for overnight shelters and support services for adults without homes in South King County. Becky is the mother of Seattle Seahawk Jimmy Graham and she shared her inspirational journey from homelessness to naval service to adopting Jimmy Graham.

Photo, left to right: Becky Vinson and Pastor Casey Treat.

September 20 – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal was the speaker at the monthly “Good Eggs” breakfast and discussed changing accountability measures for our schools and the need to move beyond a traditional 9-month school year to compete in an international economy.

Photo, left to right: Dr. Alan Spicciati, Auburn School District Superintendent, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal and Becca Martin, Federal Way Chamber of Commerce CEO.

September 21 – I have been checking on the remarkable progress of the athletic field project for the Federal Way Boys and Girls Club, supported by a King County grant. Here are the before and after pictures of the new turf field.

Photos, left and above: With Federal Way Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Mark Hendricks.
**September 21** – Whether in the arts, education or business, King County has been enriched by the growth of the Korean Community. I was honored with the Pioneer Award for my early efforts in 1992 in building bridges between the Korean community and the City of Federal Way. In these times, we have no better ally than the Republic of Korea. Gamsahamnida!

**September 23** – The Federal Way Farmers Market Chili Cook Off served up former Seahawk Jordan Babineaux as well as some incredibly creative chili. I had the honor to serve as a judge while funds raised benefitted local charities.