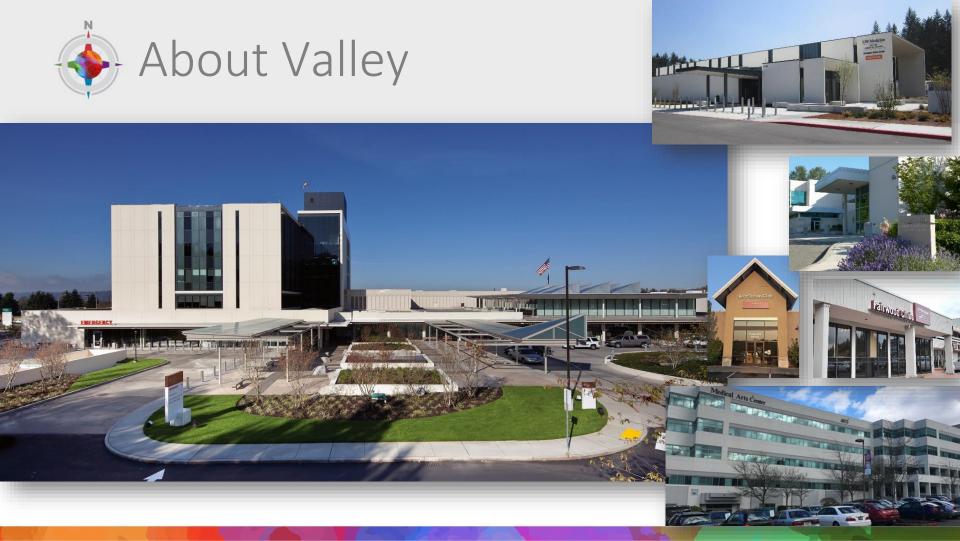


CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY LIKE FAMILY

# **About King County Public Hospital District #1**

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#### **Board of Commissioners**



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WE celebrate the unique tapestry of staff and patients who have provided and received care here for nearly 80 years.



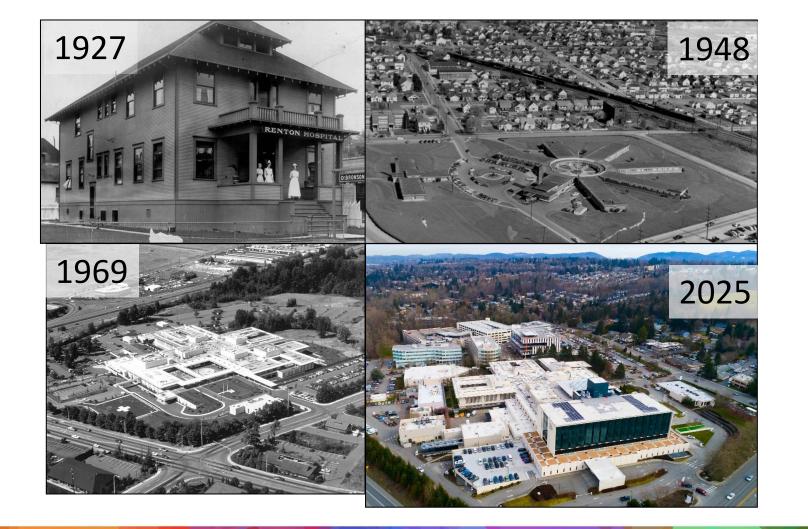
#### VISION

To be a high reliability organization driven by the power of our talented, engaged, and vibrant workforce.

Clinical & operational excellence. Timely access. Financial stability. Unparalleled experience.









# Our Services

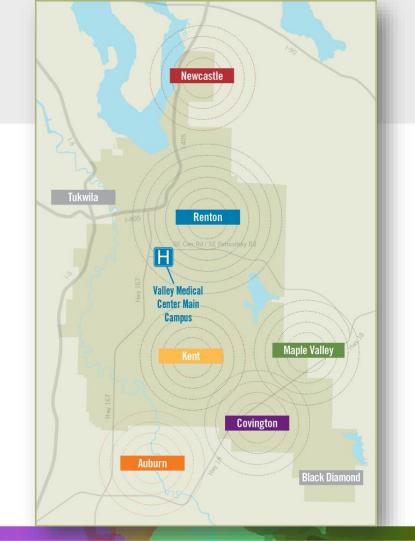


- Valley is Washington's oldest and largest Public Hospital District serving over 600,000 residents within the hospital's service area (about the population of Seattle)
- One of the largest employers in South King County with nearly 4,000 staff members
- 908 providers on medical staff, nearly 400 employed by Valley's Clinic Network
- Our Clinic Network is comprised of more than 50 primary care, urgent care and specialty care clinics across our service area
- Our 341-bed community hospital provides: Emergency Department with Level III
  Trauma Center, comprehensive Surgical Services, Birth Center & Level II NICU,
  Neuroscience Institute, Cancer Services, Joint & Spine Center, Heart & Vascular
  Services, and much more

# Our Hospital District

Serving South & Southeast King County

- 605,859 residents (increased 5.1% since 2020)
  - 25.9% are children 0-19
  - 35.1% are child-bearing age
  - 26.5% are 45-64 years old
  - 12.5% are 65+
- Top causes of death:
  - Cancer
  - Heart disease
  - Diabetes
  - Stroke



#### Our Demographics

#### We serve a vulnerable and medically underserved population:

- 10.9% are at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
- 25.8% are at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- 180 languages are spoken by our patients and caregivers

Valley provided **\$267 million** in under and uncompensated care in the past year.



### Our Volume of Care

Area of Care	# of Visits (FY25)
Emergency Department	90,964
Primary Care	243,058
Urgent Care	90,085
Specialty Care	411,515
OR (OP & IP)	12,696
Births	2,762
Endoscopy	13,260



FY25 was a year of rapid change, the opening of our Cancer Center's first phase, and strong headwinds at the state and federal level with 64% of our funding coming from governmental payors.





# Financial Headwinds & Hospital Prop 1 November Ballot Measure





#### Financial Headwinds Threaten Our Sustainability

- Valley is the safety net for care for our South King County community.
- We provide life-saving emergency and specialty services 24/7, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay.
- Providing these levels of care is not easy and takes significant and costly resources.
- We are evaluating all possible ways to preserve local access to critical health care services.



#### Financial Headwinds Threaten Our Sustainability

#### Why is our mission of providing access to care so challenging?

- The care we provide often costs more than we are paid. This is not a traditional business model. Instead of getting paid for what things cost, we must make up the difference elsewhere or cut services.
- We must provide **free care to low-income patients** and expect this to significantly increase with changes in Medicaid eligibility from H.R. 1 that Congress passed in July.
- Pay and benefits for our workforce account for 60-70% of our costs, leaving little to no room to cut costs without impacting services.
- We are experiencing significant payer reimbursement challenges, delays, and denials.

#### Financial Headwinds Threaten Our Sustainability (cont'd)

STATE & FEDERAL FINANCIAL IMPACTS	
SB 5083	\$5.2 million annual cut to Valley from reductions in hospital reimbursement rates in public and school employee health plans
SB 5814	\$2 million increase in annual sales tax on IT and security services
B&O Tax Increase	\$1.5 million annual additional cost to Valley
OBBB/H.R. 1	\$19M cut to Valley over next 5 years (2026-2030)
Tariff Rates	Unpredictable and dynamic

• Expense inflation in labor, equipment, supplies and drugs outpacing payer rate increases and the cost of published federal inflation.



#### Financial Stabilization & Cash Preservation Are Crucial

- Earlier this year we were forced to make some extraordinarily tough decisions to remain fiscally solvent.
- To help address Valley's financial challenges, our publicly-elected Board of Commissioners (BOC) unanimously voted in August 2025 to submit a request for a tax levy lid lift for the November ballot. Valley's last levy was passed 20 years ago, in 2005.
- We are extremely grateful that the levy passed with 58% of the vote and will provide an estimated \$43 million annually to support essential healthcare services.

# 58% of Voters Approved Hospital Proposition 1

# Hospital Prop 1 will:



Secure the future of local care. Valley provides crucial hospital services 24 hours a day, including labor and delivery, trauma and emergency care, and intensive hospital care.



Keep care close to home. Get the care you need without leaving your neighborhood. Having excellent care just minutes away means less stress, shorter commute, and more time with the ones you love.



Build careers in South King County. The people at Valley are committed to the mission of caring for our community like family. It's vital to provide stability and support them with competitive wages and opportunities to keep learning and growing with our community. Hospital Prop 1 will provide additional operating and capital funds. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate of \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a \$.46 increase per \$1,000 above the current amount starting in 2026.



# Challenges Ahead, But Our Future Looks Bright!

A stronger Valley means a stronger South King County community. The months and years ahead will require thoughtful choices, creativity, and collaboration as we work to ensure that Valley remains a strong and sustainable resource for generations to come.





# Questions?



