

KEDA Fall Forum:

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The Future of Kitsap's Economy

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Kitsap's Economy: Opportunities, Challenges and the Future



PROSPERITY



OPPORTUNITY

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SOCIAL

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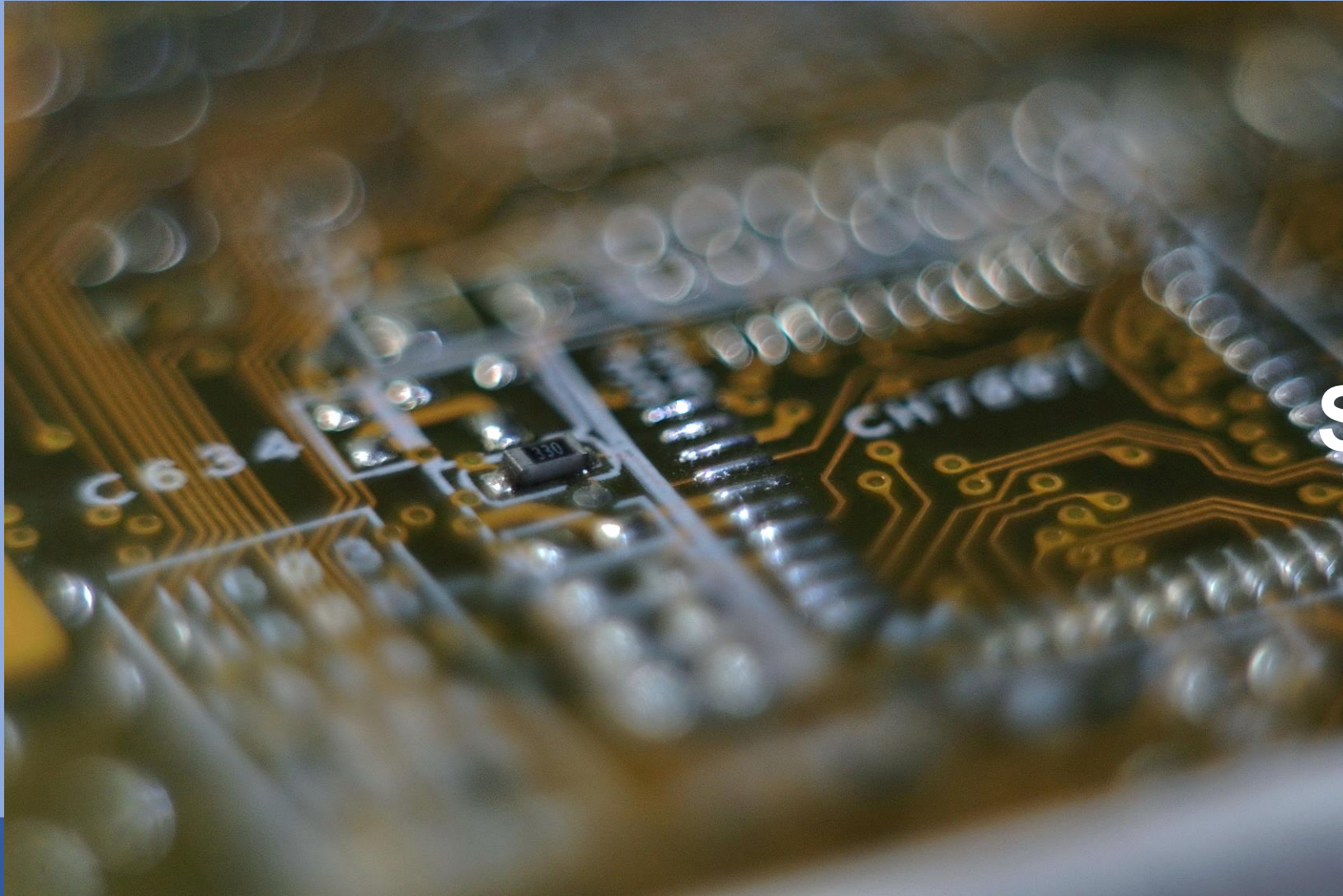
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SOCIAL



LONGEVITY

TECHNOLOGY



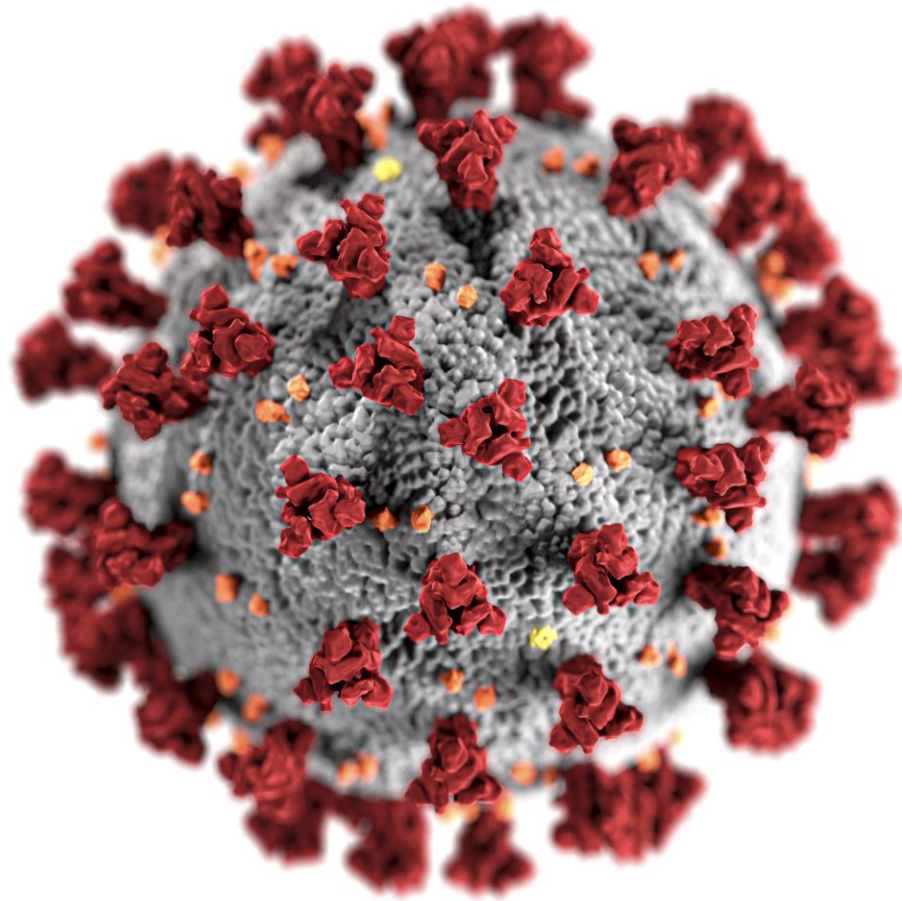
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ENVIRONMENTAL



CLIMATE CHANGE

ECONOMIC

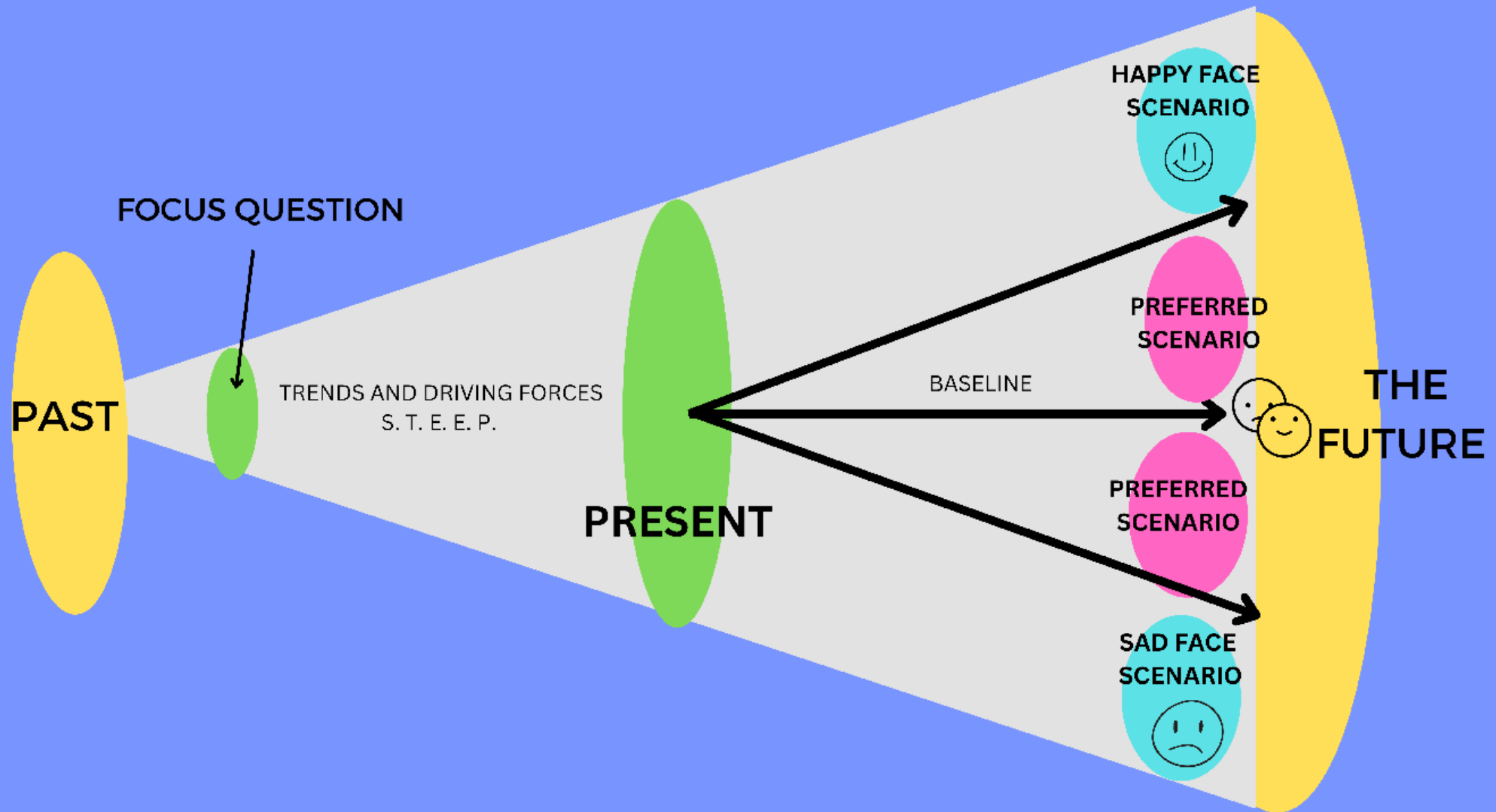


COVID HANGOVER

POLITICAL



IMMIGRATION



CONE OF POSSIBILITIES

UTOPIAN SCENARIO



- A growing and prosperous community with a thriving, educated, intergenerational, diverse, and healthy workforce. (LONGEVITY, MODERN ELDERS, MENTERSNS)
- A Community with a diverse technological and innovative sector fueled by existing industry and innovative companies dedicated to transformational change through thoughtful design and development of low-carbon products and services. (DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT, WAV-C, AUGMENTED REALITY, IoT, 5G)
- A Community that understands and acknowledges, due to its location and experiences, the opportunities inherent in a low-carbon economy. (ELECTRIFICATION, HYDROGEN, BATTERY STORAGE, NUCLEAR FUSION, CIRCULAR ECONOMY)
- A community that understands its past and uses it to transform its economy through the recognition of its diverse and growing population and its maritime history. (IMMIGRATION, NATIVE PEOPLES, DIVERSIFICATION, EQUITY, OPPORTUNITY)

DYSTOPIAN SCENARIO



- The community ignores the diversity of its community, including indigenous peoples, and fails to take advantage of elders and intergenerational opportunities and assimilate a new diverse population. (ELDER DISRESPECT, OUTMIGRATION, HOSTILITY)
- The community relies on the technology of the past with the belief that it is not broken, only stressed, missing new opportunities along the way. (CHANGE IS DIFFICULT, WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY)
- The community, ignoring the signs of pending climate disasters, puts its citizens in danger, reducing longevity and witnessing a crumbling economy around them while others thrive. (IGNORE THE SIGNS, LAZZAIE-FAIRE ATTITUDE)
- Leadership in the community diminishes the value of diverse peoples and loses opportunities to educate and support its various populations. (LACK OF INITIATIVE, PERSONAL POLITICS, POLARIZATION)

BASELINE SCENARIO



- Despite the lack of adequate resources, the community grows the economy and increases opportunities for young and old. Younger people engage with modern elders in various programs that improve their health and incentivize youth to stay or move back to the community. (Not perfect, but adequate. Progress made and yearning for more)
- A few opportunities to entice innovative technology companies from higher-cost locations work. Some, but not all, local companies take advantage of technological change, causing some loss of jobs, but progress is made. (The pivot to new energy is hard; there are bumps along the way.)
- Climate Change has caused localized flooding and higher temperatures which have endangered local habitats, but community leaders and companies are making a concerted effort to adapt and mitigate. (Resources are needed to take advantage through innovation and entrepreneurship, but successes are noted).
- Steps are taken to create an educational system that embraces opportunities for immigrants and newcomers to the community. Recognition is given to the idea that change will take time. (Opportunities are abundant, but require leadership)

THE FUTURE OF KITSAP COUNTY

- New jobs, capital investment, and equitable prosperity have been generated as a result of an intentional effort by the leaders of Kitsap County to enhance existing and assertive economic development efforts. We have built upon success.
- Tapping into the growing need for a trained and educated workforce, Kitsap County economic development leaders have encouraged the creation and development of training and educational programs for a diverse population.
- Kitsap County leaders have acknowledged and recognized the value of first nation peoples, immigrants, and the growing modern elders to develop a dynamic and productive workforce. Intergenerational programs have energized and unified the community.
- The dangers of climate change have incentivized Kitsap County leaders to generate new jobs in new industries and leveraged already existing initiatives such as WAV-C, and marine industries to generate innovation while at the same time contributing to a low-carbon economy.

Conclusion

Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason that today arm you against the present.

Marcus Aurelius

Conclusion

Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

[William Jennings Bryan](#)

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