



Vazaskia Crockrell

Vazaskia Crockrell is the Director of Equity and Social Justice for the Metropolitan King County Council (KCC), where she acts as a liaison between the KCC and marginalized and underrepresented communities throughout King County. She spends time interacting with community groups and individuals, reporting back to council about issues of racial and ethnic disparity, and all forms of injustice. Similarly, she helps inform those same communities about work the council is doing to make government more inclusive, accessible and equitable.

Crockrell related roles, include working for the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) as the Health Equity Manager for 9 years. There she was instrumental in having the managed care contracts include requirements to implement National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services. She also served on the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Equity for 10 years representing HCA. Prior to this work she worked for the American Cancer Society, and the YWCA Pierce County, both positions elevated the health care needs of women communities of color and women.

Born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, Crockrell has believed since a young age in the vital importance of promoting equity for historically marginalized groups and has dedicated her career to that work. She believes the most important goal is to elevate the voices of the most impacted communities and give them a seat at the table in their own governance. She has instilled that ethic into her three successful daughters, who incorporate it into their professions in communications, education and law.

Crockrell holds a bachelor's degree in Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies from the University of Washington. She is completing her Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Policy. When she's not hard at work, she enjoys skydiving, parasailing, rock climbing, zip lining, and plans to, one day, swim with great white sharks.