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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Relations Monthly Update as of November 30, 2024

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Included in this packet are reports from the City's work with other levels of government on City business. They include updates from the state, federal, and regional levels. Staff are always available to follow up to discuss any matters in greater detail.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff have provided a written summary of recent state legislative work. As most states shifted to Republican control from results of the general election, Washington was the only outlier with Democrats gaining more control, though marginal, in the state house and senate. Of note is Democrat and Governor-elect Bob Ferguson who is set to take over the Governor's Office after more than a decade under Governor Jay Inslee. Governor-elect Ferguson faces a significant state-budget shortfall that Governor Inslee's biennial budget proposals will look to address as he exits office.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written summary of recent activities of the Congress and the Biden Administration. The results of the general election have President-elect Donald Trump re-entering the White House for a second term with Congress and the House of Representatives under Republican control come January 20. As President-elect Trump's transition team rapidly selects cabinet members to fill their administration, the current Biden Administration is shoring up loose ends on funding for Ukraine and immigration reform that are likely to change with the shift in control in Washington D.C. Despite the President-elect's messaging on the campaign trail, narrow majorities in the House and Congress mean an uphill battle on moving policy and cabinet selections through.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees and those of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).