

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Human Services Commission Members

FROM: Leslie R. Miller, Human Services Manager
Parks & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Special Presentation

Sara Levin, Vice President, Community Services for United Way of King County will share their agency's efforts to prioritize by and for agencies* who provide culturally and linguistically specific human services.

Background

The Diversity Advantage Plan and the 2021-22 Bellevue Needs Update call for addressing the increasing need for culturally and linguistically responsive human services as Bellevue becomes more diverse. In addition, Bellevue City Council has asked the Commission to fund a wide range of agencies that meet the emerging needs of diverse residents. Over the past several years the United Way of King County has made an intentional shift to make investments in organizations within the communities furthest from access to needed services. Ms. Levin will share why they made that shift and what some of the outcomes have been.

*By and For Agencies refers to agencies that are created by a specific community to serve the needs of that community. For example, Indian American Community Services was created by members of the Asian-Indian community to provide services for the Asian-Indian community that center their cultural and traditional values.