

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 1, 2022

TO: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember

SUBJECT: Item 7—Council Business and New Initiatives—Request for More than 8

Hours of Staff Work Re: City Resources in Cooperation with Out-of-State

**Abortion Investigations** 

The United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* means that abortions have immediately become, or likely will soon be, banned or criminalized in several states. City of Bellevue Police Department staff may be asked to cooperate with out-of-state investigations concerning enforcement of those states' laws.

Consistent with Section 11 of the Council's rules (Resolution 10084), I am requesting Council support to have the City Attorney's Office conduct any necessary research and to provide the Council with potential options that the Council may take to limit the use of Bellevue Police Department resources to enforce or to otherwise cooperate with out-of-state investigations based on another state's law that is inconsistent with the State of Washington's protections of the right to choose abortion and provide abortion-related care.