



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 2015
TO: Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items April 27, 2015

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Briefing on the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) 2015-2019 Strategic Plan Final Draft:

Staff from King County and Hopelink will be present to provide an overview of the draft plan, goals and strategies to end homelessness in King County. This regional initiative has been in place for the past 10 years and the initial plan was endorsed by the Bellevue City Council in 2006. Support for this regional initiative is consistent with multiple City policy statements from the Human Services and Housing elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Tonight's presentation is an opportunity for Council to learn more about the draft plan and ask questions about its goals and strategies. Staff is seeking Council direction to prepare a resolution of support for the plan or to provide alternate direction.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: April 26 is the last day of the regular session of the state legislature. Staff last provided Council a written update on the City's priority legislation on April 20. At the time this agenda item is being prepared, it appears likely that the legislature will not be able to reach a compromise on the Operating Budget that would allow it to finish business by Sunday's deadline. Staff will provide an oral status report at the April 27 study session based on information available at that time.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff is including three items in this month's federal update:

- Development and strategy for 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda
- Draft letter supporting HR 213 regarding employment-based work visas
- Monthly update and summary of recent Congressional activities.

Staff is seeking Council feedback and direction on the federal legislative strategy and the draft letter in support of HR 213 related to immigration reforms in the visa and green card system.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

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