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**DATE:** May 23, 2016

**TO:** Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Joyce Nichols, IGR Director

**SUBJECT: Regional Outreach/Networking Opportunities with the Sound Cities Association and the Association of Washington Cities**

## **Sound Cities Association Opportunities**

**Networking Dinners June 1 and June 29:** As you are aware, on June 1, Bellevue will officially rejoin the Sound Cities Association (SCA). One of the important ways to take advantage of the opportunity to meet other local officials in King County is to attend the SCA networking dinners. The next dinner is **Wednesday, June 1** at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. The get acquainted portion of the evening begins at 5:30 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. The featured speaker is Congressman Dave Reichert. If you would like to attend, please contact Sandy Nunnelee or Michelle Luce in the Council office and they can make sure you are registered for the event.

As this event coincides with Bellevue's membership, it promises to be an enjoyable and informative evening.

SCA will host another networking dinner on **Wednesday, June 29** at the Renton Pavilion Event Center with Congresswoman Susan Del Bene as the featured speaker. You can sign up for this dinner by contacting Council office staff as noted above.

**SCA Public Issues Committee:** As a member of SCA, Bellevue has a seat on the SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC). This committee meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Renton City Hall. This committee reviews and evaluates policy positions on various issues of concern and importance to member cities. It also recommends policy positions to the SCA Board of Directors and what, if any action should be taken on such policy positions. Bellevue will be represented at the PIC by Mayor John Stokes and Councilmember Kevin Wallace serving as alternate.

## **Association of Washington Cities Conference**

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is holding its Cities Summit Conference June 21-24 at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center in Everett. This conference will focus on issues of statewide concern to cities and will adopt a Statement of Policy that will provide the basis for policy recommendations by AWC's Legislative Priorities Committee, its Board and staff for the 2017 state legislative session. Conference attendance is a good opportunity to get to know elected officials from other parts of the state and learn about legislative issues that impact cities. If you would like to attend the conference, please contact Sandy Nunnelee or Michelle Luce in the Council office for more details and registration information.