



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 25, 2016
TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Update on the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Sales Tax-Funded Programs and Proposed Levy Renewal: Since 2007, King County has been levying a one-tenth of one percent sales tax to fund MIDD programs across the county. This levy generates approximately \$53 million annually for MIDD programs and services. King County staff will attend tonight's meeting and provide an overview of the MIDD outcomes on a countywide basis as well as programs serving Bellevue and the Eastside. Staff will also discuss recommendations for renewing the levy which expires at the end of the year. No action is required by Council. Tonight's update is an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to staff.

Briefing on the King County Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Levy: Last November, King County voters approved a six-year property tax levy to fund BSK—a prevention oriented regional plan to support the healthy development of children and youth, families and communities across the county. The property tax is levied at a rate of 14 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value and is projected to generate a total of about \$400 million over the six-year levy period. King County staff will attend tonight's meeting and provide a briefing and overview of the levy and its proposed uses. No Council action is required tonight. The briefing is an opportunity to learn about the levy, ask questions and provide feedback and/or direction to staff.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Staff is providing a written update describing the activities of the interim committees, work groups and task forces working on specific issues directed by legislation approved in the 2016 session which will impact the City.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff is providing a written update on recent activities at the federal level and in Congress.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

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