



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 28, 2016  
**TO:** Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations  
**RE:** Regional Issues Committee Items November 28, 2016

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Due to the lengthy agenda for this evening, staff has provided written information to update Council on two King County issues:

- **King County Executive's Land Conservation Advisory Group**—This 28-member group is working on a plan to fund conservation and preservation of high-value lands, largely in unincorporated King County. Councilmember Vandana Slatter is serving on this group which is expected to make recommendations in early 2017 on how best to fund the purchase, maintenance and operation of these lands.
- **King County Animal Control Services Contract**—King County provides contract animal control services for 25 cities across the county, including Bellevue. The current contract runs through 2017. County and City staff are working on a new contract. King County has asked cities to indicate their interest in being part of a new agreement by notifying the county in writing via a "non-binding" letter of intent, by the end of this year. Bellevue staff is investigating the costs/structure/services/pros and cons of continuing to contract with the county or recommending Bellevue provide these services locally. We anticipate briefing Council on the details of this analysis early next year. Staff recommends that Bellevue inform King County that the City intends to remain in the county system pending the outcome of this analysis and potential future Council direction.

### **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** Staff has provided a written update on the 2016 General Election results, activities of interim committees and potential topics that will impact Bellevue's interests in the coming session.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Staff has provided a written update on recent activities at the federal level, Congress and the Administration.

### **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated Council summary background briefings on the King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC), other King County issues and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).