



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2017
TO: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers
FROM: Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
RE: Regional Issues Committee Items June 26, 2017

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Briefing on King County Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Property Tax Levy: Staff from King County will provide an update on King County Executive Dow Constantine's proposal to renew and increase the current Veterans and Human Services levy. The current levy rate is \$.04 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and expires at the end of 2017. The Executive's proposal would increase the levy rate to \$.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and fund a new category of services for seniors in addition to the two categories of services that are covered by the current levy, veterans and vulnerable populations. In addition, the levy proposal emphasizes "housing stability" as an important component in each funding category. If approved by the King County Council, the levy proposal will be placed on the November 2017 countywide ballot. No formal action is required by Council tonight. The briefing is an opportunity to ask questions, discuss issues and provide feedback to the Mayor as the City's representative on the Regional Policy Committee, King County staff and Bellevue staff.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: The State Legislature is now in its third special session of 2017. Governor Jay Inslee called the legislators back into session after the second special session expired with no agreement on an operating budget, capital budget or how to fund K-12 education. The Legislature must act on a budget by June 30 in order to prevent a partial shut down of non-essential state services when the new fiscal year begins July 1. A written update on bills of interest to Bellevue is included, and staff will provide an oral update on any changes of significance.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written legislative update on recent activities at the federal level covering 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 Committees (RPC, RTC, and RWQC), the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C).

Update on Future Ballot Measures: Included is an update on future ballot measures in King County, provided on a quarterly basis.