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To: Transportation Commission

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Subject: Presentation on Bellevue Essentials (*No Board action requested*)

At the Commission meeting on June 13, I will present an overview of the Bellevue Essentials program. This presentation is for information purposes only, and I encourage you to consider your own participation and reaching out to friends and colleagues who may be good candidates for the training.

Background

Bellevue Essentials is launching its seventh year of providing an on-ramp for emerging leaders in Bellevue to learn about the nuts and bolts of Bellevue city government and to encourage participants to become more civically engaged. Over 200 participants have completed the program since 2013, with many now serving on boards and commissions and in leadership roles throughout the community.

Participants in Bellevue Essentials learn about the structure and inner workings of city government and build familiarity with government process and decision making. A goal of the program is helping participants to become comfortable participating in city government.

Over time, Bellevue Essentials has created a network of engaged and educated individuals who serve the city, and the broader community. After graduation, participants also have an opportunity to be involved with the Bellevue Essentials alumni network which provides ongoing social, educational and service opportunities.

2019 Program:

Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week program on Wednesday evenings. The 2019 Bellevue Essentials program will be held Sept. 25 – Nov. 13, with a graduation event on Nov. 20. Curriculum topics include history, demographics, diversity, public process, parks and community services, arts, neighborhoods, economic development, community development, development services, utilities, finance, transportation and public safety.

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