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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: April 7, 2016
Subject: SPECIAL PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE JOAN MCBRIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

Council should receive a debriefing on the 2016 legislative session from Representative Joan McBride.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Joan McBride was elected to the House by popular vote to represent the 48th legislative district in November 2014. Representative McBride was sworn in to office on January 12, 2015, and was elected by the House Democratic Caucus to serve as Assistant Democratic Whip. The committees on which Representative McBride serves are the House Committee on Environment; Committee on Local Government; Transportation Committee; and the Rules Committee. Over the course of the 2015-16 Biennium, Rep. McBride was the primary sponsor of 15 pieces of legislation and was the secondary sponsor of over 200 more.

In 2015, from the opening gavel of her first session, Representative McBride was a strong advocate for policy bills aimed at addressing the homelessness crisis as well as, bills intended to provide cities with new revenue tools. Rep. McBride also championed funding for several Kirkland projects in the 2015-17 Capital and Transportation Budgets. In the Capital Budget, Rep. McBride advocated successfully for the inclusion of \$1,068 million requested for the Cross Kirkland Corridor improvements at NE 52nd Street. In the transportation revenue package, Rep. McBride was an undaunted champion for the inclusion of \$75 million for the NE 132nd Street Interchange in the Totem Lake Urban Center.

This session, Representative McBride's leadership in taking on the challenge of addressing overall housing and homelessness was unparalleled in Olympia this session. She introduced multiple pieces of legislation, initiated productive discussion and set the stage to continue this work in the next biennium. Rep. McBride also championed the bill to manage overly broad and overly burdensome requests for public records. She will engage a stakeholder process on this issue over the interim. In the Supplemental Capital Budget, Rep. McBride secured nearly \$2 million for the design and construction of badly needed shelter facilities for the homeless in East King County: \$350,000 to the city of Kirkland for an emergency shelter for women and families, and \$1.4 million to the city of Bellevue for an emergency shelter for homeless men.

The City of Kirkland appreciates her accomplishments and advocacy efforts on behalf of Kirkland and cities in general during this biennium.

Representative McBride will provide a summary of the 2016 legislative session and look ahead to the 2017 legislative session.