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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Marilynne Beard, Deputy City Manager
Date: August 25, 2015
Subject: BEST STARTS FOR KIDS PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council receives a presentation from King County staff regarding the Best Starts for Kids Initiative.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The King County Director of Public Health, Patti Hayes and Director of Regional Initiatives, Diane Carlson will provide an overview of the Best Starts for Kids initiative as described below (source King County Website):

Best Starts for Kids is an initiative to improve the health and well-being of King County by investing in prevention and early intervention for children, youth, families, and communities.

The King County Council voted to put a six-year levy on the November 3, 2015 ballot that would fund the initiative. The proposed levy rate is 14 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. It would raise about \$65 million per year and cost the average King County property owner an estimated \$56 per year.

They will describe the components of the initiative, how funding will be directed and, specifically, how the initiative will impact services at the Northshore Public Health Center. More information about the elements of the initiative is available at the following website:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids.aspx>.

The Council is not being asked to take a position on the levy at this Council meeting. During the City Manager report section of the agenda the City Manager will seek direction from the Council on whether to bring a resolution supporting the levy to future a future Council meeting.