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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Tracey Dunlap, Director of Finance and Administration

**Date:** November 28, 2006

**Subject:** NORCOM Financing

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

At the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council was provided with a briefing regarding the potential creation of a regional entity to meet public safety dispatch needs, NORCOM (North King County Regional Public Safety Communications Center). The City Council requested additional information about the financing assumptions and impacts to the City of Kirkland. A draft presentation was reviewed with the Finance Committee on November 13, 2006 and an updated version of the presentation will be made to the full Council at the December 12 meeting.

The presentation will summarize:

- The potential benefits of membership in NORCOM,
- Current Kirkland dispatch costs,
- Updated cost information regarding those current costs that would remain after NORCOM is established (note that the City Council's preliminary budget decisions related to adding corrections officers would have a positive impact on the NORCOM financial picture by providing some degree of additional capacity for records management activities),
- The effective cost per call over 10 years for Kirkland under a variety of annexation and participant scenarios, and
- A discussion of open questions, issues, and next steps.

A variety of technical, governance, and financing issues are still under study by the potential participants in NORCOM, therefore, no specific decision is requested at this point in time. The presentation is intended to provide an opportunity to respond to questions and identify additional financial information that may be of value when the decision whether to proceed comes before the City Council during 2007.