Item No. 9(a)
July 5, 2011

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:**
Limited public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 8259-A supporting King County Proposition 1, Veterans and Human Services Levy, or Resolution No. 8259-B opposing King County Proposition 1 on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
A King County homeowner with an assessed valuation of $400,000 in 2012 would pay $20 in the first year from this property tax. It is estimated that Bellevue residents will contribute $1.6 million in property taxes to this levy.

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**POLICY ISSUES:**
Following the Council discussion on June 20, 2011, staff prepared two resolutions for Council consideration, indicating the Council's support for or opposition to King County Proposition 1, renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy. Following public comment at tonight's meeting, the Council will determine whether it desires to express an official position on the Proposition. Action on one of the two draft resolutions would be appropriate if Council decides to take an official position on Proposition 1.

**DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:**

_X_ Action
___ Discussion
___ Information

On June 20, 2011, Council directed staff to schedule a public comment opportunity and subsequent Council discussion on a future agenda to consider adopting a position supporting or opposing King County Proposition 1, Veterans and Human Services Levy.

**BACKGROUND:**

The June 20, 2011 Council briefing provided background on the Veterans and Human Services Levy, how the funds were divided between veterans and human services, the overarching strategies, levy accomplishments, geographic distribution of levy funds, levy fund allocations, and services funded by the levy in East King County. The June 20, 2011 briefing is provided as an attachment, along with draft resolutions expressing support for and opposition to Proposition 1 for your consideration.

In order for Council to adopt a Resolution in support of or in opposition to a ballot measure, the following special requirements must be met:

1. The required notice of the meeting must include the title and number of the ballot proposition. This may be accomplished by including the number and title of the ballot proposition on the agenda for a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

   The ballot title language of Proposition 1 provided by King County Elections is printed in tonight's agenda and attached for your reference. Copies of the agenda for tonight's meeting have been distributed to those subscribing to the agenda distribution list and posted on the City's web site. Additionally, the opportunity to provide public comment this evening was posted on the City Events Calendar on the City web site.

2. The Council must afford an approximately equal opportunity for Councilmembers and/or the public to express all points of view on the matter. A traditional open-ended public hearing is not required for taking that public comment, and Council has chosen in the past to provide a time-limited public comment period to assure an equal opportunity for comment.

   In the interest of time, a total of one half hour has been set aside on the agenda to take public comment from supporters and opponents of Proposition 1 (15 minutes for each side). Draft Resolution No. 8259 -A supporting Proposition 1 and Draft Resolution No. 8259 -B opposing Proposition 1 have been provided if Council determines to take a position on this King County initiative.

Responses to questions raised by Council on June 20 are provided in Attachment 1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**
If approved, the Resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
1. Adopt Resolution No. 8259 -A **supporting** Proposition 1 on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

2. Adoption Resolution No. 8259 -B **opposing** Proposition 1 on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

3. Provide alternative direction to staff to amend Resolution No. 8259 -A or Resolution No. 8259 -B.

4. Determine to not take a position on Proposition 1 and do not adopt either Resolution No. 8259-A or Resolution No. 8259-B.

**MOTION:**
Move to adopt Resolution No. 8259 -A supporting Proposition 1 on the August 16, 2011 election ballot;

**OR**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8259 -B opposing Proposition 1 on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
1) Responses to Council Questions
2) Official ballot title language
3) Process for taking public comment on Proposition 1
4) June 20, 2011 Council Agenda Memorandum on renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy
5) Resolution No. 8259 -A supporting Proposition 1
6) Resolution No. 8259 -B opposing Proposition 1

**ATTACHMENT 1**

## Responses to Council Questions

1. ***What is the range of levy costs with the inflationary factor?***

The inflationary factor and range of levy amounts were described in the King County Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Revised Staff Report as follows:

Under Washington State law, lid-lift levies (such as the Veterans and Human Services Levy) are allowed to increase by 1% over the prior year's levy plus the value of new construction. This is true for all levies, unless the ballot proposition (and ordinances approving the proposition) contain a different limit factor; a different increase than the 1% amount.

The services that the levy can support will erode over the life of the levy. This is simply a product of the forecasted costs of services are projected to increase greater than 1%. While the ultimate cost growth will be determined by the programs and services proposed by the Executive and adopted by the Council, the services largely rely on people. The costs associated with employees will grow by more than 1% per year.

Table 4 shows different scenarios for limit factors and how those scenarios would affect both the tax collections as well as the rate. The King County Council voted to cap the inflationary factor at 3%.

Table 4: Limit Factor Scenarios

| Year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *1% Growth Factor* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amount | 16,347,231 | 16,610,356 | 16,895,246 | 17,217,790 | 17,571,275 | 17,953,380 | **102,595,278** |
| Rate | 0.0500 | 0.048 | 0.046 | 0.044 | 0.043 | 0.041 | |
| *2% Growth Factor* | | | | | | | |
| Amount | 16,347,231 | 16,773,828 | 17,229,252 | 17,730,472 | 18,271,769 | 18,851,827 | **105,204,379** |
| Rate | 0.0500 | 0.049 | 0.047 | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.043 | |
| *CPI-W Growth Factor* | | | | | | | |
| Amount | 16,347,231 | 16,742,769 | 17,227,486 | 17,783,765 | 18,392,498 | 19,048,147 | **105,541,896** |
| Rate | 0.0500 | 0.048 | 0.047 | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.044 | |
| *3% Growth Factor* | | | | | | | |
| Amount | 16,347,231 | 16,937,301 | 17,566,552 | 18,253,227 | 18,993,014 | 19,785,899 | **107,883,224** |
| Rate | 0.0500 | 0.049 | 0.048 | 0.047 | 0.046 | 0.046 | |

*Source: King County*

As the table shows, there is very little impact on the actual tax rate between the various scenarios; the lowest the rate is projected to get is 4.1 cents by 2017 under the 1% scenario. The highest the rate is projected to get is 4.6 cents by 2017 under the 3% growth under the 3% growth factor projection. This difference of 0.5 cent equates to $2 on a $400,000 home. The difference between a 1% scenario and a CPI-W scenario would be the greatest in the final year of the levy with a difference of 0.3 cent, equating to roughly $1.20 on a $400,000 home in the final year.

Despite the relatively minor change in rate, the total collection will be several million dollars different depending on the limit factor chosen. Compared to the base rate of growth of 1% the various scenarios would be:

- $2.6 million greater over the life of the levy at a 2% limit factor
- $2.9 million greater over the life of the levy at a CPI-W limit factor
- $5.3 million greater over the life of the levy at a 3% limit factor

2. ***How are levy proceeds distributed, e.g. how much is raised from Bellevue & Eastside vs. how much is distributed/spent here?***

As noted above under "Fiscal Impact", it is estimated that Bellevue residents will contribute $1.6 million in property taxes in the first year of this levy. Zip code data indicates that there were 1,151 served from Bellevue in 2010 through the levy and fifteen (15) levy-funded agencies operating 22 programs delivering services to Bellevue residents in 2010. The geographic distribution of levy funds and a list of services funded by the levy in East King County (Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah) were included in the June 20, 2011, briefing in Attachments 3 and 5, respectively. It is difficult to get a precise amount of levy funds spent in Bellevue specifically since many of the services funded are available to residents countywide. While levy revenues have been expended across the county, a higher proportion of funds have been allocated to programs serving households in Seattle and South King County where there higher rates of poverty and more disabled veterans living there.

The following chart indicates the percentages of clients served by geographic region – East King County made up 13% of total clients served by levy-funded programs.

| Subregion | Population | Poverty | Disabled Veterans | Levy Clients | Levy Sites |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South | 37.0% | 33.0% | 47.0% | 40.1% | 36.0% |
| East | 26.0% | 13.0% | 19.0% | 12.9% | 14.0% |
| North | 5.5% | 49.0% | 7.3% | 4.3% | 2.0% |
| Seattle | 31.5% | 49.0% | 26.7% | 40.2% | 47.0% |
| Other[1] | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.6% | 1.0% |

Source: King County Veterans and Human Services Levy

1 NOTE: "Other" category includes individuals who are homeless and provided their last permanent residence and people from outside King County who may have been screened for eligibility.

3. ***What are the projects that benefit our population?***

The major programs funded by the Veterans and Human Services Levy that benefit Bellevue residents are as follows:

STRATEGY 2: Ending Homelessness

- **Andrews Glen** – permanent supportive housing in Factoria by Imagine Housing (formerly known as St. Andrews Housing Group). The activity funded was to increase the number of permanent housing units by providing capital funds to create new units of affordable housing: 1) a total of 162 veterans units funded and 381 homeless units funded; 2) Andrews Glen was one of three projects funded.
- **Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)** – supportive services for housing. EISCC was one of six agencies which received funding. A total of 177 households were served and 86% of all households served increased their housing stability. 100% were homeless when first identified for services and 24% were veterans.

STRATEGY 4: Strengthening Young Families At Risk

- **Healthy Start – collaboration of several agencies, with Friends of Youth as lead agency, to provide home visiting to young parents with children**. A total of 335 families were served through 2,144 home visits; 91% of participating parents delayed their second pregnancy for a minimum of 2 years; 98% of participating families were not involved in reported domestic violence of child abuse; and 97% of parents reported more confidence in their parenting skills. Healthy Start is collaboration with Friends of Youth (lead agency), Public Health, Center for Human Services, Northshore Youth and Family Services, Renton Area Youth Services, and Youth Eastside Services.
- **Cultural Navigator Program – coordinated by Chinese Information & Service Center as the lead agency.** Navigators are based at Crossroads Mini City Hall and the Together Center in Redmond (formerly Family Resource Center). Cultural Navigator Program served 835 individuals in East and South King County in the following languages: Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and Punjabi. 92% increased their access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services and resources. On average, participants accessed services three times during the year.
- **Play and Learn Groups – Child Care Resources.** Strengthens families by supporting healthy interactions between parent and child in early months and years through the Family and Friends Network, e.g. family, friend, and neighbors caring for children. A total of 2,492 unduplicated families were served and a total of 59 Play and Learn groups were in operation all over the County. 84% of parents/caregivers changed behaviors that led to increased school readiness in their children, e.g. reading to them; 73% of parents/caregivers increased their knowledge of caregiver roles and child behavior.

Other levy funded programs that served high numbers of Bellevue clients included:

STRATEGY 1: Enhancing services and access for veterans, military personnel, and their families

- King County Veterans Program
- Veteran's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatment

STRATEGY 2: Ending homelessness

- YWCA's Landlord Liaison Program
- Hopelink's employment program
- Housing Stability Program (one time rental assistance) through Hopelink, Friends of Youth

STRATEGY 3: Increasing access to behavioral health services

- Behavioral Health Integration in Community Clinics

STRATEGY 4: Strengthening families at risk

- Maternal Depression Services in Community Clinics

4. ***Do other areas of the County fund human services as Bellevue does? What is the range of variation?***

There are 19 cities outside City of Seattle that provide funding for human services. Following is a chart that indicates the General Fund human services funding levels in 2011 by cities in North and East King County:

| CITY | 2011 Human Services Funding |
|---|---|
| **Bellevue** | $2,669,745 |
| **Bothell** | 247,213 |
| **Issaquah** | 382,383 |
| **Kenmore** | 289,000 |
| **Kirkland** | 861,603 |
| **Redmond** | 663,792 |
| **Sammamish** | 173,800 |
| **Shoreline** | 345,981 |
| **Woodinville** | 48,907 |

5. ***Does our funding human services result in Bellevue/Eastside getting lower distribution or benefits from this levy?***

As noted earlier, the distribution of levy funds is based upon need. Poverty rates and the number of disabled veterans are both additional factors.

**King County Proposition 1 Official Ballot Title Language**
**for August 16, 2011, Primary Election**

*Source: King County Website*

*(http://your.kingcounty.gov/elections/contests/measureinfo.aspx?cid=38652&eid=1248)*

**King County Local Voters' Pamphlet**
**August 16, 2011 Primary And Special Election**

**King County**

Simple majority (RCW 84.55.010)
**Proposition No. 1**
**Veterans and Human Services Levy**

The King County council has passed Ordinance No. 17072 concerning funding for regional veterans, health, and human services. This proposition would replace an expiring levy and fund capital facilities and services that reduce medical costs, homelessness, and criminal justice system involvement with half of proceeds supporting veterans and their families. It would authorize King County to levy an additional property tax of 5 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and authorize annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

☐ APPROVED
☐ REJECTED

# Process for Taking Comment from the Public on King County Proposition 1: Veterans and Human Services Levy

As provided under RCW 42.17.130, the City Council will hear comments from members of the public who wish to speak either in support of or in opposition to this King County ballot measure on the August 16, 2011 primary election ballot.

- The time allotted for the public comment period is thirty minutes in total.
- Speakers in support of the Veterans and Human Services Levy will collectively have 15 minutes to speak and may, if they choose, select a spokesperson(s). Speakers in opposition to the ballot measure will also collectively have 15 minutes to speak and may select a spokesperson(s).
- Sign-up sheets for those wishing to speak in support and in opposition will be available at 6:00 p.m. at the rear of the Council Chamber.
- Speakers will be called from the sign-up sheets in the order in which they sign up. **Note that not all members of the public who sign up are guaranteed an opportunity to speak.**
- At the beginning of each comment period, the Mayor will announce the number of speakers signed up to speak. As a courtesy to others if several individuals are signed up to speak, speakers are asked to limit their testimony to two minutes.
- Any person who has not signed up may testify at the conclusion of each sign up sheet **if time permits within the respective 15-minute comment periods.**
- Speakers are requested to state their concurrence with previous speakers' comments rather than repeating testimony.
- The audience is asked not to clap at the conclusion of a speaker's testimony; if you agree with the speaker, please indicate your agreement by raising your hand.

# ATTACHMENT 4

Item No. 12(a)
June 20, 2011

**SUBJECT:**
Renewal of King County Veterans and Human Services Property Tax Levy

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
A King County homeowner with an assessed valuation of $400,000 in 2012 would pay $20 in the first year from this property tax. It is estimated that Bellevue residents will contribute $1.6 million in property taxes to this levy.

**STAFF CONTACT:**
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**POLICY CONSIDERATION:**
City Council review of the proposed King County Veterans and Human Services Property Tax Levy.

**DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:**
Staff seeks direction on whether Council has an interest in considering taking a formal position on the renewal of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy. The King County Council has placed the levy on the August 16, 2011 primary election ballot.

This is offered for informational purposes only. It is not intended as an expression of support or opposition to the levy. Council may consider taking a position on the levy at a future meeting, provided the provisions of RCW 42.17.130(1) requiring notice and opportunity for equal expression of opposing views are satisfied.

**BACKGROUND:**
On May 2, 2011, the Metropolitan King County Council approved legislation to place the renewal of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy on the August 16, 2011 primary election ballot. The official text in the ordinance for the ballot reads:

> *PROPOSITION ___: The King County Council has passed Ordinance 2011-0018 concerning funding for regional veterans, health, and human services. This proposition would renew and replace an expiring levy and fund capital facilities and services that reduce medical costs, homelessness, and criminal justice system involvement with half of proceeds supporting veterans and their families. It would authorize King County to levy an additional property tax of 5 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and authorize annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:*
> *Approved?* _____
> *Rejected?* _____

The full text of the ordinance is provided under Attachment 1.

**Summary of Renewal of Veterans and Human Services Levy**

In 2005, King County voters approved the Veteran's and Human Services Levy (VHSL) which generates an average of $14.6 million per year for a variety services to help veterans, military personnel, their families, and other individuals and families in need across the County. The levy consisted of $0.05 per $1,000 assessed valuation, with the first year of collection in 2006. The current levy expires December 31, 2011.

The proposed renewal of the levy would be for a consecutive six-year period at a first-year rate of not more than $0.05 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, with subsequent maximum levy collections being increased by the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as long as that amount does not exceed 3%. A homeowner with an assessed valuation of $400,000 in 2012 would pay $20 in the first year from this property tax.

The purpose of the levy is to provide funding to enable the provision of health and human services such as affordable and supportive housing, mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance and other essential regional health and human services for residents of King County and for veterans, military personnel and their families. The proposed renewal levy would also continue county citizen oversight boards to review and report on expenditures of levy proceeds, contingent on voter approval of the levy.

As was the case in the 2005 ballot measure, 50% of the renewal levy proceeds would be dedicated to services for veterans, military personnel and their families and 50% would be dedicated to improving health, human services and housing for a wider array of people in need.

**History and Use of Current Levy Funds**

After voters passed the levy in 2005, the King County Council provided direction on how the money from the Levy should be spent and called for a plan to be prepared by the Executive. It specified that "the (levy) proceeds shall be used primarily to prevent or reduce homelessness and unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice and emergency medical systems for veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families most at risk." Subsequently, the County Council approved the Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan (SIP). The SIP was a blueprint for expenditure of levy funds, outlining priority populations and investment areas, detailing how and on what service areas the levy funds would be expended over its six-year lifespan. The SIP also clarified the roles and responsibilities of two new oversight boards (Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board and Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board) charged with reviewing and monitoring levy funds and expenditures.

Accomplishments between 2006 and 2010, the geographic distribution of current levy funds, and current levy fund allocations are included in Attachments 2, 3, and 4. There are unique services organized under the five VHSL strategy areas. With the exception of two programs specifically targeting chronic homelessness based in Seattle and South King County, the programs and services funded by the current VHSL are designated and delivered as regional resources to assist those most in need throughout the county. See Attachment 5 for a list of programs funded by the current levy. Adoption of the renewal levy is not a guarantee that these same programs, distributions or allocations will be continued.

**Process for Taking a Position on a Ballot Measure**

In order for Council to adopt a Resolution in support of or in opposition to a ballot measure, the following special requirements must be met:

1. The required notice of the meeting must include the title and number of the ballot proposition. This may be accomplished by including the number and title of the ballot proposition on the agenda for a regularly scheduled Council meeting, which would be handled administratively by staff.

2. The Council must afford an approximately equal opportunity for Councilmembers and/or the public to express all points of view on the matter. A traditional open-ended public hearing is not required for taking that public comment, and Council has chosen in the past to provide a time-limited public hearing to assure an equal opportunity for comment.

Should Council wish to proceed with consideration of taking a position on renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy, the public comment opportunity could be scheduled and noticed for July 5, 2011, during the Regular Session. Staff recommends allowing for at least 1/2 hour of testimony (15 minutes for those in support and 15 minutes for those in opposition to renewal of the levy).

**For more information:**
Support Levy Renewal: http://www.vetsandhumanservices.org/

Oppose Levy Campaign: N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**
N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**
N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**
1) King County Ordinance 2011-0018
2) Veterans and Human Services Levy Accomplishments, 2006—2010
3) Geographic Distribution of Current Levy Funds
4) Current Levy Fund Allocations
5) List of Programs funded with Current Levy

**AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL OFFICE:**
Veterans and Human Services Levy 2010 Annual Report

King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

# Legislation Text

**File #: 2011-0018, Version: 4**

Title

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 16, 2011, of a proposition to provide regional health and human services to residents of King County by renewing and replacing authorization of the veterans and human services property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive six-year period at a first year rate of not more than $0.05 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, with subsequent maximum levy collections being increased by the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as long as that amount does not exceed 3%, for the purpose of providing funding to enable the provision of health and human services such as affordable and supportive housing, mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance and other essential regional health and human services for residents of King County and establishing county citizen oversight boards to review and report on expenditures of levy proceeds, contingent on voter approval of the levy.

Body

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. **Findings:**

A. To enhance the available funding for veterans and other human services in King County, the

metropolitan King County council approved Ordinance 15279, placing a six-year veterans and human services levy on the ballot. In November 2005, the veterans and human services levy passed with nearly fifty-eight percent approval, generating much needed funding to help veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county through a variety of regional health and human services.

B. The veterans and human services levy generates an average of $14.6 million per year. One-half of these revenues are dedicated exclusively for veterans and their families and the remaining one-half is dedicated to other King County residents in need of human services. This levy remains in effect until December 31, 2011.

C. All activities supported by the levy advance one or more of three overarching policy goals:

1. Reducing homelessness;

2. Reducing emergency medical and criminal justice involvement; or

3. Increasing self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need.

D. Since 2006, the veterans and human services levy has met these policy goals by:

1. Enrolling over one thousand seven hundred chronically homeless individuals in outreach services as a first milestone in ending homelessness. Of those helped, approximately eighteen percent are veterans and at least one hundred had been involved in the criminal justice system due to mental illness or co-occurring disorders;

2. Providing over four hundred homeless veterans with twenty-four thousand bed-nights of emergency shelter and transitional housing, coupled with case management and advocacy;

3. Expanding King County's existing veterans programs and adding one new program to serve over nine thousand military personnel, veterans and their families. These programs include: financial aid and emergency assistance for rent, food, utilities, medical needs and burial; employment services such as job

placement, career counseling and job training; transportation; mental health counseling, including crisis and posttraumatic stress disorder counseling and intervention services; case management services for those needing housing, treatment or other assistance; long-term and short-term housing; treatment for trauma; homeless prevention; veterans' incarcerated prevention; and other programs;

4. Serving three hundred eighty veterans experiencing posttraumatic stress disorder with five thousand nine hundred thirty hours of levy-funded counseling in 2009 alone, with a demonstrated success rate of ninety-five percent of clients reducing posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms;

5. Assessing over ten thousand four hundred low-income persons for behavioral health issues. Of these persons, more than three thousand were indicated to have depression or anxiety symptoms and entered treatment by the end of 2009;

6. Treating one thousand primary care clients, including an estimated one hundred fifty veterans or their family members, successfully reducing their depression or anxiety symptoms and improving their long-term health prospects; and

7. Screening over seven thousand one hundred mothers for maternal depression. Of these, six hundred eighty-five received behavioral health treatment services, contributing to the healthy development of their children. Of those measured, sixty-eight percent have reduced depression or anxiety, or both, thereby improving the likelihood of their successful parenting and improved self sufficiency;

E. Although the veterans and human services levy is set to expire at the end of 2011, the need for veterans and human services remains high. Approximately one hundred thirty-nine thousand veterans live in King County representing over twenty percent of the state's veterans. The population of veterans in the state is growing and Washington ranks eighth nationwide for the total number of veterans in the state.

F. King County has a growing homeless population, estimated to be as many as eight thousand five hundred on any given night. Among these, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are as many as two thousand five hundred homeless veterans in the Puget Sound region.

G. The current recession continues to challenge individuals and families throughout the region, as high unemployment and foreclosure rates increase the need for housing and supportive health and human services.

H. King County's current expense fund faces continuing challenges in future years, including anticipated shortfalls in 2012 and 2013 in excess of twenty million dollars each year. As a discretionary service under state law, human service funding has been almost entirely eliminated and faces complete elimination in future years. At the state level, cuts to human services funding are anticipated to have devastating impacts on King County families in need.

I. Given the positive outcomes of the veterans and human services levy on the lives of veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need, and the projected need for sustained veterans and human services funding in future, it is appropriate to ask the voters to renew and replace the veterans and human services levy.

J. The current economic crisis has eroded property values causing jurisdictions to reach the limits of the authorized property tax rate under state law. As a result, any future increase in the veterans and human services levy rate would negatively affect the ability of other jurisdictions in King County to collect needed revenues for flood prevention, hospital maintenance and fire district operations. As such, it is appropriate to maintain the current rate of $0.05 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year of the levy.

K. Under state law, a levy lid lift is limited to a maximum term of six years if the levy provides for a specified index to be used to determine the limit factor.

SECTION 2. **Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Family" means a veteran's or military personnel's spouse, domestic partner or child or the child of the spouse or domestic partner or other dependent relatives if living in the household of a veteran or military personnel.

B. "Human services for veterans" means services and projects of the King County veterans' program

specifically developed to meet the needs of veterans, military personnel and their families in King County.

C. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purpose and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

D. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of funds raised by the levy and any interest earnings on the funds.

E. "Limit factor" means the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as long as that amount does not exceed 3%. The consumer price index is defined as the ratio of the most recent June Consumer Price Index to the immediately previous June Consumer Price Index (final published CPI-W Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor) expressed as a multiple of one hundred percent to achieve the result of one hundred percent plus inflation.

F. "Military personnel" means those persons currently serving in a branch of the military, including the National Guard and reservists for any branch of the military.

G. "Regional health and human services" means a range of services and related capital facilities, including housing, that meet basic human needs and promote safe and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

1. Prevention and early intervention services that reduce or prevent adverse human behaviors and social conditions that lead to crises, serious dysfunction or disability;

2. Criminal justice linked services that assist individuals and their families in avoiding or mitigating their involvement with the criminal justice system;

3. Crisis intervention services that address life threatening situations and other crises;

4. Rehabilitation and support services that provide treatment for individual and family problems or provide support to maintain or enhance their present level of independence.

H. "Veterans" mean those persons who have served in any branch of the military, including the National Guard and reservists for any branch of the military.

SECTION 3. **Levy submittal to voters.** To provide necessary funds for the provision of regional health and human services to King County's veterans, military personnel and their families and other residents in need of health and human services, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition to renew and replace an expiring levy and authorize a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, commencing in 2011, with collection beginning in 2012, at a rate not to exceed five cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year, with subsequent levies limited by the limit factor as defined in section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. **Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited in two special revenue funds, which funds shall be specified by ordinance. The levy proceeds shall be divided to place fifty percent of the levy proceeds in one fund designated for the provision of regional health and human services for veterans, military personnel and their families. The remaining fifty percent of the levy proceeds shall be placed in another fund designated for the provision of regional health and human services to a wide range of people in need of such services.

SECTION 5. **Eligible expenditures.** If approved by the qualified electors of the county, all levy proceeds shall be used to pay the costs associated with provision of regional health and human services to a wide range of people in need of such services, including, but not limited to, services that increase self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel and their families, services that reduce involvement in the criminal justice system, services that reduce emergency medical costs, services for children and youth, the elderly, the unemployed and underemployed and for services specific to veterans' needs such as treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder and specialized employment assistance. The provision of services will include a range of regional health and human services and related capital facilities including, but not limited to, housing assistance, homelessness prevention, mental health counseling substance abuse prevention and treatment and employment assistance.

Eligible expenditures shall also include payment of costs to strengthen and improve the health and

human services system and infrastructure to provide greater access to services and engender better coordination and integration of regional health and human services addressing the needs of veterans, military personnel and their families.

SECTION 6. **Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, it is hereby deemed that an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county at a special election to be held on August 16, 2011, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The director of the elections department shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of the elections department, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

PROPOSITION ___: The King County council has passed Ordinance _____ concerning funding for regional veterans, health, and human services. This proposition would renew and replace an expiring levy and fund capital facilities and services that reduce medical costs, homelessness, and criminal justice system involvement with half of proceeds supporting veterans and their families. It would authorize King County to levy an additional property tax of 5 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and authorize annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved? _____

Rejected? _____

SECTION 7. **County citizen oversight boards established.** If the levy is reapproved by the voters, the oversight boards established by Ordinance 15279 shall be continued and the criteria identified for board membership shall be maintained.

SECTION 8. **Ratification.** Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of the elections department in accordance with law before the election on August 16, 2011, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

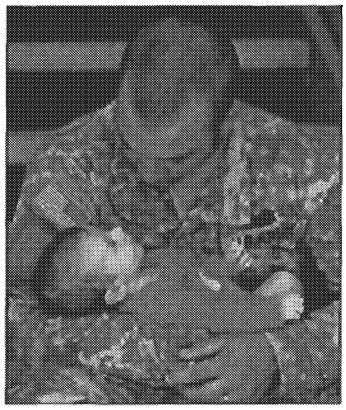
SECTION 9. **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

King County

**Department of Community and Human Services**

# Veterans and Human Services Levy

*Proposed renewal: King County voters approved the first Veterans and Human Services Levy in 2005. With the levy expiring this year, voters will have the opportunity to renew the levy. The proposed renewal would generate about $16 million annually for six years. Half of the funds would continue to be dedicated to veterans and their families and the other half would serve working families and vulnerable residents. The typical homeowner would invest about $17 per year.*



*"The Veterans program allowed me time to repair my life and proceed with my education." –Veteran Client*

*Keisha is now on a career path and her son is growing up healthy.*

*Andrews Glen in Factoria will provide 30 homes for veterans and other vulnerable people.*

*Image courtesy of SMR Architects*

**Serve Our Veterans**

Services for veterans and their families honor those who have served our country. Levy funds dramatically expanded the geographic reach of our services and allowed our community to provide veterans with more comprehensive support including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatment, employment, and connection to the federal benefits they have earned. The Levy has launched groundbreaking initiatives for National Guard and Reserve families who previously had no assistance.

**End Homelessness**

The Levy invests in cost-effective, proven methods to prevent homelessness, help people get back on their feet, and reduce their use of expensive services like the emergency room and jail. Community agencies use innovative methods including mobile medical services to reach out to vulnerable people including veterans in many parts of the county. This strategy leverages other funding sources and is a major driver of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

**Improve Behavioral Health**

Because of the Levy, King County is on the cutting edge of providing mental health care to people who previously could not get the care they need. Through a team approach, veterans and their families, seniors, new parents, and others now receive specialized treatment that integrates physical and mental health care.

**Strengthen Families**

Levy funds promote healthy child development. These forward-thinking investments help new parents provide stability for their children so they can succeed in school and life. This also reduces the chances that the children will end up involved in the costly criminal justice or drug-treatment systems.

**Department of Community and Human Services**
**206-263-9100, www.kingcounty.gov/dchs**

# Veterans and Human Services Levy

## *Over 82,000 clients served*

King County

## 2006-2010 Accomplishments

**Serve Our Veterans** **14,071 Served**

- ✓ The Veterans Program expanded from a single downtown Seattle site to ten walk-in sites around the county
- ✓ 84% of veterans and their families enrolled in the program improved their housing, employment, or income
- ✓ Levy-funded PTSD treatment for veterans has a 95% success rate in reducing symptoms
- ✓ 439 National Guard and Reserve families who had nowhere to turn are now getting the help they need
- ✓ By connecting incarcerated veterans to mental health, employment and housing services, King County reduced jail costs by nearly $1 million

**End Homelessness** **20,730 Served**

- ✓ Through innovative methods like the Mobile Medical Clinic, over 2,800 isolated, chronically homeless people in our community made an ongoing connection to services
- ✓ 93% of at-risk families who received one-time assistance with their rent or mortgage were still in their housing a year later
- ✓ Levy funds invested in over 1,200 new apartments and on-site services specifically for veterans and their families and vulnerable people with disabilities.
- ✓ Residents in levy-funded apartments with services use 84% fewer public hospital days than when they were homeless, saving the public nearly $500,000

**Improve Behavioral Health** **18,183 Served**

- ✓ Mental Health services are now available in 22 primary care clinics throughout the county
- ✓ Over 15,000 residents accessed to mental health services who previously were turned away
- ✓ The PEARLS program for seniors with chronic illnesses is 96% effective in improving clients' mental health, thereby reducing their use of public nursing homes

**Strengthen Families** **30,552 Served**

- ✓ Play & Learn groups helped 83% of participating families learn to improve their relationships and prepare their children to succeed in school
- ✓ The Nurse Family Partnership saves $18,054 per child served by reducing involvement in the criminal justice system and increasing educational achievement.
- ✓ 1,536 mothers struggling with mental illness received treatment that helps them foster the healthy development of their children
- ✓ Through 2010, the Cultural Navigator program helped over 2,500 individuals in East and South King County who are new to the U.S. connect to appropriate services

*All figures are current as of 2010. Administration costs are below 5%.

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# Geographic Distribution of Levy Funds

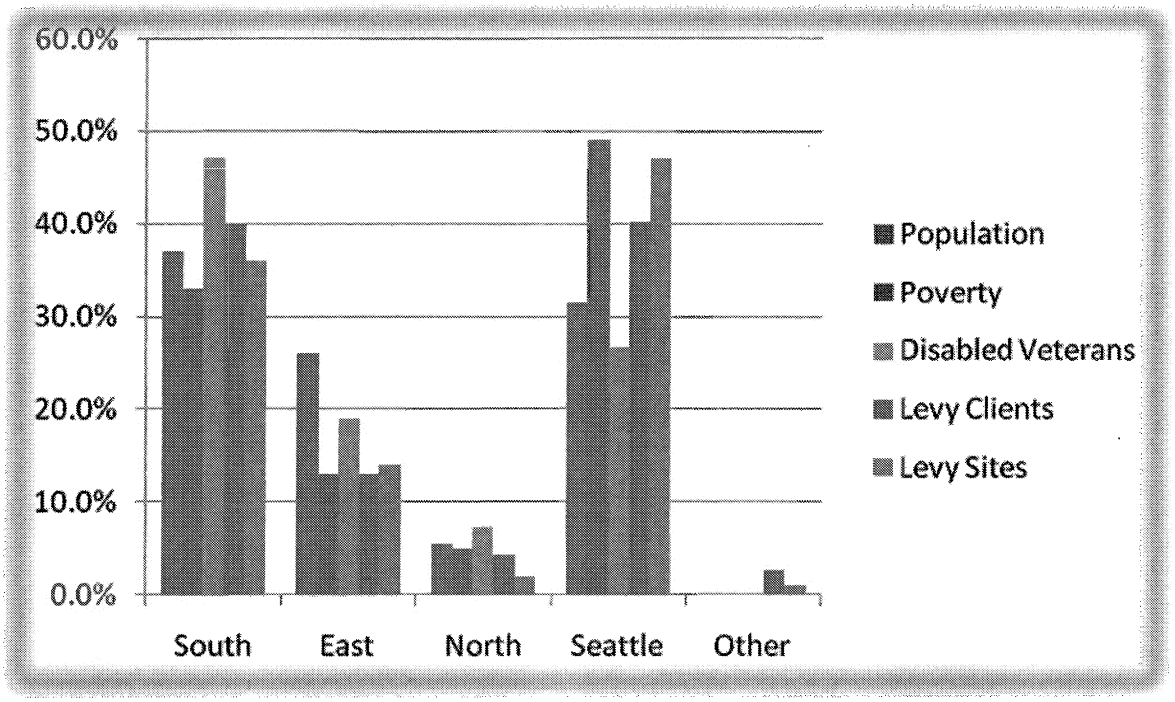
King County

**Department of Community and Human Services**

The Veterans and Human Services Levy generates about $13 million per year for six years. Levy funds are targeted to help those most at risk of current or future homelessness, criminal justice involvement, hospitalization or other emergency medical services.

**Levy Funds Help Those Most in Need Countywide**

The Levy has funded programs throughout King County, from Duvall to Des Moines, Bothell to Black Diamond, North Bend to Normandy Park, and Shoreline to Seattle and SeaTac. Individuals and families across the county have been supported to live healthier, safer and more productive lives. Within the county, both poverty and rates of disabled veterans are concentrated in cities in South King County and Seattle.




In alignment with the King County Strategic Plan and Equity and Social Justice Initiative, the Service Improvement Plan developed to guide the investment of levy resources states that Levy programs and services are regional resources meant to assist those "most in need". While Levy revenues have been expended across the county, a higher proportion of funds have been allocated to programs serving households in Seattle and South King County where indicators of need are the highest.

For more information, contact Anna Markee, DCHS (206) 296-9096 March, 2011

The chart above and table below compare each subregion's share of the county's population, poverty, disabled veterans, clients served by the Levy, and service sites funded by the Levy. As the data illustrates, almost fifty percent of households with annual incomes under $15,000 reside in Seattle and thirty-three percent are located in South King County. Forty-seven percent of disabled veterans live in South King County.

Clients served by Levy programs live mostly in South King County (forty percent) and Seattle (forty percent) with thirteen percent from East King County cities and four percent from North King County.

| Subregion | Population | Poverty | Disabled Veterans | Levy Clients | Levy Sites |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South | 37.0% | 33.0% | 46.97% | 40.1% | 36.0% |
| East | 26.0% | 13.0% | 19.0% | 12.9% | 14.0% |
| North | 5.5% | 5.0% | 7.36% | 4.3% | 2.0% |
| Seattle | 31.5% | 49.0% | 26.68% | 40.2% | 47.0% |
| Other[1] | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.6% | 1.0% |

A complete GIS map of Levy-funded programs can be found here:
http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/DCHS/Services/Levy/Reports/LeviStrapMapKC.aspx

**Data Sources**

Population: 2009 estimate prepared by Chandler Felt, King County Demographer.
Poverty: Based on households with incomes under $15,000 using United Way of King County Community Assessment
Disabled Veterans: Veterans Administration Benefits Distributions
Levy clients and sites: Veterans and Human Services Levy Evaluation Unit

[1] Note: "Other" category includes individuals who are homeless and provided their last permanent residence and people from outside of King County who may have been screened for eligibility.

March, 2011

# Levy Fund Allocations

King County

Department of
Community and Human Services

The following list provides complete allocation information for all strategies funded by the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

All amounts are cumulative for the six-year life of the Levy and represent allocations. Actual to-date expenditures may vary because an additional year, 2011, remains for Levy dollars to be contracted and spent.

## Overarching Strategy 1: Enhancing Access to Services for Veterans

***Increase access to services.***

| Section | Description | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Expand geographic range of King County Veterans' Program | $ 3,064,786 |
| 1.2 | Increase the capacity of the KC Veterans' Program | |
| | Financial assistance | $ 3,680,920 |
| | Contracted PTSD treatment for veterans & their families | $ 2,667,500 |
| | Contracted Veterans Incarcerated Program | $ 520,000 |
| | Employment, outreach and case management in South & East King County | $ 5,407,580 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 15,340,786** |

***Increase access to information about services***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1.3 | Provide dedicated phone resource for veterans. | $ 500,000 |
| 1.4 | Provide training and information for community providers on VA services and linkages | $ 200,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 700,000** |
| | **TOTAL** | **$ 16,040,786** |

## Overarching Strategy 2: Ending Homelessness through Outreach, Prevention, Permanent Supportive Housing and Employment

***Initiatives to identify, engage, and house long-term homeless people.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2.1 | Develop coordinated entry into housing and expanded outreach and engagement | $ 3,750,000 |
| 2.2 | Increase permanent housing with supportive services | |
| | Veterans | $ 7,194,060 |
| | Other persons in need | $ 9,217,429 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 16,411,489** |

***Permanent housing - operations and supportive services***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2.3 | Landlord Risk Reduction Fund | |
| | Veterans | $ 500,000 |
| | Other persons in need | $ 500,000 |
| 2.4 | Invest in supportive services and operating costs for current and new permanent housing | $ 6,250,000 |
| 2.5 | Enhance the housing and supportive service program of the KCCJI for individuals with histories of long-term homelessness | $ 2,500,000 |
| 2.6 | Invest in permanent housing placement supports for single parents with children with criminal justice involvement exiting transitional housing | $ 440,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 10,190,000** |

***Prevent homelessness from re-occurring***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2.7 | Invest in housing stability program: | |
| | Veterans | $ 2,500,000 |
| | Other persons in need | $ 2,500,000 |
| 2.8 | Link comprehensive education and employment programs for the homeless and formerly homeless to housing and supportive services | $ 4,550,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 9,550,000** |
| | **TOTAL** | **$ 39,901,489** |

**Overarching Strategy 3: Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Services**

***Expand behavioral health services through primary care and other providers.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3.1 | Enhance the integration of mental health/chemical dependency treatment services with primary care at Community Health and Public Health Clinics | |
| | Veterans | $ 3,800,000 |
| | Other persons in need | $ 2,500,000 |
| 3.2 | Invest in training programs in trauma sensitive and PTSD treatment | $ 375,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 6,675,000** |

***Train behavioral health providers***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3.3 | Train behavioral health providers across multiple systems to use evidence based practices for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder | $ 1,250,000 |

***Expand and extend availability of in-home mental health services.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3.4 | Invest in services to treat depression in chronically ill and disabled elderly vets, spouses, and other elderly | |
| | Veterans | $ 448,000 |
| | Others in need | $ 448,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 2,146,000** |
| | **TOTAL** | **$ 8,821,000** |

**Overarching Strategy 4: Strengthening Young Families at Risk**

***Support maternal-child attachment and maternal health.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4.1 | Expand Nurse Family Partnership and add linkages to employment opportunities | $ 2,579,449 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4.2 | Pilot new services for maternal depression through community health and public health clinics | $ 2,461,638 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 5,041,087** |

***Support healthy early childhood development and parenting.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4.3 | Invest in early childhood intervention and prevention best practices | **$ 2,396,413** |

***Provide early intervention and supports for children of parents exiting the criminal justice system.***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4.4 | Provide service enhancements for single parents exiting the criminal justice system, living in transitional housing | $ 1,120,000 |
| 4.5 | Invest in education and employment programs for single parents exiting the criminal justice system | $ 600,000 |
| 4.6 | Provide treatment for parents involved with the King County Family Treatment Court for Child Dependency Cases | $ 1,368,963 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 3,088,963** |
| | **TOTAL** | **$ 10,526,463** |

**Overarching Strategy 5: Increasing Effectiveness of Resource Management & Evaluation**

***Planning & Evaluation***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5.1 | Design and implement comprehensive evaluation of Levy process and outcomes | $ 1,849,000 |
| 5.2 | Cross systems planning and initiatives for a coherent system of care for youth 18-21 aging out of foster care, juvenile justice and other systems | $ 250,000 |
| 5.3 | Create a profile of offenders in King County with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders | $ 120,000 |
| 5.4 | Planning, training and service design efforts | $ 400,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 2,619,000** |

***Information Systems***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5.5 | Facilitate a functional Homeless Management Information System (Safe Harbors) with one-time assistance to providers | $ 1,125,000 |
| 5.6 | Enhance DCHS information systems to support administration and evaluation of the Levy | $ 350,000 |
| 5.7 | Consultation and training related to protocols and policies for Release of Information and sharing of patient information | $ 150,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 1,625,000** |

***Enhancement of collaboration between local governments and human service organizations***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5.8 | Develop a common data set for assessment for adults, youth and families seeking a range of human services | $ 581,000 |
| 5.9 | Facilitation of ongoing partnerships | $ 750,000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **$ 1,331,000** |
| | **TOTAL** | **$ 5,575,000** |
| | **TOTAL OVERARCHING STRATEGIES (in 2006 Dollars)** | **$ 80,864,738** |
| | Levy Administration and Board Support | $ 4,088,250 |
| | Planning, Development and Start-up | $ 1,717,409 |
| | **GRAND TOTAL** | **$ 86,670,397** |

**ATTACHMENT 5**

**King County Veterans and Human Services Levy**

**Services available in Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah**

**June 14, 2011**

| Strategy | Activity | Agency/ Service Site | Area | 2011 Funding |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Expand Geographic Range of King County Veterans Program (KCVP): Satellite Sites | KCVP / Lake Washington Technical College | Kirkland | $789,939* |
| 1.1 | Expand Geographic Range of KCVP: Satellite Sites | KCVP / WorkSource Redmond | Redmond | $789,939* |
| 1.1 | Expand Geographic Range of KCVP: Veterans Outreach | KCVP / Veterans of Foreign Wars | Redmond | $789,939* |
| 1.2 | Increase Capacity of KCVP: Veterans Incarcerated Program | Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) / Kirkland City Jail | Kirkland | $96,000** |
| 1.2 | Increase Capacity of KCVP: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Counseling | WDVA / Michael J. Phillips, Ph.D. | Issaquah | Hourly Reimbursement Contract |
| 2.2 | Permanent Housing | Friends of Youth / New Ground | Kirkland | $500,488 |
| 2.2 | Permanent Housing | St. Andrews Housing Group / Andrews Glen | Bellevue | $701,762 |
| 2.2 | Permanent Housing | St. Andrews Housing / Totem Lake (Francis Village) | Kirkland | $900,000 |
| 2.2 | Permanent Housing | YMCA / Family Village | Issaquah | $301,607 |
| 2.4 | Support services for housing | Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council | Bellevue | $56,468 |
| 2.8 | Employment Linked to Housing | Hopelink / Kirkland Northshore Center | Kirkland | $70,000** |
| 3.1 | Integrate Mental Health/ Chemical Dependency in Primary Care Clinics | Public Health-Seattle & King County / Eastgate Public Health Center | Bellevue | $2,500,000** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Healthy Start | Friends of Youth / Family Resource Center | Redmond | $ 265,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Cultural Navigator Program | Chinese Information and Services Center / Family Resource Center | Redmond | $70,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Play and Learn Group | Childcare Resources / Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Mall | Bellevue | $48,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Play and Learn Group | Childcare Resources / Enatai Early Learning & School Program | Bellevue | $48,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Play and Learn Group | Childcare Resources / Grasslawn Pavilion | Redmond | $48,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Play and Learn Group | Childcare Resources / Stevenson Early Learning Center | Bellevue | $48,534** |
| 4.3 | Early Childhood Intervention / Prevention: Play and Learn Group | Childcare Resources / YMCA Family Village | Redmond | $48,534** |

*Funds multiple services at numerous sites across King County.

**Funds services at multiple sites, this duplicate funding cannot be totaled.

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6/30/2011

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8259-A

A RESOLUTION supporting King County Proposition 1, Veterans and Human Services Levy on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2011, voters in King County will decide whether to approve King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005 a Veterans and Human Services Levy passed in King County approving funding for veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans and Human Services Levy remains in effect until December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the need for veterans and human services remains high, with approximately one hundred thirty-nine thousand veterans living in King County representing over twenty percent of the state's veterans; and

WHEREAS, King County has a growing homeless population, estimated to be as many as eight thousand five hundred on any given night; and

WHEREAS, the current recession continues to challenge individuals and families throughout the region, as high unemployment and foreclosure rates increase the need for housing and supportive health and human services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures established in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Bellevue desires to show its support for King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Bellevue voters to support the Veterans and Human Services Levy measure.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2011, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2011.

(SEAL)

_____
Don Davidson, DDS
Mayor

Attest:

_____
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8259-B

A RESOLUTION opposing King County Proposition 1, Veterans and Human Services Levy on the August 16, 2011 election ballot.

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2011, voters in King County will decide whether to approve King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005 a Veterans and Human Services Levy passed in King County approving funding for veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Veterans and Human Services Levy remains in effect until December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures established in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Bellevue desires to express its opposition to King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby opposes King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Bellevue voters to oppose the Veterans and Human Services Levy measure.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2011, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2011.

(SEAL)

_____
Don Davidson, DDS
Mayor

Attest:

_____
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk