CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)

TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Keith Blocker
COPIES TO:	Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT:	**Hilltop Regional Health Center Expansion**
DATE:	March 21, 2017

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully ask for City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to allocate funding from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the expansion of the Hilltop Regional Health Center. I am requesting City Council consideration to provide $50,000 in 2017 and an additional $50,000 in 2018, for a total of $100,000.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Community Health Care is a private, non-profit organization created in 1987, when the clinical system moved from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. The history of the clinical system dates back to 1969 when local physicians and concerned citizens recognized the lack of access to health care for the county's low-income and uninsured residents and established two volunteer clinics to help fill that void, one of which was the Hilltop clinic. In addition to low cost health care, Community Health Care clinics provide low cost prescriptions, allowing access to populations who would otherwise be unable to afford preventative care.

Hilltop Regional Health Center is currently expanding the third floor of their facility, which will allow them to serve 5,000 more patients a year in the Hilltop. They currently have short term financing for construction of the $2.1 million project, and are working to raise $500,000 more in contributions to keep long-term financing as minimal as possible so they can continue to serve patients in our community.

FUNDING REQUESTED:

I request the City Council consider an allocation of $50,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund this year, with an additional $50,000 in 2018, towards the Hilltop Regional Health Care expansion so they may continue their work to keep our most vulnerable populations healthy. The funding request is contingent on securing sufficient funds for building expansion to be completed, and would allow City staff to negotiate and execute and agreement for services with the terms and deliverables for the city's contribution.

Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document is attached for your review.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1. Lauren Walker Lee **POS #** 6

2. _____ **POS#** 7