



Olympia City Council Referral Request

Referral Number	2016-0004NJ
Date of Referral	7/12/16
Originator	Nathaniel Jones, Mayor Pro Tem
Referral To	General Government Committee
Request	<p>Our community is engaged in a discussion regarding our state and local tax system which places a larger burden on those with less wealth and income.</p> <p>Members of the community have expressed significant concern with how this public policy is affecting local residents.</p> <p>It is clear that lower income citizens in Olympia pay a disproportionate share of taxes and fees to fund public services.</p> <p>Our community is debating the appropriate local response, including whether a response is warranted. This referral seeks to define the impact of regressive taxation on local residents and on the local economy.</p> <p>Because consideration of these consequences is a new for the City, the committee is advised to draw upon expert analysis.</p> <p>The committee is asked to develop a project plan, to provide progress reporting and to deliver a final report within one year.</p> <p>The findings of this work will inform the Council’s engagement with the community and the use of its authority to respond.</p>
Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the referral 2. Modify the referral 3. Decline the referral
Timing	Report completed within one year.
Attachments	None

*Numbering consist of current year-3digitnumber- requesting Councilmember’s initials.
(e.g., 2016-003CS = third referral in 2016, requested by Mayor Cheryl Selby)