

September 29, 2025

Subject: YES Olympia Parks comment on *Report for Fiscal Year 2024: City's compliance with funding levels set forth in the Interlocal Agreement between OMPD Board and Olympia City Council*

OMPD Advisory Committee members,

YES Olympia Parks is made up of representatives from several parks, trails and open space advocacy groups. (See list at end of this letter.) While each group participates in different topics related to City parks, trails and open space we are all invested in the continuing compliance with the City of Olympia and OMPD Interlocal Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement sets out specific funding details that were the foundation of the 2015 MPD voted measure for additional parks funding. The Agreement also includes a continued commitment for use of funds from the 2004 Voted Utility Tax. We monitor compliance with the intent of these voted measures.

The 2024 Compliance Report appears to show that the City is in compliance with the Agreement. We look forward to seeing this continue into the future.

As the City considers future needs for the overall general fund, the Agreement should persist. The community need for parks, trails, open space and recreation programs increases as our population and population density grows.

We appreciate the work of the Committee and we look forward to your continued careful monitoring of compliance with the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Signed by Karen Messmer and Bob Jacobs representing the YES Olympia Parks Coalition

#### YES Olympia Parks Coalition

YES Olympia Parks is a coalition of organizations that support parks, trails, open space, and recreation. The coalition negotiated the wording for the MPD ordinance and the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the MPD. These documents defined the terms under which the coalition would support and campaign for the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) ballot measure, which it successfully did.

- Olympia Coalition for Ecosystems Preservation
- Friends of LBA Woods (formerly LBA Woods Coalition)
- Friends of the Waterfront
- Woodland Trail Greenway Association
- Parks and Sidewalks Campaign Committee of 2004
- North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Association
- Isthmus Park Association