

City of Olympia Draft 2026 Legislative Agenda Items

Deschutes Estuary Project

Continued Advocacy – Support the Department of Ecology in their management of the project, work with partners to advocate for additional funding and long-term coalition building for the project.

Revenue

- Provide cities greater councilmanic authority on revenues
 - Allow cities authority to put a Fire Benefit Charge to a vote of the people
 - Allow cities to pursue more progressive revenues, including local income tax authority
- Raise the 1% cap on property tax growth

Housing, Homelessness, & Infrastructure

- Support and protect Tiny Home Villages
 - Protect operational funding
 - Find alternatives to eviction processes to avoid long-term impacts on residents' records
- Protect funding for key state initiatives
 - State Encampment Resolution Program (Right-of-Way)
 - Main Streets Program
 - Public Works Board Funding
- Provide infrastructure funding assistance to support affordable housing
- Allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) where HOAs currently prohibit them — make retroactive
- Provide funding for sidewalk infrastructure improvements
- Support for commuter rail adjacent to I5
 - Rebuild the Nisqually Bridge with rail capacity

Technical Policy Extensions

- Extend the ability to form a second Public Facilities District (minimum 2 years)
- Extend the Annexation Sales Tax Diversion Program (beyond 2028 expiration)