

Olympia's 2018 Legislative Agenda

Olympia

Investing in the Capital City

- Olympia is the front door of Washington's State government.
- As the Capital City, Olympia embraces its role as host to the state.
- We value State employees and visiting citizens who work, shop, and dine in our downtown.

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2018 Legislative Priority:

Supporting solutions to critical issues in partnership for residents of the Capital City and beyond

- **State resources and support to address homelessness, affordable housing, mental health and chemical dependency services.**
 - Olympia has the highest percentage of rent-burdened households and the highest concentration of the County's homeless.
- **Funding for new US 101 Interchange ramps in West Olympia.**
 - The Cooper Point Road/Black Lake Boulevard intersection is failing.
 - Addressing congestion in this critical area requires more access from US 101 to West Olympia.
- **Funding and policy guidance for research and future projects to address Sea Level Rise.**
 - Olympia's downtown is vulnerable to widespread flooding, choking vital transportation corridors and closing our business district.
- **Funding to accomplish the work of the Capital Lake/Deschutes EIS Process.**
 - Local partners hope to finally find a long-term solution for Capital Lake. However, to do that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process that engages the public must be completed.

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Dear Senator Hunt, Representative Doglio and Representative Dolan:

What a year!

Thank you for your time and attention to the concerns of the residents of Olympia. We are grateful for your efforts in support of the City of Olympia's legislative priorities.

Our specific requests around our priorities are detailed on this 2018 Legislative Agenda hand-out, which is also accompanied by the Association of Washington Cities 2018 Legislative Priorities. Your assistance in helping Olympia find a way forward on these issues in the 2018 session is greatly appreciated.

Should you have further questions, want more information or ever need our assistance in your work for the Legislative District, we have included on this handout a list of City staff contacts, whom you are welcome to call or e-mail. They are ready to help. We look forward to working with you this session and into the future.

Respectfully,

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