June 16, 2025

Olympia City Council 601 4th Avenue East PO Box 1967 Olympia WA 98507-1967

SUBJECT: Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan Introduction Chapter

Dear Mayor Payne and Councilmembers:

The Planning Commission is pleased to recommend approval of the Introduction Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan, as proposed. We understand this update work is being completed in a phased manner, with each chapter being considered individually. We also understand that final adoption will not occur until the entire draft is reviewed for internal consistency as well.

The Commission had a briefing on the chapter on April 7, 2025. The Social Justice and Equity Commission also received a briefing on March 24, 2025. Revisions to the draft were made to reflect comments received at the briefings and from the public. A public hearing was conducted on June 16, 2025. Commission deliberations took place on June 16, 2025.

While we do not recommend any specific changes to the chapter, we do ask Council to consider language to more fully integrate and emphasize commitment to climate goals and initiatives in the introduction.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed chapter and provide a recommendation for moving this portion of the periodic update forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory R. Quet

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