

Olympia's 2019 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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2019 Legislative Priorities:

- **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.
 - State support needed for regional partnerships.
 - State support needed for new revenue streams to address homelessness.
- **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. The City seeks funding for a demonstration project.
- **Funding for new First Responder Regional Training Center**
 - The City of Olympia joins its partner jurisdictions in a \$4 million request for the design and construction of a Regional Training Center.

Dear, Senator Hunt, Representative Doglio,
and Representative Dolan:

Thank you for your time and attention to the concerns of the residents of the City of Olympia. We have detailed our specific requests and priorities on this 2019 Legislative Agenda handout, which is also accompanied by the Association of Washington Cities 2019 Legislative Priorities.

Beyond these specific priorities, we seek your support and influence on issues important to us in Olympia, but which impact citizens throughout Washington state. Key among them is reform of our state's regressive tax system, which asks far more of our low- and medium-income residents than our wealthiest.

We are also hoping for the State's attention on the humanitarian crisis at the doorstep of nearly every city in the state – homelessness. The City of Olympia and cities throughout the state desperately need the focus and resources of the State of Washington to achieve any real and true solutions for those living unsheltered in our communities.

We are grateful for your efforts in support of the City of Olympia's legislative priorities. We look forward to working with you this session and into the future.

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 email. They are ready to help.

Respectfully,

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