

DRAFT Olympia's 2020 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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2020 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 is needed for renter/tenant protections.
 - Support is needed for use of state property for the homeless.
 - State support is needed for mental health resources.
- **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.
 - The interchange ramps are Olympia's highest priority for capital funds.
- **Climate Change**
 - The City supports bills related to climate change and emissions reduction.
 - Olympia supports state building and energy code amendments, increases in renewable energy, electric vehicle infrastructure and funding for local climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.

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Other Priorities Important to Olympia

Residential Landlord-Tenant Act

The City supports a legislative amendment to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, specifically section RCW 59.18.040(1).

- An exemption is needed for facilities established and operated by religious organizations and government entities
- This would impact domestic violence shelters, shelter bed facilities, including tiny house and mitigation sites for lawful camping

A Ban on Sales/Transport of English and Atlantic Ivy

The City of Olympia seeks to ban the sale and transportation of English and Atlantic Ivy in Washington State.

- These types of ivy cause significant environmental damage to parks, trails, shorelines, and forest areas.
- Oregon banned the sale of these types of ivy in 2010.
- The Washington Recreation and Park Association has expressed support for such legislations.

New Funding Options for Parks M&O and Preservation Needs

The City supports the Washington Recreation and Parks Association's 2020 bill to allow parks and recreation agencies to take a 0.1 percent sales tax increase to voters and bond against the new sales tax proceeds upon voter approval.

Solid Waste Reduction

The City is interested in tracking legislation on solid waste, including bills on reducing packaging and plastics, as well as improving recycling markets in Washington State.

Funding for new First Responder Regional Training Center

\$4 million request for the design and construction of a Regional Training Center.

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