



## City Council

# 2024 Federal Agenda Approach Overview and Approval of the Draft 2024 City of Olympia Federal Agenda

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### Title

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### Recommended Action

#### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

#### City Manager Recommendation:

Receive an introduction to City's Federal Lobbyists, Rick Desimone and Liz Fortunato of the Desimone Group, an overview of the approach and content of the 2024 Federal agenda and move to approve the draft 2024 City of Olympia Federal Agenda.

### Report

#### Issue:

Whether to receive an introduction to City's Federal Lobbyists, Rick Desimone and Liz Fortunato of the Desimone Group, an overview of the approach and content of the 2024 Federal agenda and move to approve the draft 2024 City of Olympia Federal Agenda.

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#### Presenter(s):

Susan Grisham, Legislative Liaison  
Rick Desimone, Desimone Consulting Group  
Liz Fortunato, Desimone Consulting Group

#### Background and Analysis:

The City contracts with Desimone Group to represent the City as our Federal lobbyist. Rick Desimone and Liz Fortunato will introduce themselves and provide an overview of their approach to Federal lobbying for the City.

Staff will also present a draft of Olympia's 2024 Federal Agenda for consideration.

**Climate Analysis:**

The City of Olympia's 2024 Federal Agenda includes information regarding the need for federal support related to the City's overall climate change objectives.

**Equity Analysis:**

The City of Olympia's 2024 Federal Agenda includes supporting issues that affect marginalized members of our community to include homelessness and affordable housing, support of mental health and behavioral health resources.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

There are no specific community concerns regarding this item, however many of the items support the needs and interests of Olympia community members.

**Financial Impact:**

Presentation of this item does not have a specific financial impact.

**Options:**

1. Approve the draft 2024 Federal Agenda with no modifications.
2. Provide feedback on the draft 2024 Federal Agenda and approve with modifications.
3. Do not provide feedback or approve the draft 2024 Federal Agenda.

**Attachments:**

Draft 2024 Federal Agenda