



## City Council

### Special Recognition - City of Olympia Awards and Recognitions

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#### Title

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#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize recent acknowledgments of City of Olympia achievements.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to recognize recent achievements by the City of Olympia.

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Kellie Purce Braseth, Strategic Communications Director

#### Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia has been recognized by several national websites and a magazine:

- MoneyGeek.com ranked Olympia as the number one *Best Small City to Make a Living*. The City was praised for its "combination of affordable homes, quality schools, plentiful shopping, recreational activities and diverse population ...."
- Olympia landed the 20<sup>th</sup> spot on Livability.com's *Top 100 Best Places to Live*. The website noted the "natural amenities" surrounding the City; the City's "excellent educational system" and its "thriving arts scene."
- WalletHub.com named Olympia the 12<sup>th</sup> *Best State Capital for 2016*. Among the data sets WalletHub combines for the overall rankings. Olympia ranked 12<sup>th</sup> for percentage of Millennial

Newcomers, Second for K-12 School System Quality, and First for Quality of Life.

- A recent print edition of Outside Magazine recognized Olympia as a place where the number of STEM jobs and the number of outdoor life opportunities make an attractive place for “tech geeks” to live.

**Attachments:**

No attachments.