



City Council

Special Recognition - American Planning Association/Planning Association of Washington Award for the Downtown Strategy

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize Olympia's Downtown Strategy for receiving a planning award from the American Planning Association/Planning Association of Washington.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize the Downtown Strategy's receipt of a planning award.

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Background and Analysis:

Olympia's Downtown Strategy received a 2017 planning award from the Washington chapter of the American Planning Association and the Planning Association of Washington (APA/PAW). The award honors communities for their outstanding contribution to the field of planning in Washington. The Downtown Strategy won in the category of comprehensive/downtown improvement planning, and was recognized for its extensive public process, use of graphics and example of:

- Outstanding application of planning principles
- Implementation of community values

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- Furtherance of the Growth Management Act
- Suitability of the solution to the problem
- Innovative and creative solutions
- Difficulty of problems addressed
- Contribution to social equity

Olympia's Downtown Strategy (DTS) aims to move the community's Comprehensive Plan vision for Downtown forward. Structured around a concept of *Connecting People, Places and Spaces*, the DTS identifies public priorities and a set of realistic, impactful actions to be carried out by the City and partners over the next 5 years.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

Attachments:

[Link to the Downtown Strategy](#)