



General Government Committee
**Economic Development and Workforce
Development Journey2Jobs Briefing**

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Economic Development and Workforce Development Journey2Jobs Briefing

Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive a presentation on City of Olympia Economic Development and Workforce Development conceptual partnership called Journey2Jobs. Briefing only; No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on Economic Development and Workforce Development conceptual partnership called Journey2Jobs.

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Presenter(s):

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William Westmoreland, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development

Background and Analysis:

The presentation will include a brief overview of current economic recovery efforts associated with the ThurstonStrong Regional Economic Recovery and an introduction to a potential partnership with Pacific Mountain Workforce Development (PacMtn). The partnership with PacMtn would be to launch a program called Journey2Jobs which focuses on getting workforce services and income generating opportunities to our unhoused community. Representatives from Pacific Mountain Workforce Development will be attending and part of the presentation.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The concept of the Journey2Jobs program is rooted in the City's One Community plan which had

broad community interest and participation in its creation. Strategy 1.7 of the One Community Plan states: Prioritize pathways to economic opportunity that help people find longer-term security.

Options:

1. Receive the briefing.
2. Do not receive the briefing.
3. Receive the briefing at another time.

Financial Impact:

As a part of the Economic Recovery package approved by Council in April 2021, a commitment of \$1.25m for future ThurstonStrong efforts was made. The Journey2Jobs concept would utilize \$650,000 of that funding.

Attachments:

Journey2Jobs Project Proposal