

January 22, 2018

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### **SUBJECT**

Motion to approve the 2018 State Legislative Agenda and 2018 Statement of Legislative Policy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Many actions of the State Legislature have an impact on City revenues, regulations, rules, local control and fees that can have an effect on the City's interests and ability to provide critical services.

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

The State Legislature addresses a range of policy issues of interest to the City. Council may wish to provide direction to staff regarding particular legislative proposals.

### **BACKGROUND**

Each year the City Council adopts two policy documents related to the State Legislature:

**Legislative Agenda** – short list of priority items that are the focus of the City's efforts in Olympia each year. A new document is produced each year for Council approval. The legislative agenda (Attachment A) is used to communicate key issues of interest and concern to the City's legislative delegation. The issues proposed for inclusion in the Draft 2018 Legislative Agenda are those preliminarily identified by staff as the most important for the City to pursue during the 2018 legislative session or those that are likely to be pursued by others. Many of the key priorities for 2018 are carried over from 2017 as many issues remained unresolved. In many cases, the proposed policy positions are protective of the City's authority and revenue base.

The Draft 2018 State Legislative Agenda is organized with policies regarding transportation, transportation technology and affordable housing and homelessness as the City's highest priorities. These policies have been updated from 2017 to refine the City's transportation priorities, including maintaining and expanding the I-405 toll lanes, and to reflect recent Council adoption of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy. In addition, staff has included a focus on pursuing funding opportunities for the City's Grand Connection project, including the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street crossing and a capital budget request for a gateway from the Downtown Park as part of the Grand Connection.

Council reviewed and provided feedback to staff at the January 16 meeting. Revisions have been included that respond to Council direction received at that time. Staff is seeking Council approval tonight of the revised version as presented in Attachment A.

**Statement of Policy** – a comprehensive list of legislative positions covering a broad range of issues developed over time. These issues may or may not surface during the legislative session. The Statement of Policy is carried forward each year with changes to remove items that have been resolved or are no longer policy positions of the Council and to add new policies as appropriate. The Statement of Policy has grown over the years to encompass many policy issues. The document is utilized by City staff to provide policy direction as issues are considered by the Legislature. Staff has included a revised draft of the Statement of Policy that reflects changes in the Draft 2018 Legislative Agenda so that the two documents are consistent. A clean version and a red-line version are included as Attachments B and C respectively.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

**OPTIONS**

1. Approve motion to adopt the 2018 State legislative Agenda and the 2018 Statement of Legislative Policy.
2. Do not approve and provide alternative direction to staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

**MOTION**

Move approval of the 2018 State Legislative Agenda and the 2018 Statement of Legislative Policy.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Revised Draft 2018 State Legislative Agenda
- B. Draft 2018 Statement of Legislative Policy – clean version
- C. Draft 2018 Statement of Legislative Policy – red-line version

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N/A