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SUBJECT: Adopting State and Federal Legislative Agendas for 2016 – December 8, 2015
DATE: November 23, 2015

SUMMARY:

Resolution adopting the State Legislative and Federal Agendas for 2016.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The State and Federal legislative agendas cover a variety of issues and likely include all of the City's Strategic Priorities, but certainly fall within:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

Identifying a selection of issues that the City would like to see addressed by the Legislature and Congress each year is an efficient and effective means of communicating to State and Federal elected officials and permits City staff to prioritize the use of resources. Prioritizing issues also makes it easier for the public to know what issues under consideration in Olympia and Washington D.C. are most important to the City Council.

ISSUE:

Prior to the end of each year, the City Council typically reviews, discusses and approves their legislative agendas for the coming year to ensure that they have identified the City's priority issues so these can be communicated to State and Federal elected officials.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council has the option of taking no action to approve State and Federal Legislative Agendas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve State and Federal Legislative Agendas for 2016 in order to give staff clear direction and guidance to best carry out appropriate action to fulfill the Council's policy and to be able to communicate these goals to State and Federal elected officials in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.