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SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting State and Federal Legislative Agendas for 2019 –
December 18, 2018
DATE: December 4, 2018

SUMMARY:

A resolution adopting the State and Federal Legislative Agendas with priority issues for the 2019 sessions of the Washington State Legislature and the United States Congress.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The State and Federal legislative agendas cover a variety of issues and typically align with all of the City's Strategic Priorities, but certainly include the following priorities:

- 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 communication to State and Federal elected officials and one that permits City staff to prioritize the use of resources. Prioritizing issues also makes it easier for the public to know what issues are under consideration in Olympia and Washington D.C. that are most important to the City Council. In order to give the City Council an opportunity to provide input, the draft State and Federal Agendas for 2019 were shared and discussed at the December 4, 2018 City Council Study Session.

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 to be communicated to State and Federal elected officials.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve State and Federal Legislative Agendas for 2019 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 associated with the adoption of the State and Federal Agendas.