



2019 City Legislative Agendas

City of Tacoma | Government Relations Office

Study Session
December 4, 2018
ITEM 2



OVERVIEW



- Legislative Agendas are needed to identify and communicate issues the City would like to see addressed by the Legislature and Congress each year.
- Prioritizing issues informs the public on the City Council's most important issues under consideration in Olympia and Washington D.C.

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Fiscal:

- File Local Tax and License System be allowed to simplify business registrations and tax payments.
- Seeking exemption for the Tacoma Dome from the leasehold.
- Supporting Tacoma School District in collecting the full amount of voter approved revenues.

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Neighborhoods:

- Legislative success by working collaboratively for affordable housing and reducing homelessness.
- Capital budget funds for services for homeless youth and a youth drop in shelter.
- Legislative or budget authorization in rapid responses to graffiti and encampments on state property.

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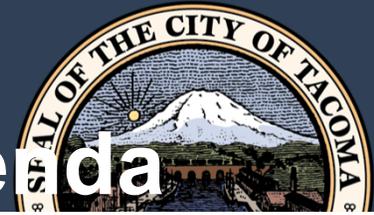


Transportation:

- New tools to preserve existing aging transportation infrastructure, such as tolling.
- Uniformity in regulating transportation network companies, without restricting licensing, taxing, regulations.
- State funding for studying passenger only ferries.



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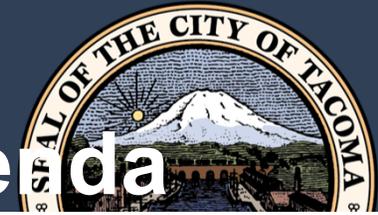


Affordable Housing:

- City opposes elimination of HOME and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).



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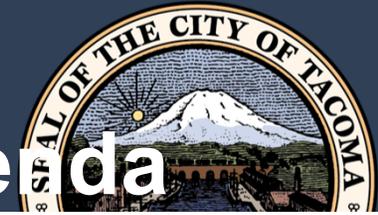


Economic Development and Infrastructure:

- Find adequate, reliable and sustainable long-term funding for a vibrant web of connected transportation options.
- Preserve local government authority to manage their rights-of-way to ensure the siting of cell towers and small cells is safe and appropriate.



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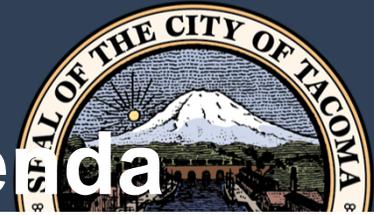


Human Dignity and Safety:

- Enact comprehensive immigration reform.
- End us of privately-operated prisons and increase available alternative to immigrant detention.
- Support local community to improve mental health.
- Funding to respond to national opioid epidemic.



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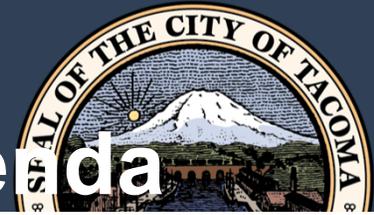


Opportunities for Youth:

- Support robust partnerships that create work-based learning opportunities and ensure local communities have sufficient resources to support families and children/youth from ages zero to 18 years.



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Environment:

- Acknowledge and build upon innovative storm water work, such as that being done at the Center for Urban Waters.
- Continue to honor and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement.



Tacoma Public Utilities:

- Seek clear authority to support electrification of transportation.
- Seek new funding for equitable access to solar.
- Actively engage and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable cost to customers.

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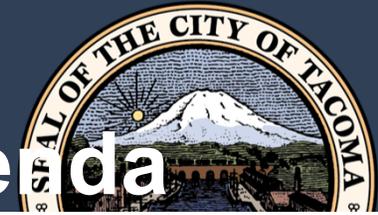


Tacoma Public Utilities:

- Support the Public Works Trust Fund.
- Support Tacoma Rail applications for State Rail Grant and Loan Program funds.



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- Protecting/amending tax exempt financing.
- Increasing LIHEAP funding.
- Provide funding for the Hydropower Incentive Program.
- Support certain hydro-relicensing improvements.
- Support implementation of the Howard Hanson Dam –
Additional Water Storage Project.



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Tacoma Public Utilities

- Support federal water infrastructure programs (WIFIA/DWSRF).
- Support permanent extension of the '45G' tax credit.
- Establish capital grant program for short line railroads.

● ● ● NEXT STEPS



- Provide feedback for revisions to the 2019 State and Federal Legislative Agendas to Government Relations staff by Monday, December 10, 2018, for review at the next Council Study Session if needed.
- Resolution for Council consideration will be on the December 18, 2018 City Council agenda.



RECOMMENDATIONS

(if presentation to Committee)



- Staff recommends adopting a 2019 State and Federal Legislative agendas to identify and communicate issues the City would like to see addressed by the Legislature and Congress each year, and for public transparency regarding the City's most important issues under consideration in Olympia and Washington D.C.



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