

MEMORANDUM

To: Yakima City Council Members
From: Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler
Subject: Association of Washington Cities Committee Appointments
Date: Wednesday, May 27th, 2015

Council Members,

The Association of Washington Cities ("AWC") board of directors recently created two new standing committees – the Large City Advisory Committee and the Operation: Strong Cities Committee. The AWC board has requested City of Yakima representation on both committees. The City's Olympia lobbyist, Jim Justin, believes the City would be well served by being represented on both committees.

The AWC previously had a Large City Advisory Committee ("LCAC"), but it was disbanded several years ago. Recognizing the value of exploring new strategies to better respond to the needs of larger cities, the AWC board chose to reinstate the LCAC. Positions on the LCAC are to be filled by mayors, council members, and/or appointed city officials (preferably city managers or city administrators). LCAC members are appointed by the AWC president for two-year terms. The LCAC will meet at least twice a year.

The Operation: Strong Cities Advisory Committee ("OSCAC") has been created by the AWC board to formulate strategies regarding issues of interest to cities with significant interaction with population clusters such as military personnel, tribal governments, higher education, technology, agriculture, and cities bordering another state. Positions on the LCAC are to be filled by mayors, council members, and/or city officials (preferably city managers or city administrators). OSCAC members are appointed by the AWC president for two-year terms. The OSCAC will meet at least twice a year.

Statements of Purpose for both the LCAC and OSCAC are attached to this memo.

The AWC would prefer to have a Yakima Council member serve on the LCAC. It would be acceptable and appropriate to have an appointed City official (such as the Communications & Public Affairs Director) serve on the OSCAC until after the new Yakima City Council is seated in January 2016, at which time the City's representation on the OSCAC could be reviewed.

At its June 2nd business meeting, the City Council is being asked to name a potential representative to the LCAC and a potential representative to the OSCAC.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this issue or need additional information about the LCAC and/or OSCAC prior to the Council's June 2nd business meeting.