

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler
Subject: Draft State and Federal Legislative and Administrative Priorities
Date: Thursday, September 15th, 2016

Council members,

At a Yakima City Council study session conducted on Tuesday, August 30th, the Council reviewed and discussed draft 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislative and Administrative Priorities. The draft priorities were developed to reflect recent policy actions taken by the City Council and in order to be consistent with direction provided by the City Council. Additionally, the draft priorities include items identified by City administration as important to conducting City business as efficiently and effectively as possible.

During the August 30th study session, the City Council made some revisions to the draft priorities as they had been originally presented. Following is a description of the revisions to the draft priorities made by the City Council during the August 30th study session:

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- **Move** "Strengthening access to public records by curbing abusive requests" from the *Actively Pursue* category to the *Support* category
- **Combine** "Efforts to address homelessness locally, regionally, and statewide" and "Reducing barriers to affordable housing and human services programs" and keep them in the *Actively Pursue* category
- **Move** "Development of a sustainable funding model for gang prevention, intervention, and suppression programs given current funding will expire in 2017" from the *Support* category to the *Actively Pursue* category
- **Move** "Development of a sustainable funding model to assist in meeting increased indigent defense costs given current funding will expire in 2017" from the *Support* category to the *Actively Pursue* category
- **Add** "Washington State Department of Transportation bicycle and pedestrian safety grant program" to *Support* category

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- **Combine** "Efforts to address homelessness locally, regionally, and nationally" and "Reducing barriers to affordable housing and human services programs" and keep them in the *Actively Pursue* category
- **Move** "Efforts by eligible local entities to secure funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") "Choice Neighborhoods" program from the *Support* category to the *Actively Pursue* category
- **Move** "Continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program at current or increased levels" from the *Support* category to the *Actively Pursue* category

At its September 20th business meeting, the City Council is being asked to review and approve 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislative and Administrative Priorities as revised at the August 30th City Council study session.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislative and Administrative Priorities, as they are now presented, prior to the September 20th City Council business meeting. I can be contacted by phone (901-1142) or e-mail (randy.beehler@yakimawa.gov).