



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5773  
November 17, 2020  
Consent Calendar**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 5773: 2021 Legislative Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Adopt the 2021 State Legislative Priorities.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jessi Bon, City Manager
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft City of Mercer Island 2021 State Legislative Priorities</li> <li>2. Association of Washington Cities 2021 Legislative Priorities</li> <li>3. Sound Cities Association Draft 2021 Legislative Agenda Discussion Memo</li> <li>4. King County-Cities Climate Collaboration's (K4C) 2021 Legislative Priorities</li> <li>5. City of Mercer Island 2020 State Legislative Priorities</li> </ol>
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**SUMMARY**

The Legislative Priorities serves as a guide for 2021 work with area legislators. The adopted Legislative Priorities allow the City to respond quickly and efficiently to issues of interest that arise in Olympia during the Washington State Legislative Sessions. This also allows the Mayor, City Council, and staff to respond to requests for endorsement letters and other opportunities to advocate for the City's Legislative Priorities.

**2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The 2021 Washington State Legislative Regular Session will begin on January 11, 2021 and is scheduled to end in March. The entire 2021 Session, the "long" session, will be 105 days (on even years, the "short" session lasts 60 days). There could also be any number of special sessions called by the Governor, none of which can last longer than 30 days.

**PROPOSED MERCER ISLAND 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The draft 2021 State Legislative Priorities (see Exhibit 1), have been updated from 2020 to reflect current conditions, interests, and goals of the City Council, and are categorized as follows:

1. Economic Support
2. Sustainable and Flexible Local Funding
3. Preserve Local Decision-Making Authority
4. Law Enforcement Reforms
5. Transportation Funding
6. Preserving and Protecting the Environment

Attached for City the Council's reference are Association of Washington Cities' 2021 Legislative Priorities (Exhibit 2), the Sound Cities Association's Public Issues Committee's memo regarding the development of their 2021 Legislative Agenda (Exhibit 3), the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration's (K4C) 2021 Legislative Priorities (Exhibit 4), and the City of Mercer Island's 2020 Legislative Priorities (Exhibit 5).

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon adoption, the staff will ensure the final priorities are communicated to the legislators and their staff and will also be sent to the Association of Washington Cities and the Sound Cities Association.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the 2021 State Legislative Priorities.