



CITY COUNCIL

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2023 Legislative Priorities

Highest Priorities

Community Center Expansion: Requesting \$5M in state funding to help expand Snoqualmie's community center and add a swimming pool. This will address over-capacity issues at our community center and provide an opportunity for all children in our city the chance to learn to swim, so they will be safe when recreating in our rivers.

Public Safety:

Blake fix:

- Support clarification around the crime of possessing a controlled substance so that individuals, law enforcement, and treatment providers can respond appropriately.
- Funding to help offset the costs of vacating criminal convictions.

Vehicle pursuits:

- Clarify the ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances.

Housing Affordability: State funding and policy to incentivize new development to increase housing affordability through workforce housing and other affordable housing alternatives.

Other Priorities

Snoqualmie Parkway: Ensure preservation of prior legislative appropriations funding for the Snoqualmie Parkway and SR 18.

- Concern that if the state or federal gas tax is suspended or reduced, it may delay the start of these projects (interchange and highway widening);
- We desire to have communities most impacted by construction involved in an advisory committee, fostering greater public dialogue and support.

Increase revenue options:

- Revise the 1% property tax cap
- REET authority and flexibility
- Increase local government shared revenues, i.e., sales tax, liquor tax, property tax