

TO: City Council
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
Austin Ramirez, Economic Development Program Manager
DATE: December 6, 2022
SUBJECT: Service Provider Agreement with Thurston County Chamber of Commerce for Shared Legislative Agenda Partnership

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the City Administrator to sign the proposed Service Provider Agreement with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce for Shared Legislative Agenda Partnership services.

2) Background:

The City annually adopts a Legislative Agenda to guide the City's policy and funding requests for the State Legislature. This agenda includes regional priorities developed by the Shared Legislative Agenda Partnership, which focuses on common interests to maintain the region's economic vitality and generate opportunities that enhance the quality of life for residents in the Thurston County Region. The Partnership includes the City of Olympia, the City of Tumwater, the City of Lacey, the City of Yelm, Thurston County, the Port of Olympia, the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, and the Thurston Economic Development Council. The Thurston County Chamber coordinates the activities and deliverables of the Partnership.

Proposed priorities for the Shared Legislative Agenda for the 2023 session include:

- Gopher Mitigation
 - Tumwater Craft District
 - I-5 Improvements
 - Homeless Response Funding
 - Maker Space Expansion
 - Climate Change Response
 - Budd Inlet Restoration
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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: "Pursue Targeted Community Development Opportunities" –

- Facilitate Brewery Redevelopment
- Rejuvenate the Brewery Neighborhood
- Continue to work with SPSCC and others to build Tumwater's brand in support of the craft beverage industry

Strategic Priority: "Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity"-

- Work with government, non-profit, and private partners to develop and implement a performance-based plan for affordable housing and to address homelessness.

Strategic Priority: "Create and Maintain a Transportation system Safe for All Modes of Travel"

- Design and build the E Street Connection

Strategic Priority: "Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability"

- Capitol Lake estuary restoration and Budd Inlet restoration

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Make changes to the proposed agreement.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Shared Legislative Partnership services are expected to cost \$3,000 per year in 2023 and 2024, for a total of \$6,000. Funding is available from the General Fund.

6) Attachments:

- A. Proposed Service Provider Agreement with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce