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# CITY OF REDMOND

## DRAFT 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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## PURPOSE

- Overview of 2020 Legislative Session
- Review DRAFT 2020 State Legislative Agenda
- Prepare for Session

## 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- “Short” Session: scheduled to last 60 days
- Develop and adopt supplemental budgets:
  - Operating Budget – latest revenue forecast is up, but minimal
  - Capital Budget – limited funding
  - Transportation Budget –
    - Extremely constrained funding
    - Cuts likely in response to I-976
    - Continued conversation on the next State revenue transportation package
- 2019 legislation still being considered

## 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Very few changes from 2019
- Committee chair and assignments generally remain the same
- New Speaker of the House – Rep. Laurie Jenkins, Tacoma
- Statewide and legislative races on the ballot in November 2020
- Redistricting will follow the November 2020 elections

# DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Short session
- Concise and easily comprehensible legislative agenda
- Focus on specific requests
- Revised/Updated/Added to 2019 State Legislative Agenda
- Support the City of Redmond Community Strategic Plan

# CITY OF REDMOND 2020 TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness: Fund Behavioral Health Co-Responder Program
- Redmond's Future Transportation Needs
  - “*Forward Washington*” Transportation Package Requests
- City Fiscal Sustainability and Local Control

## OVERVIEW – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Top Priority in 2019 and 2020
- 2019 legislative agenda updated
  - Removal of items addressed – Funding State Housing Trust Fund, Condominium Liability Reform
  - Refinement of items to support – Countywide funding options
- Support City's Community Strategic Plan priority of Housing Choices
  - Create a variety of housing choices for all income levels

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## Increase affordable housing

- Extend and expand the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE)
- Allow existing affordable housing funding to be spent on a broader array of income levels, ranging from 0-30% AMI to workforce housing (60-120% AMI)
- Authorize local option funding tools to address affordability; county-imposed funding shall be allocated to communities where funds are generated for investment in affordable housing



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## Extend and expand the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE)

- Authorize MFTE for smaller cities with population of 15,000 or less
- Currently: 8-year MFTE for 10% affordable units  
12-year MFTE for 20% affordable units
- Proposal: Expand 12 year MFTE to 16 years – to encourage 20% affordable units
- City Program – Conditional Certificate of Approval for 97 units for 8-year MFTE

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Allow existing affordable housing funding to be spent on a broader array of income levels, ranging from 0-30% AMI (Average Median Income) to workforce housing (60-120% AMI)

- Different funding sources serve different income levels
- Local option property tax \$0.50/\$1000AV revenue – housing for those earning 50% AMI or less
- HB 1406, Sales tax credit revenue – housing for those earning 60% AMI or less
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF) revenue – housing for those earning 80% AMI or less
  - Revenue mostly allocated – housing for those earning less than 50% AMI

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Authorize local option funding tools – County-imposed revenue allocated to communities where revenue generated

- HB 1590 authorizes Councilmanic Sales Tax increase of 0.1% for affordable housing and mental health
- King County has numerous countywide levies
  - Veterans, Seniors and Human Services – Best Start for Kids – Mental Illness and Drug Dependency
  - Significant revenue generated from the eastside
  - Few services provided on the eastside

Funds generated from King County councilmanic sales tax increase

- Allocate to communities where funds generated – for investment in affordable housing

# HOMELESSNESS: FUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM

- Top Priority 2019 – “Homelessness, Mental Health, Drug Dependency, Human Services”
  - 2020 Priority – title shortened – priority is focused
- Behavioral Health Co-Responder Program
  - City received State grant from WASPC – 2018 and 2019
  - Mental health professional works with police/homeless outreach coordinator
  - Respond to persons with mental health issues
- Request Legislature authorize ongoing funding – support continuation of program
- Supports City’s Community Strategic Plan priority of Housing Choices
  - Enhancing the City’s homeless outreach program

# OVERVIEW – REDMOND'S FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

## *“FORWARD WASHINGTON”* TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

- Increase funding and local options to maintain and operate city transportation systems
- SR 520 and I 48th Avenue NE Transportation Improvements
- Transportation Improvements to Benefit SR 520 and SR 202
- Supports the City's Community Strategic Plan priority of Infrastructure
  - Investments in transportation improvements

# *“FORWARD WASHINGTON”* TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

## SR 520 and I 48th Avenue NE Transportation Improvements

- Add pedestrian bicycle path – eastside of I 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
  - NE 24th over SR 520
  - Connect to SR 520 Regional Trail
- Add left turn lane – Eastbound and Westbound – from NE 24<sup>th</sup> to I 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
- Add northbound through lane on I 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
  - NE 24th to SR 520 East on-ramp

Improve flow of traffic on and off SR 520 and I 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on congested corridor

# *“FORWARD WASHINGTON”* TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

## Transportation Improvements to Benefit SR 520 and SR 202

- Add crosswalk from East Lake Sammamish Parkway (ELSP) across SR 202
- Modify right turn lane on SR 202
  - Protected turn lane, separated from through traffic
- Add through lane from 180th across SR 202
  - Connect with through lanes on ELSP

## Relieve congestion at the end of SR 520 and SR 202

## Improve safety and multi-modal access to light rail at Marymoor Village

# CITY FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL

- Top Priority in 2019 and 2020
  - 2020 Priority – title shortened – priority is focused
- Honor local control
- Fund and safeguard state revenues dedicated to cities
- Fully fund Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes
- Replace the 1% cap on property tax with inflation and population growth



## SUPPORT/OPPOSE ISSUES – MOVED FROM TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

Moved from “Homelessness, Mental Health, Drug Dependency and Human Services”:

- Mental Health System Funding
- Housing Essential Needs Funding
- Support Eastside Human Services Forum Legislative Agenda
- Reforms to the Criminal Justice System – penalties coupled with support services

Statement of Support for Association of WA Cities and Sound Cities Association

# SUPPORT/OPPOSE ISSUES – NEW FOR 2020

## ■ Insurance Reimbursement for Hazardous Waste

- Allow cities to recover from insurance for fuel spills/hazardous waste clean up from car accidents
- Supports City's Strategic Community Plan priority Environmental Sustainability

## ■ Cybersecurity

- Help cities prevent and respond to cybersecurity threats and/or attacks
- Supports City's Strategic Community Plan priority Technology & Information Services Infrastructure

## ■ Statewide Plastic Bag Ban

- Provide consistency among all jurisdictions
- Supports City's Strategic Community Plan priority Environmental Sustainability

## ■ Funding for Park and Recreation Programs

- Fund programs administered by the State Recreation office
- Supports City's Strategic Community Plan priority Environmental Sustainability

## SUPPORT/OPPOSE ISSUES - REMOVED

Issues removed – addressed by Legislature or no longer legislatively relevant:

- Hi-Tech Industry
- Pension enhancements and system mergers
- Employment liability
- Small Cell Network Facility Development
- Economic Development
- Reclaimed Water
- Emergency Response

## PREPARE FOR SESSION

- November: Finalize Draft 2020 State Legislative Agenda
- December 3: Council scheduled to adopt Legislative Agenda
- January 7: Meet with 48<sup>th</sup>/45<sup>th</sup> District legislators prior to legislative session
- January 13: Session begins
- January 28-29: Association of WA Cities, City Action Days, Olympia

# THANK YOU & QUESTIONS?

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