

**RESOLUTION NO. 1048**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AND  
ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2017-19 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

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WHEREAS, the members of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee have worked diligently to establish a legislative agenda of matters of great importance to the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in working with our State and Federal legislators, the City Council and City staff will put special emphasis on the matters listed in the legislative agenda; and

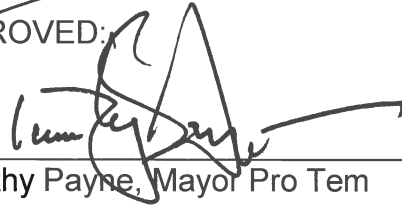
WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to formally adopt the 2017-19 City legislative agenda to inform residents and legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington:

Section 1: Agenda Adoption. The City of Gig Harbor City Council hereby adopts as its 2017-19 State Legislative Agenda, the agenda set forth in the document, entitled "City of Gig Harbor State Legislative Agenda for the 2017-19 Legislative Biennium" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

RESOLVED this 10th day of October, 2016.

APPROVED:



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Timothy Payne, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



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Molly Towslee, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 10/3/16  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 10/10/16  
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## **City of Gig Harbor State Legislative Agenda for the 2017-19 Legislative Biennium**

### **Capital Funding Request: Gig Harbor North Civic/Sports Complex**

The City respectfully requests \$2 million for development of a 35-acre sports complex to provide turfed and lit baseball and multi-purpose sports fields to our rapidly growing community. The project has multiple partners including the Pierce/Kitsap YMCA, Gig Harbor Little League, Peninsula Light Company and Olympic Property Group. Local funds are available and a master plan will be developed as approved by the Parks Commission and Public Works Committee.

### **Transportation Funding: West Sound Alliance**

The City supports the West Sound Alliance in continuing to seek transportation funding for the West Sound region. In particular, the city will closely follow the progress of the congestion relief study for State Route 16, the completion of the EIS on State Route 302, and advocate for funding for resulting projects. Additionally, the City will actively lobby in support of policy and funding proposals that limit and reduce toll increases on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

### **Support Main Street Legislation**

The City supports legislation that increases the tax credit limits on the Main Street Tax Incentive Program. The Main Street Program was created in 2005 to support downtown revitalization programs. The Downtown Gig Harbor Waterfront Alliance participates in the program.

### **Infrastructure Funding**

The City supports developing a statewide solution to local infrastructure funding needs to fill the gap created with the redirection of the Public Works Assistance Account revenue sources. The City supports the development of a Public Works Assistance Account 2.0 that provides cities with funding to meet growing local infrastructure needs.

### **Protecting State-Shared Revenues**

The City supports the continued appropriation of state-shared funds to local governments, including funds such as liquor excise taxes and profits, streamlined sales tax mitigation funding, the city-county assistance account, and the municipal criminal justice account. Additionally, the City supports legislation to restore growth to the liquor profit/fee revenues. Combined, these funds provide a significant amount of revenue to the City's general fund.

### **Funding for Basic Law Enforcement Academy**

The City requests increased funding for additional training slots at the Criminal Justice Training Commission's BLEA to accommodate growing needs to train new police officers. In the last year, Gig Harbor has hired 2 officers and has plans to hire 3 new deputies in the coming year. The current funding level and capacity at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy is not sufficient – deputies have to wait months before a training slot opens.

### **Public Records Reform**

The City supports efforts to reform the Public Records Act to provide cost recovery, alternative dispute resolution, technology best practices, and other concepts. In approaching this reform, the City recognizes the importance of transparency and accountability in government.