

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR USE
DURING THE 2025 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature will convene for its regular session on January 13, 2025, and the City Council agrees to pursue certain legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, a legislative agenda outlines the priority issues that elected officials may discuss when speaking to members of the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes this agenda is not all encompassing, in that certain additional items may arise during the legislative session that require support or opposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The Tukwila City Council has identified priorities for the 2025 Washington State Legislative Session that provide a framework for advocacy on behalf of the community. The City of Tukwila 2025 Legislative Agenda is hereby incorporated by reference as Attachment A.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Andy Youn, CMC, City Clerk

Mohamed Abdi, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

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Office of the City Attorney

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Transportation & Infrastructure

- Create **stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding** for cities to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development and community resiliency.
- [Obtain funding for the final phase of the Tukwila Community Center HVAC system.](#)
- Honor funding commitments made in **Move Ahead Washington**.

Housing & Human Services

- **Address the housing stability crisis** by addressing all aspects of affordable housing, including homeownership for moderate income households and below, preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing, land acquisition to secure permanent affordability, permanent supportive housing, infrastructure around affordable housing developments, and workforce housing.
- **Fund additional investments in behavioral health**, including in-patient and out-patient facilities, as an alternative to jail and align State law with best practices to allow individuals in crisis to receive necessary and life-saving services.
- Adequately fund services to **support asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants** residing in Washington cities. [Support Office of Refugee and Immigration Assistance funding request for \\$61.5 million over two years.](#)

Advancing Equity

- **Ensure affordable, high-quality broadband internet access as defined by SB 5717** is available to all households and businesses to provide educational, entrepreneurial, business and accessibility equity for all Washingtonians to access the internet.

Law Enforcement

- ~~Further clarify the **ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits providing law enforcement with discretion to engage in pursuits.**~~
- [Expand funding for co-responding mental health professionals to assist individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges.](#)

Revenue Reform

- Allow cities the **authority and flexibility** to address the fact that growth in the cost of services continue to outstrip revenues.
- The state should **amend the law** that limits annual property tax growth to 1 percent and work with cities to authorize additional funding flexibility and opportunities at the local level.

Education

- Implement **needs-based funding** for allocation of social emotional student support resources and **expand funding for learning opportunities** for summer school students.
- Increase **funding for homeless students** and secondary ELL students.
- Incorporate early learning for low-income students as a part of **Basic Education**.

~~**Preserve Lodging Tax Flexibility**~~

- [Secure the state portion of funding for the Tukwila Promise Initiative.](#)

Tourism

- Ensure the definition of “tourist” in Washington State **remains flexible** to allow jurisdictions and Lodging Tax Advisory Committees to distribute lodging tax dollars in a manner that **best serves each individual community**.
- Obtain funding for small cities and towns for planning efforts for the FIFA World Cup in 2026.

Preparing for Our Future

- Enact policies to prepare to **combat climate change**, including adequately budgeting for its effects and providing tools to cities to prepare and address the ramifications of flooding, pollution and other key factors.
- Continue to invest in **workforce education and job training** to ensure Washingtonians have access to high-quality career and technical education opportunities.
- Funding for cities to make green infrastructure investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve City sustainability efforts.

Parks, Recreation, Conservation and Trail Connectivity

- Strongly support robust investments into outdoor recreation programs such as the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP), Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act (ALEA), the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and other related programs.
- Advocate for additional investments into the Evergreen Communities program for equitable support of local urban forestry programs that enhance climate resilience, public health, and environmental justice.
- Collaboratively support impactful investments into grant programs and organizations that grow and enhance local and regional trail connectivity.
- Continue to support equitable funding opportunities that assist local governments with their park maintenance needs and backlogs.



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