

City of Yakima 2022 State Legislative Priorities

Actively Pursue

- 1. Regulatory and legislative advocacy to preserve community access to health care services, including additional funding for mental health response assistance to local governments (i.e. Trueblood grants)
- 2. Legislation and state funding designed to address the high rate of domestic violence present in Washington State
- 3. Funding for future construction of an outdoor pool at MLK, Jr. Park
- 4. Increased state funding in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, funds for affordable housing, and funds to reduce homelessness
- 5. Legalization of automated monitoring and citation for speeding on city streets by cameras that capture speed and license plate numbers

Support

- 1. Efforts to clarify and/or modify police reform legislation adopted during the 2021 state legislative session
- 2. Development of a comprehensive transportation funding package that includes additional resources for cities
- 3. Efforts by Orthopedics Northwest PLLC to secure a "Certificate of Need" from the Washington State Department of Health to allow for surgical procedures to be performed at the former Astria Regional Medical Center facility
- 4. Replacing the one percent property tax revenue increase limit with a limit tied to cost drivers

Monitor

- Amendments to the WSDOT budget in order to ensure completion of committed projects in the Connecting Washington transportation package
- Legislation providing greater flexibility in the use of public funds for economic development purposes
- Cuts to intergovernmental shared revenue
- Enhancing distribution of marijuana excise tax revenue to local governments (moved from Support)
- Modification of authorized outlets for publishing office local government notices (moved from Support)