

City of SeaTac

Council Study Session Agenda

February 28, 2012
4:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER:

1. **Agenda Bill #3405 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City (5 minutes)**
By: Administrative Captain Annette Louie
2. **Agenda Bill #3403 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with GreenRubino to implement the Economic Development Marketing Action and Public Relations Plan for 2012 (5 minutes)**
By: Economic Development Manager Jeff Robinson
3. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - **Reclassification of Medical Cannabis as a Schedule II Controlled Substance (15 minutes)**
By: Auburn City Councilmember John Partridge
 - **South Link Extension Project Update (30 minutes)**
By: Program Manager Soraya Lowry / Airport Link Project Director Ron Lewis
 - **Animal Services (30 minutes)**
By: Police Chief Jim Graddon / Administrative Captain Annette Louie / Program Manager Soraya Lowry
 - **Department of Justice Assistance Grants – Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking (10 minutes)**
By: Administrative Captain Annette Louie

ADJOURN:

(Note: The Special Council Meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m., following this Council Study Session.)



City of SeaTac

Special Council Meeting Agenda

February 28, 2012
6:30 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

(Note: The agenda numbering is continued from the Council Study Session.)

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

FLAG SALUTE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting. Individual comments shall be limited to three minutes. A representative speaking for a group of four or more persons in attendance shall be limited to ten minutes. When recognized by the Mayor or his designee, walk to the podium, state and spell your name, and give your address [optional] for the record.)

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Plaque to former Mayor Terry Anderson (5 minutes)**

By: Mayor Tony Anderson

- **Council confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Joe Adamack to the Planning Commission (5 minutes)**

By: Mayor Tony Anderson

- **Highline Community Coalition (10 minutes)**

By: Des Moines Deputy Mayor Matt Pina / Burien Deputy Mayor Rose Clark / Normandy Park Councilmember Shawn McEvoy

- **Auburn Youth Resources (5 minutes)**

By: Executive Director Jim Blanchard

- **Seattle Southside Visitors Services (5 minutes)**

By: Executive Director Katherine Kertzman

- **Washington Department of Ecology (10 minutes)**

By: Soil Safety Program Coordinator Amy Hargrove

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 97203 – 97449) in the amount of \$622,105.09 for the period ended February 17, 2012.

- **Approval of payroll vouchers** (check nos. 50419 – 50447) in the amount of \$181,762.96 for the period ended February 15, 2012.

- **Approval of payroll electronic fund transfers** (check nos. 71547 - 71720) in the amount of \$358,470.91 for the period ended February 15, 2012.

- **Approval of payroll wire transfer** (Medicare and Federal Withholding Tax) in the amount of \$73,505.49 for the period ended February 15, 2012.

- **Summary of \$5,000 - \$35,000 Purchase Requests** for the period ended February 22, 2012.

- **Summary of Donations \$500 or Greater** for the period ended February 22, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the Consent Agenda): (Individual comments shall be limited to one minute and group comments shall be limited to three minutes.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Property Acquisition (RCW 42.30.110 [1][c]) (30 minutes)

ADJOURN:

THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND IS EQUIPPED WITH ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES. PERSONS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE 5:00 PM THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING.

SeaTac City Council
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Department Prepared by: Police

Agenda Bill #: 3405

TITLE: A Motion authorizing the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City.

<i>February 23, 2012</i>	
___ Ordinance ___ Resolution <u>X</u> Motion ___ Info. Only ___ Other	
Date Council Action Requested: <u>RCM 03/13/2012</u>	
Ord/Res Exhibits: _____	
Review Dates: <u>Study Session 02/28/2012</u>	
Prepared By: <u>Annette Louie, Police Captain</u>	
Director: <u>Annette Louie on behalf of Chief Gladdon</u>	City Attorney: <u>Mary Miranda Barolo</u>
Finance: <u>[Signature]</u>	BARS #: <u>001.000.08.521.90.41.000</u>
City Manager: <u>[Signature]</u>	Applicable Fund Name: <u>Professional Services - Redflex</u>

MR
[Signature]

SUMMARY: This Motion authorizes the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS / ISSUES: In October 2006, the City contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems to provide automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City. Pursuant to the terms of the contract, the City has the right, but not the obligation, to extend the term of the agreement for up to two (2) additional consecutive and automatic two (2) year periods following the expiration of the initial term. In order to exercise the extension, the City must request the extension in writing. The city agreed to a two (2) year extension on March 23, 2010 that ends on March 16, 2012. This Motion authorizes the City Manager to request a two (2) year extension of the contract with Redflex commencing on March 17, 2012 and expiring on March 16, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION(S): It is recommended that the Motion be carried.

FISCAL IMPACT: The contract with Redflex Traffic Systems specifies that the City will pay a fee of \$4,964.46 per month for each designated intersection for photo red light enforcement. Currently, the City has three (3) designated intersections for photo red light enforcement. Therefore, each month the City pays \$14,893.38 to Redflex.

ALTERNATIVE(S): Do not carry the proposed Motion and discontinue the automated traffic safety camera enforcement services within the City.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

SeaTac City Council
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Department Prepared by: Community & Economic Development

Agenda Bill #: **3403**

TITLE: A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with GreenRubino to implement the Economic Development Marketing Action and Public Relations Plan for 2012.

<i>February 21, 2012</i>	
__ Ordinance __ Resolution <u>X</u> Motion __ Info. Only __ Other	
Date Council Action Requested:	<u>RCM 03/13/12</u>
Ord/Res Exhibits:	
Review Dates:	<u>Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee 06/08/11; RCM 11/22/11; CSS 02/28/12</u>
Prepared By:	<u>Jeff Robinson, Economic Development Manager</u>
Director:	<u><i>[Signature]</i> FOR C.B.</u> City Attorney: <u><i>Mary Mirante Baroto</i></u>
Finance:	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> BARS #: <u>107.000.13.557.30.41.114 & 001.000.99.519.90.41.000</u>
City Manager:	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Applicable Fund Name: <u>Hotel/Motel Tax & General Funds</u>

*MR
[Signature]*

SUMMARY: This Motion authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with GreenRubino for the implementation of the Marketing Action Plan items approved as part of the 2012 Budget process.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS / ISSUES: This Motion facilitates execution of the marketing action plan that was jointly created by the City's Economic Development staff and GreenRubino to further the City's economic development branding strategy – "everywhere's possible". This comprehensive marketing plan will primarily target the recruitment of new business and industry, development and new private sector investment in the community. The plan was endorsed by the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee as part of the 2012 budget process. The following components are included in the 2012 scope of services:

- Public / Media Relations
- Management of annual advertising calendar
- Media Placement / Vendor Costs / Media Contingencies
- Creative Services
- Website Creative and Development Services
- Development and Dissemination of Media Releases and Photo Opportunities as warranted

RECOMMENDATION(S): It is recommended that the Motion be carried.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is anticipated the majority of the funding will come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund (Fund 107) from the BARS account listed above. However, GreenRubino may also provide minimal public relations services that are not related to tourism promotion, which is a requirement for the use of Hotel/Motel funds. Therefore, any expenses in which Hotel/Motel funds cannot be used will come from the General Fund.

- Total Contract: Maximum of \$104,000, depending on final Scope of Work
- \$100,000 from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund
- \$4,000 from Non-Departmental General Fund

ALTERNATIVE(S): Do not carry the Motion. This would result in a discontinuation of the comprehensive marketing effort.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Proposed 2012 Contract with GreenRubino

MARKETING ACTION PLAN CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Project Description: GreenRubino will work with the City of SeaTac on the implementation of the Marketing Action Plan items recommended for 2012 to further branding and communication efforts.

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into effective on the date upon which the last party to sign this Contract so signs the Contract, by and between the City of SeaTac, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and GreenRubino hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant", on the following terms and conditions in conjunction with the project indicated above.

1. EMPLOYMENT. The City hereby agrees to retain and employ the Consultant, as an independent contractor, and the Consultant hereby agrees to serve the City pursuant to this Contract.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES. The Consultant shall be responsible for completion of the scope of services detailed in Attachment A to this Contract.

3. TIME FOR BEGINNING AND COMPLETION. The consultant shall begin work on the first bullet under "Scope of Services" on Attachment A immediately. All work shall be completed by December 31, 2012. The established completion date may be extended at the discretion of the City, subject to a prior supplemental written agreement executed by the City to extend the established completion date.

4. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. The Consultant shall be responsible, to the level of competency presently maintained by other practicing professionals in the same type of work in this community, for the professional and technical soundness, accuracy, and adequacy of all designs, drawings, specifications, plans, programs and other work and materials furnished under this Contract.

5. COMPENSATION. The City shall pay the Consultant compensation for the completion of the scope of services. The total amount of compensation shall not exceed \$104,000 (including travel costs and reimbursables). The City shall only pay for actual services rendered.

6. RECORDS INSPECTION AND AUDIT. All compensation payments shall be subject to adjustments for any amounts found upon audit or otherwise to have been improperly invoiced, and all records and books of account pertaining to any work performed under this Contract shall be subject to inspection and audit by the City for a period of up to three (3) years from final payment of work performed under this contract.

7. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All plans, programs, specifications, designs, reports, records and other documents produced during or as a result of services rendered pursuant to this Contract shall be the property of the City and shall not be property of the Consultant. Any reuse of such documents on or for any project other than that covered under this contract shall be without liability or legal exposure to the Consultant.

8. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. The Consultant shall strictly abide by all local, state and federal equal employment opportunity laws and policies

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relating to the establishment of non-discrimination in hiring and employment practices, and assuring the service of all clients, customers or involved members of the public without discrimination.

9. INDEMNIFICATION. The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, agents and employees or any of them from any and all claims, actions, suits, liability, loss, costs, expenses and damages of any nature whatsoever, by any reason of or arising out of any negligent act or omission of the Consultant, its officers, agents and employees, or any of them relating to or arising out of the performance of this Contract; and if final judgment be rendered against the City and its officers, agents and employees or any of them, or jointly against the City and the Consultant and their respective officers, agents and employees, or any of them, the Consultant shall satisfy the same to the extent that such judgment was due to the Consultant's negligent acts or omissions.

The City shall indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant and its officers, agents and employees, or any of them from any and all claims, actions, suits, liability, loss, costs, expenses and damages of any nature whatsoever, by any reason of or arising out of any negligent act or omission of the City, its officers, agents or employees, or any of them relating to or arising out of the performance of this Contract; and if final judgment be rendered against the City and its officers, agents and employees, or any of them, or jointly against the Consultant and the City and their respective officers, agents and employees, or any of them, the City shall satisfy the same to the extent that such judgment was due to the City's negligent acts or omissions.

10. RESTRICTION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT. The Consultant shall not assign this Contract or any interest herein, subcontract any part of the consulting services to be performed here, nor assign any money due or to become due hereunder, without first obtaining the written consent of the City.

11. CONTINUATION OF PERFORMANCE. In the event that any dispute or conflict arises between the parties while this Contract is in effect, the Consultant agrees that, notwithstanding such dispute or conflict, the Consultant shall continue to make a good faith effort to cooperate and continue work toward successful completion of assigned duties and responsibilities.

12. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT. Performance of the consulting services under this Contract may be terminated for any cause deemed sufficient by either the City or the Consultant, in whole or in part, at any time, by either party giving the other written notice of such termination, specifying the extent and effective date thereof, by not sooner than thirty (30) days from date of such notice, providing that the Consultant shall complete and be compensated for any projects or duties previously assigned and accepted, and shall be compensated for all expenses incurred or committed to, that cannot be canceled.

13. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. This Contract shall be administered by the Principal on behalf of the Consultant and by the Economic Development Manager on behalf of the City. Any written notices required by terms of this contract shall be served or mailed as follows:

If to the City:

C.E.D. Department
Attn: Jeff Robinson,
Economic Development Manager
City of SeaTac
4800 S. 188th St
SeaTac, WA 98188

If to the Consultant:

Michael Van Schepen
GreenRubino
1938 Fairview Avenue East, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98102

14. CONSTRUCTION AND VENUE. This Contract shall be construed in accordance with laws of this State of Washington. In the event of any litigation regarding the construction or effect of this Contract, or the rights of the parties pursuant to this Contract, it is agreed that venue shall be King County, Washington.

15. MERGER AND AMENDMENT. This Contract contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters set forth herein and any prior or contemporaneous understandings are merged herein. This Contract shall not be modified except by written instrument executed by all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract.

CONSULTANT:

By: _____
Principal, GreenRubino

Date: _____

CITY OF SEATAC:

By: _____
City Manager

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
City Attorney



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 IDEAS THAT CONNECT

**City of SeaTac
 2012 Marketing, Communications and Public Relations
 Scope of Work**

Submitted To: Jeff Robinson, Economic Development Manager, City Manager's Office
 Date: January 6, 2012

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to outline the scope of work for all Marketing, Communications and Public Relations activities for the 2012 calendar year, as to be completed by GreenRubino.

Retainer cost summary:

N/A	Media – Planning, negotiation and insertion orders
\$5,000	Management of annual advertising calendar, electronic production
\$14,500	Website – Creative/development services
\$1,000	Miscellaneous outside costs
\$45,000	Media placement / vendor costs (projected)
\$2,500	Media contingency (additional placement opportunities throughout the year)
<u>\$36,000</u>	Public Relations
\$104,000	TOTAL

SCOPE OF WORK

Public Relations

GreenRubino will continue to reinforce the City of SeaTac's key messaging through a strategic and comprehensive public relations campaign.

Maintain ongoing communications with the City Manager's team as to the needs of public relations. This includes regular phone calls and e-mails with the Economic Development Manager and active participation in meetings with the department heads to review recent initiatives and upcoming needs.

Other ongoing activities include:

- Maintain the city's media kit.
- Maintain the city's media list.
- Provide media relations counsel for crisis communications events (as needed).
- Develop and disseminate press releases and photo opportunities on a regular basis (as warranted by newsworthy events).
- Work with the regional partners to reach out to their constituents through events and newsletter articles.
- Draft speeches for city leadership (as needed).
- Write features stories for the SeaTac Report (as assigned).

Timing: Ongoing

Budget: \$3,000 per month (January through December, 2012)

Principal in charge: Hamilton McCulloh – Public Relations Director



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Advertising

Media Planning and Negotiation

The media plan will provide recommendations for target audience, media selection, timing and impact. Specific tactics may include flighting, creative ad units, franchise positioning opportunities, sponsorship tie-ins, added value, negotiation strategy, etc.

During the planning and negotiating process, we will make recommendations for which publications are most appropriate and then negotiate rates. The final selection process will be decided by:

- Effective demographic readership target
- Ad CPM (Cost Per Thousand) cost efficiencies, best rates available
- Editorial environment applicable to city development/outreach
- Added Value options (bonus space, free color)

Print publications to be considered will include local, regional and national publications.

Aggressive negotiation with vendors will ensure the best possible rates, positioning and added value opportunities. Monthly invoice audits will be performed to verify correct positioning and rates. If vendors under-deliver, we will request credits or make-goods to keep constant energy behind the media spend.

Timing: 2-3 weeks

Budget: [Activity paid for by commission for media placement]

Principal in charge: Mark DeJarnett – Media Director

Management of Annual Ad Calendar

Provide ongoing support of print advertising campaign throughout the duration of 2012. Agency services include: Ads will leverage the current design with minimal copy proof/editing required as needed for the two ads "Open" and "Welcome". Includes sizing of ads specific to publication requirements in electronic production, print traffic, and management.

Agency support tactics include:

- Build mechanical art files for specific publications
- Place all appropriate ad insertion orders
- Traffic materials as required to publications

Timing: Ongoing

Budget: \$5,000

Principal in charge: Michael Van Schepen – Senior Account Manager

Website – Creative/Development Services

Provide creative and development services in updating the economic development web site at <http://www1.cityofseatac.com/everwherepossible>. Requirements to be determined based on further discovery and discussion but services could include such activities as copy editing, updating content links, updating images or graphics to keep content more current.

Timing: TBD

Estimated Budget: \$14,500

Principal in charge: Michael Van Schepen – Senior Account Manager





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Media

Media Vendor Costs

Cost of media will not exceed \$45,000 from the original media budget. Media vendor costs include advertising in print publications, pre-approved by the City of SeaTac. The City will pay GreenRubino for costs and expenses payable to media vendors (Media vendor costs) incurred in connection with the services at agency's gross cost including industry standard 15% commission (Media commission). Media commission covers agency fees to analyze media, negotiate most favorable rates, place media and administration.

Timing: Ongoing

Budget: \$45,000

Principle in charge: Mark DeJarnett – Media Director

Media Contingency

Additional media placements can be purchased throughout the 2012 calendar year. A media budget of \$2,500 has been set aside for optional or additional media opportunities/placements.

Miscellaneous Outside Costs

The following outlines all anticipated reimbursable outside costs associated with the above services:

- Travel
- Presentation materials
- Color prints
- Color proof for advertising as required per publication

Timing: Ongoing

Budget: \$1,000

Principal in charge: Michael Van Schepen – Senior Account Manager





Timing and Cost Summary

2012 Scope of Work for all GreenRubino marketing, communications, and public relations activities.

Public Relations

Timing	Fee Estimate
Ongoing	\$36,000

Advertising (Media Planning & Negotiation)

Timing	Fee Estimate
2-3 weeks	\$N/A

Advertising (Management of Annual Ad Calendar)

Timing	Fee Estimate
Ongoing	\$5,000

Website – Creative / Development Services

Timing	Fee Estimate
TBD	\$14,500*

Advertising (Media Vendor Costs)

Timing	Fee Estimate
Ongoing	\$45,000

Advertising (Media Contingency)

Timing	Fee Estimate
Ongoing	\$2,500

Miscellaneous Outside Costs

Timing	Fee Estimate
Ongoing	\$1,000

It is understood that GreenRubino’s total charges are not-to-exceed \$104,000 including travel and reimbursables.

* Exact deliverables and requirements for website revisions to be determined and will require further discussion with the client team. For budget approval purposes, we have defined a maximum not to exceed amount for creative / development services of \$14,500. After reviewing requirements, we will provide a scope of work that outlines what can be achieved for this budget investment and the timing needed for completion.

Assumptions

Client is responsible for collecting and conveying consolidated feedback from stakeholders as required. Additional revision rounds, services or deliverables other than those described will result in increased costs.



3. PRESENTATIONS:

●Reclassification of Medical Cannabis as a Schedule II Controlled Substance (15 minutes)

By: Auburn City Councilmember John Partridge

●South Link Extension Project Update (30 minutes)

By: Program Manager Soraya Lowry / Airport Link Project Director Ron Lewis

●Animal Services (30 minutes)

By: Police Chief Jim Graddon / Administrative Captain Annette Louie / Program Manager Soraya Lowry

●Department of Justice Assistance Grants – Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking (10 minutes)

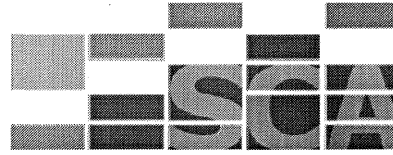
By: Administrative Captain Annette Louie



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Todd Cutts, City Manager
Date: February 23, 2012
Re: Reclassification of Medical Cannabis as a Schedule II Controlled Substance

Please find the attached material in reference to the presentation that is scheduled at the February 28th Council Study Session. Councilmember Gregerson has asked that the Council weigh in on this issue so that she may represent Council's perspective on this issue at the next Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting.



MEMO

TO: Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee (PIC) Members
SCA Board of Directors

FROM: Deanna Dawson
Executive Director, Suburban Cities Association (SCA)

RE: Proposal to Reclassify Marijuana/Cannabis as a Schedule II Drug

DATE: February 9, 2012

At the February 8, 2012 Public Issues Committee (PIC) Meeting, the PIC heard a brief presentation on a petition that Governor Gregoire had filed with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seeking to have marijuana reclassified as a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances ACT (CSA). The PIC asked to have a full presentation on the proposal at the March 2012 PIC meeting, and voted unanimously to consider taking a position in support of the proposal. The purpose of this memo is to give PIC members additional background on the proposal, so that they can get feedback from their councils and staff prior to the March 7, 2012 PIC meeting.

Background:

As Regional Law Safety and Justice (RLSJ) Vice Chair John Partridge of Auburn pointed out at the February PIC meeting, possession of marijuana/cannabis is illegal.

Marijuana/cannabis is currently classified as a Schedule I drug, which means that, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), it has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and therefore may not be prescribed, administered, or dispensed for medical use.

In 1998, the voters in Washington State approved Initiative 692. The stated purpose of the Initiative was to permit the use of marijuana for patients who had debilitating or terminal illnesses. Initiative 692 was subsequently codified as RCW 69.51A. The Initiative did not strictly speaking “legalize” marijuana/cannabis, but rather created an affirmative defense, and protection from arrest and prosecution, for qualified patients and designated caregivers under Washington State law.

In 2011, the Legislature passed E2SSB 5073. The intent of the bill was to establish a regulatory system for producing, processing, and dispensing marijuana/cannabis for

medical use. The bill required the State to authorize and license commercial businesses that produce, process or dispense marijuana/cannabis, and to develop a registration system for said producers, processors, and dispensers.

In 2011, Governor Gregoire sought guidance from our state's United States Attorneys, Mike Ormsby and Jenny Durkan. In a letter in response to the Governor, they have indicated that the federal government would prosecute "vigorously against individuals and organizations that participate in unlawful manufacturing and distribution activity involving marijuana, even if such activities are permitted under state law."

Citing concerns that state workers could be prosecuted under federal law, Governor Gregoire vetoed these portions of E2SSB 5073. The Governor did not veto portions of the bill relating to "collective gardens." However, she did veto the "definitions" section of the bill.

The resulting regulatory scheme has led to much confusion for cities. The legality of marijuana dispensaries is in doubt under Washington State law. A handful of cities adopted zoning regulations relating to medical marijuana collective gardens, while many cities have passed zoning moratoria on dispensaries and/or collective gardens. The result is a patchwork of ordinances and regulations across the state, and King County.

SB 6265, currently pending before the legislature, seeks to clarify some of the ambiguity and to put in place a statewide regulatory scheme. But possession of marijuana/cannabis is still unlawful under federal law. Federal law effectively "trumps" state law, and no action by the Washington State Legislature would (or could) make marijuana use lawful under federal law.

The Governor's Petition

On November 30, 2011, Governor Gregoire and Governor Lincoln Chafee (I-RI) filed a petition with the DEA seeking to have marijuana/cannabis reclassified as a Schedule II drug, which would allow it to be prescribed by doctors and filled by pharmacists. A copy of the petition is attached to this memo.

As noted above, marijuana/cannabis is currently classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under the CSA, which means that, according to the DEA, it has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and therefore may not be prescribed, administered, or dispensed for medical use. In contrast, drugs listed in Schedules II-V have some accepted medical use and may be prescribed, administered, or dispensed for medical use, with controls. No prescriptions may be written for Schedule I substances.

A comparison of the controlled substances classified as Schedule I versus Schedule II is revealing. While marijuana/cannabis is classified as a Schedule I, many other drugs with a high potential for abuse are designated as Schedule II, including opium, methadone, methamphetamine, oxycodone, and cocaine.

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has not reviewed marijuana's classification since 2006. In the meantime, there has been much new research and analysis of marijuana/cannabis. The petition filed by Governors Gregoire and Chafee is backed by a substantive science-based report that has been peer reviewed and cites more than 700 independent references, many of which are new science since 2006. Both the Washington State Medical Association and the Washington State Pharmacy support reclassification of marijuana/cannabis. And the American Medical Association (AMA) recently reversed its earlier position, and now supports investigation and clinical research of marijuana/cannabis for medicinal use.

If marijuana/cannabis were reclassified as a Schedule II drug, it could be prescribed and dispensed like any other drug. The documents supporting the Governor's petition note that with modern DNA analysis, it is relatively simple to determine the beneficial compounds contained in marijuana/cannabis. A compounding pharmacist could quantify the appropriate level of cannabinoids, and use an appropriate cannabis blend to create a customized medication for a patient. This is known as the "pharmacy model."

The appeal of this model is that the pharmacy system in the United States is already heavily regulated, and is well suited for providing controlled access to drugs for legitimate medical use. In addition, pharmacies provide safe, reliable access to medication to patients in need. This model would provide reasonable access to medication, while providing a relatively high level of government oversight.

More details on this proposal to reclassify cannabis/marijuana are contained in attachments to the Governor's petition, and we will provide an in-depth presentation on the proposal at the PIC meeting on March 7, 2012.

Support for the Proposal to Reclassify Cannabis

On January 26, 2012, a bipartisan coalition of 42 Washington legislators signed a letter to the DEA supporting the Governor's petition. A copy of that letter is attached to this memo. Both Republican and Democrat lawmakers from King County signed on to the letter.

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles has also introduced Senate Joint Memorial 8017 making the same request to reclassify medical marijuana. A copy of Senate Joint Memorial 8017 is attached to this memo.

At the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Action Conference on January 25, 2012, Governor Gregoire asked cities to sign on in support of her proposal to reclassify marijuana/cannabis. In a letter dated January 26, 2012, several mayors (including the mayors of four King County cities) urged the DEA to immediately initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug. A copy of that letter is attached to this memo.

At the March 7, 2012, the PIC may consider recommending that SCA take a similar position in support of reclassification. Attached to this memo is a draft resolution in support of reclassification for the PIC's consideration. Also attached is a draft letter on behalf of Suburban Cities Association to DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart in support of reclassification.

Conclusion

The current law in Washington State with regards to medical marijuana has created public safety and land use challenges for cities. Even if new legislation is passed in this legislative session, the fact remains that marijuana possession is illegal under federal law. At the same time, the voters of the State of Washington have expressed a clear intent to provide for access to marijuana for medicinal purposes for patients with terminal or debilitating conditions. Until and unless the conflict between state and federal law is resolved, cities will continue to face these challenges.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson at (206) 433-7170 or Deanna@suburbancities.org.

Attachments:

- November 30, 2011 Petition from Governors Gregoire and Chaffee in support of reclassifying cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II (with attachments)
- January 26, 2012 letter from legislators in support of reclassification
- of Senate Joint Memorial 8017
- January 26, 2012 letter from mayors in support of reclassification
- Draft SCA resolution in support of reclassification
- Draft SCA letter to DEA Administrator Leonhart in support of reclassification



Washington State Legislature

January 26, 2012

Michele Leonhart, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
Attn: Administrator
8701 Morrissette Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

Subject: *Rulemaking petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II*

Dear Administrator Leonhart:

We write in support of the petition that Governor Chafee and Governor Gregoire recently submitted to initiate rulemaking proceedings for the reclassification of medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) from Schedule I to Schedule II of the CSA.

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The solution lies ultimately with the federal government. We urge the DEA to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug so qualifying patients who follow state law may obtain the medication they need through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and pharmacy dispensing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Kohl-Welles".

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Washington State Senate – 36th District



Washington State Legislature

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Senator Karen Keiser
Washington State Senate – 33rd District

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Representative Roger Goodman
Washington State House of Representatives – 45th District

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Senator Rodney Tom
Washington State Senate – 48th District

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Representative Dave Upthegrove
Washington State House of Representatives – 33rd District

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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon
Washington State House of Representatives – 34th District

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Senator Maralyn Chase
Washington State Senate – 32nd District



Washington State Legislature

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Representative Jim Moeller
Washington State House of Representatives – 49th District

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Senator David Frockt
Washington State Senate – 46th District

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Representative Paul Harris
Washington State House of Representatives – 17th District

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Senator Margarita Prentice
Washington State Senate – 11th District

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Senator Nick Harper
Washington State Senate – 38th District

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Representative Timm Ormsby
Washington State House of Representatives – 3rd District



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Representative John McCoy
Washington State House of Representatives – 38th District

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Representative Andy Billig
Washington State House of Representatives – 3rd District

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Washington State House of Representatives – 23rd District

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Senator Sharon Nelson
Washington State Senate – 34th District

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Senator Ed Murray
Washington State Senate – 43rd District

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Representative Marcie Maxwell
Washington State House of Representatives – 41st District



Washington State Legislature

Jeannie Darneille

Representative Jeannie Darneille
Washington State House of Representatives – 27th District

Debbie Regala

Senator Debbie Regala
Washington State Senate – 27th District

Jamie Pedersen

Representative Jamie Pedersen
Washington State House of Representatives – 43rd District

Chris Reykdal

Representative Chris Reykdal
Washington State House of Representatives – 22nd District

Steve Conway

Senator Steve Conway
Washington State Senate – 29th District

Andy Hill

Senator Andy Hill
Washington State Senate – 45th District



Washington State Legislature

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Representative Sam Hunt
Washington State House of Representatives – 22nd District

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Representative Steve Tharinger
Washington State House of Representatives – 24th District

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Washington State Senate – 41st District

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Washington State House of Representatives – 46th District

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Washington State House of Representatives – 36th District

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Representative Laurie Jinkins
Washington State House of Representatives – 27th District



Deborah Eddy Washington State Legislature

Representative Deborah Eddy
Washington State House of Representatives – 48th District

Adam Kline

Senator Adam Kline
Washington State Senate – 37th District

Cindy Ryu

Representative Cindy Ryu
Washington State House of Representatives – 32nd District

Eileen Cody

Representative Eileen Cody
Washington State House of Representatives – 34th District

Judy Clibborn

Representative Judy Clibborn
Washington State House of Representatives – 41st District

Cary Condotta

Representative Cary Condotta
Washington State House of Representatives – 12th District



Washington State Legislature

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Representative Luis Moscoso
Washington State House of Representatives – 1st District

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Senator Karen Fraser
Washington State Senate – 22nd District

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Senator Joe Fain
Washington State Senate – 47th District

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Senator Cheryl Pflug
Washington State Senate – 5th District

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Senator Jerome Delvin
Washington State Senate – 8th District

cc: The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
The Honorable Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General
The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, M.D., FDA Commissioner
The Honorable Chris Gregoire, Governor, State of Washington

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8017

State of Washington

62nd Legislature

2012 Regular Session

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Murray, Delvin, Conway, Pflug, Tom, Regala, Fain, Fraser, and Kline

Read first time 01/26/12. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO MICHELE LEONHART,
5 ADMINISTRATOR, UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted
10 laws permitting the medical use of marijuana. However, federal law
11 continues to classify marijuana as a drug for which there is no medical
12 use; and

13 WHEREAS, The divergence in state and federal law creates a
14 situation where there is no regulated and safe system to supply
15 legitimate patients who may need medical cannabis. It is clear that
16 the long-standing classification of medical use of cannabis in the
17 United States as an illegal Schedule I substance is fundamentally
18 flawed and should be changed; and

19 WHEREAS, Governor Chafee and Governor Gregoire recently submitted

1 a petition to initiate rule-making proceedings for the reclassification
2 of medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) from Schedule I to
3 Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists write in support of Governor
5 Chafee and Governor Gregoire's petition and respectfully pray that the
6 Drug Enforcement Administration initiate rule-making proceedings to
7 reclassify medical marijuana as a Schedule II drug so qualifying
8 patients who follow state law may obtain the medication they need
9 through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and
10 pharmacy dispensing.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United
13 States, Michele Leonhart, Administrator of the United States Drug
14 Enforcement Administration, the President of the United States Senate,
15 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of
16 Congress from the State of Washington.

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OFFICES OF THE GOVERNORS

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE
RHODE ISLAND

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 2011

Michele Leonhart, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
Attn: Administrator
8701 Morrissette Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

Subject: *Rulemaking petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II*

Dear Administrator Leonhart:

Pursuant to Section 1308.43 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), we hereby petition to initiate proceedings for the issuance of an amendment of a rule or regulation pursuant to Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Specifically, we petition for the reclassification of medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) from Schedule I to Schedule II of the CSA.

Attached hereto and constituting a part of this petition are the following as required by the CSA and the CFR:

Exhibit A – The proposed rule. We seek the amendment of an existing rule, so pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §1308.43(6), we have included the existing rule together with a reference to the section in the CFR where it appears, along with our proposed amendment for your consideration.

Exhibit B – A statement of the grounds upon which we rely for the issuance of an amendment of the rule. As required, the grounds we rely on include a reasonably concise statement of the facts, including a summary of relevant medical or scientific evidence in the form of an eight factor analysis that the CSA specifies a petitioner must address (21 U.S.C. §811(c)). The Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will consider these factors in a report to you for purposes of informing your final decision. The factors include: (1) actual and potential for abuse; (2) pharmacology; (3) other current scientific knowledge; (4) history and current pattern of abuse; (5) scope, duration and significance of abuse; (6) public health risk; (7) psychic or physiological dependence liability; and (8) whether it is an immediate precursor of a controlled substance.

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The attached statement of grounds about the scientific and medical record, considering these eight factors, supports recognition of the accepted medical use of cannabis in the United States. Accordingly, we request you to open rulemaking to reschedule cannabis for medical purposes under the CSA from a Schedule I to a Schedule II controlled substance.

Background:

We are concerned that patients with serious medical conditions who could benefit from medical use of cannabis do not have a safe and consistent source of the drug. As you know, sixteen states and the District of Columbia have decriminalized cannabis for limited medical purposes. Each of these jurisdictions is struggling with managing safe access to medical cannabis for patients with serious medical conditions. Our work with the federal agencies has not resolved the matter. Federal enforcement policies acknowledge the “compassionate use” for seriously ill patients, but the policies do not provide means for safe access of medical cannabis for patients in need.

The divergence in state and federal law creates a situation where there is no regulated and safe system to supply legitimate patients who may need medical cannabis. State and local governments cannot adopt a regulatory framework to ensure a safe supply is available for – and limited to – legitimate medical use without putting their employees at risk of violating federal law. As some states seek to increase regulation, United States Attorneys have warned that the federal government would prosecute “vigorously against individuals and organizations that participate in unlawful manufacturing and distribution activity involving marijuana, even if such activities are permitted under state law.” Yet in the absence of state or local regulatory systems, there exists wide spread confusion and proliferation of unregulated activities.

More to the point, it is clear that the long-standing classification of medical use of cannabis in the United States as an illegal Schedule I substance is fundamentally wrong and should be changed. The federal government could quickly solve the issue if it reclassified cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug. Most recently the DEA, as noted in your letter dated June 21, 2011 (published July 8, 2011 in the Federal Register), denied a 2002 petition to initiate proceedings to reschedule marijuana based on an outdated 2006 HHS/FDA scientific review. With respect to marijuana, the 2006 HHS/FDA review found: (1) the medical substance has a high potential for abuse; (2) has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and (3) lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision.

Upon review of the enclosed petition, we believe you will find that the mounting evidence refutes the 2006 review and shows that: (1) cannabis for medical purposes has a relatively low potential for abuse, especially in comparison with other Schedule II drugs; (2) the medical community has concluded that cannabis has accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and (3) cannabis has accepted safety for use under medical supervision and pharmacy based access. It is now the DEA’s responsibility to make appropriate decisions and update the scheduling of drugs based on the changing scientific evidence and the opinion of the medical community. We submit that evidence herein.

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The American medical community supports rescheduling, and there are safe pharmacy-based methods to dispense medical cannabis:

The medical community supports rescheduling medical cannabis. In 2009, the American Medical Association (AMA) reversed its earlier position that supported Schedule I classification of cannabis. The AMA now supports investigation and clinical research of cannabis for medicinal use, and urged the federal government to reassess the Schedule I classification. The American College of Physicians recently expressed similar support. A great many other groups also support rescheduling.

The National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine perhaps states it best: “Marijuana is not, to be sure, a completely benign substance. It is a powerful drug that affects the body and mind in a variety of ways. However, except for the damage caused by smoking [*which this petition clearly describes non-smoking methods for medical use*], its adverse effects resemble those of many approved medications.” [Italics added]

Categorizing medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug would also allow pharmacy dispensing. It requires federal changes to allow pharmacy dispensing and regulated manufacturing and distribution, otherwise pharmacies and pharmacists put their DEA license numbers at risk. There are acceptable methods to safely prescribe and dispense medical cannabis. A pharmacy based method is an existing and effective model that could provide safe and reliable access for patients in need, just like it provides for other controlled substances. The well regulated pharmacy system is perfectly suited to providing controlled access to drugs for legitimate medical use.

Recent scientific development like affordable DNA analysis also supports the pharmacy model. With modern DNA analysis, it is easy to obtain an accurate characterization of the plant’s beneficial compound. At the pharmacy level, with current technology readily available today, a compounding pharmacist could easily and inexpensively quantify the levels of cannabinoids, and then use the appropriate cannabis blend to create a customized medication for an individual patient. Compounding is now increasingly offered by community pharmacies. Moreover, studies have shown that pharmacists providing compounding reported increased quality of pharmaceuticals and improved collaboration between the patient, physician, and pharmacist. This paradigm would allow safe access to a medicine with proven efficacy and acceptable safety, in a manner that does not endanger the patient and allows for reasonable governmental oversight. It is important to note that medical cannabis can be vaporized, not smoked. Additionally cannabis can be ingested orally, or applied topically in a liniment. These issues are fully addressed in Exhibit B.

Conclusion:

A public rulemaking process would allow all interested parties to contribute their comments and expertise, and provide a full record for decision. These interested parties include patients and medical professionals and the sixteen states and the District of Columbia, or nearly one-third of the nation’s population, that have decriminalized limited possession and use of cannabis for serious medical conditions, and at least ten other states are considering similar measures.

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While not required by the law, we urge you to hold public hearings on these issues even before making your decision on whether to initiate formal rulemaking proceedings. You will find that physicians and scientists, mayors and county executives, sheriffs and prosecutors, and the majority of Americans based on reliable national polling, believe rescheduling medical cannabis for serious illnesses is appropriate.

Medical cannabis does have a potential for abuse, but far less so than other Schedule II substances like opiates. There are well researched accepted medical uses; there are ways to safely administer the drug; and, there are effective non-smoking methods like vaporization, oral ingestion or topical application. The exhaustive medical and scientific report attached as Exhibit B, incorporating the necessary eight factors, shows rescheduling cannabis for medical purposes is appropriate.

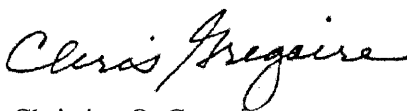
Current federal rules preclude the adoption of reasonable and workable frameworks for providing access to patients while maintaining the ability of law enforcement agencies to address non-medical/illegal distribution and use of cannabis. The situation has become untenable for our states and others. The solution lies with the federal government. We urge the DEA to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug so qualifying patients who follow state law may obtain the medication they need through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and pharmacy dispensing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor of Rhode Island



Christine O. Gregoire
Governor of Washington

Enclosures:

Exhibit A – Proposed Rule
Exhibit B – Statement of Grounds

cc: The Honorable Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General
The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, M.D., FDA Commissioner

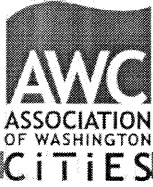
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Please send all notices regarding this petition to:

Jason T. McGill, Executive Policy Advisor, Health Care
Governor's Executive Policy Office
PO Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

Jason.McGill@gov.wa.gov
Phone: (360) 902-0448
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Submitted in quintuplicate pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §1308.43



January 26, 2012

Michele Leonhart, Administrator
Attn: Administrator
8701 Morrissette Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

Subject: *Rulemaking petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II*

Dear Administrator Leonhart:

We write in support of the petition that Governor Gregoire and Governor Chafee recently submitted to initiate rulemaking proceedings for the reclassification of medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) from Schedule I to Schedule II of the CSA.


As Mayors responsible for upholding the laws of our community, state and federal government, we need resolution regarding the legality of medical cannabis. We are caught in the middle of the desire expressed by the residents of our state to see cannabis available for medical use and the federal government's absolute inflexibility in regards to the medical benefits of cannabis. It is an untenable situation for our communities and has cost our cities significant time and resources to address.


We sympathize with patients suffering from serious medical conditions who could benefit from medical use of cannabis and do not have a safe and consistent source of the drug. The divergence in state and federal law creates a situation where there is no regulated and safe system to supply legitimate patients who may need medical cannabis. The federal government could quickly solve the issue if it reclassified cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug, which we believe the petition provides substantiated peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support.

The solution lies with the federal government. We urge the DEA to immediately initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug so qualifying patients who follow state law may obtain the medication they need through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and pharmacy dispensing.

This letter reflects the support of those cities who have signed and not all cities within the State of Washington. Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,


Lisa Walters
Mayor, City of Battle Ground


Craig George
Mayor, City of Dayton


Carrie Lacher
Mayor, Town of Friday Harbor

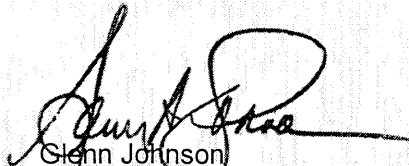

Margaret Harto
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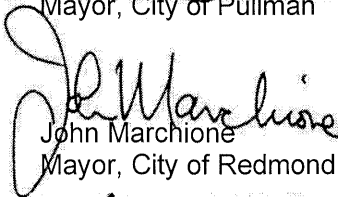
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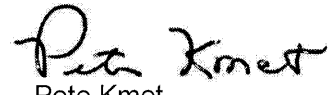
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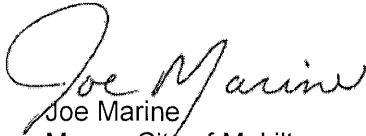
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Mayor, City of Kettle Falls




John Marchione
Mayor, City of Redmond



Pete Kmet
Mayor, City of Tumwater



Joe Marine
Mayor, City of Mukilteo



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Mayor, City of Sedro-Woolley

cc: The Honorable Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General
The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, M.D., FDA Commissioner



**A RESOLUTION OF THE SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF RECLASSIFYING CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE FROM
A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO A SCHEDULE II**

WHEREAS the voters of the State of Washington approved Initiative 692 in 1998, the stated purpose of which was to permit the use of marijuana for patients who had debilitating or terminal illnesses; and

WHEREAS possession of marijuana/cannabis remains unlawful under federal law, and marijuana/cannabis is currently classified as a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning that according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), it has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and therefore may not be prescribed, administered, or dispensed for medical use; and

WHEREAS this conflict between state and federal law has placed the cities of King County in an untenable situation, and has created both public safety and land use regulation challenges for cities; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Medical Association and the Washington State Pharmacy and other institutions support reclassification of marijuana/cannabis; and

WHEREAS Governor Gregoire has filed a petition with the DEA seeking to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical marijuana/cannabis as a Schedule II controlled substance, backed by substantiated peer-reviewed scientific evidence; and

WHEREAS reclassification of medical marijuana/cannabis would allow qualified patients to obtain medication through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and pharmacy dispensing; and

WHEREAS such a system would remove legal ambiguities, and remove substantial law enforcement and regulatory burdens from cities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Suburban Cities Association supports reclassification of marijuana/cannabis as a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act, and urges the DEA to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify marijuana/cannabis.

Dated this ___ Day of _____, 2012.

On behalf of Suburban Cities Association

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Plaque to former Mayor Terry Anderson (5 minutes)**

By: Mayor Tony Anderson

- **Council confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Joe Adamack to the Planning Commission (5 minutes)**

By: Mayor Tony Anderson

- **Highline Community Coalition (10 minutes)**

By: Des Moines Deputy Mayor Matt Pina / Burien Deputy Mayor Rose Clark / Normandy Park Councilmember Shawn McEvoy

- **Auburn Youth Resources (5 minutes)**

By: Executive Director Jim Blanchard

- **Seattle Southside Visitors Services (5 minutes)**

By: Executive Director Katherine Kertzman

- **Washington Department of Ecology (10 minutes)**

By: Soil Safety Program Coordinator Amy Hargrove



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 24, 2012
To: City of SeaTac Mayor and Council
From: Kristina Gregg, City Clerk *KGG*
Subject: Confirmation of Appointment

Please be advised that the following individual's application went before the Mayor and Council at the February 14, 2012 Regular Council Meeting for consideration of appointment and will go before the Council at the February 28, 2012 Special Council Meeting for confirmation of appointment.

Appointment:

Planning Commission:

- Joe Adamack to fill an unexpired term ending September 13, 2013

Cc: Community and Economic Development Director Cindy Baker
Senior Planner Michael Scarey

**PAYROLL/CLAIMS VOUCHERS WERE SENT
ELECTRONICALLY TO THE CITY COUNCIL
A HARD COPY OF THE VOUCHERS
CAN BE VIEWED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

SUMMARY OF PURCHASE REQUESTS \$5,000-\$35,000
For February 28, 2012 - Regular Council Meeting
Period ended February 22, 2012

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>BARS Number</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Ivory Enterprises - Picnic Tables	Parks & Rec	110.000.12.576.10.35.000	\$20,830	\$20,830	\$15,978	16 Picnic Tables for North SeaTac Park & Valley Ridge Park
ESRI GIS Annual Software Maintenance & Support	Finance/IS	001.000.04.518.88.48.050	\$17,082	\$17,082	\$17,082	Yearly software maintenance and technical support for GIS software; Not available from another vendor.
Funding for Small Business Development Center at Highline Community College	CED/Ec Dev	001.000.13.559.90.41.099	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Annual Contribution in Partnership with Highline Community College and the cities of Burien, Des Moines & Tukwila
Kustom Signals - Traffic Radar Equipment	Police	001.000.08.521.20.51.026	\$5,725	\$5,725	\$5,725	Traffic Radar Equipment partially funded with WASPC grant of \$4,400; Kustom Signals is the WASPC approved vendor for traffic radar equipment and Officers are already trained on equipment. This purchase replaces defective equipment.

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS \$500 OR GREATER
For February 28, 2012 - Regular Council Meeting
Period ended February 22, 2012

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
North Highline Fire District	1983 Koger Light Trailer (6 ft), with generator, telescoping floodlights and storage for rehab supplies. For SeaTac Fire Explorers. S/N 589; License Plate #54220D	\$4,000 (Estimated)