

## Large City Advisory Committee Statement of purpose

The AWC Board of Directors seeks information, data, and insight from large cities to identify training, technical assistance, education and advocacy needs of large cities. The Committee will provide input to inform the legislative priorities setting process and the board of directors as it sets the course for future activities and services.

The AWC Board of Directors recognizes the value of exploring new strategies to better respond to the needs of larger cities; and to create a forum to discuss and seek resolution to issues and services of greatest interest to the state's largest cities.

- The Large City Advisory Committee consists of 11 city officials. Positions are filled by mayors, city councilmembers, and/or city managers/administrators, appointed by the AWC President for two-year terms. The President takes into consideration whether city officials are from eastern or western Washington to ensure that a good mix of cities are represented.
  - Three positions will be filled by representatives from cities over 200,000 in population
  - Two positions will be filled by representatives from cities between 100,000 and 200,000 in population
  - Six positions will be filled by representatives from cities between 50,000 and 100,000 in population

The committee will meet at least twice per year.

- The AWC President will appoint a chair from the AWC Board of Directors and a vice chair from among the members of the committee. The chair will preside over the meetings and the vice chair will preside in the chair's absence.
- Intergovernmental relations representatives (IGR's) employed directly or by contract are invited to attend meetings of the committee. IGR's are not members of the committee, have no voting authority, nor may they act in place of the appointed city member.
- The Large City Advisory Committee's ongoing purpose includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - Identify and provide information and data about policy and operational issues and needs of interest to large cities
  - Identify education, services and training needs unique to large city interests
  - Provide input to AWC Legislative Priorities Committee
  - Provide input to AWC Federal Legislative Committee
  - Provide outreach to other large cities to encourage their engagement with AWC's programs particularly advocacy and education efforts

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