Pending amendments to the proposed Statement of Policy

The Statement of Policy, as recommended by the Statement of Policy Committee, is subject to approval by voting delegates at the AWC Business Meeting on June 20, 2024. Per the AWC Bylaws, members wishing to propose amendments were required to do so 24 hours in advance of the Business Meeting. The following amendments were submitted by the deadline.

Any member proposing an amendment must attend the Business Meeting (in person or online) in order to move their amendment and speak to it.

#	Page #/Section	Amendment	Submitted by
Sect	tion: Core Principles		
1	Page 3, Equity and opportunity	Change to: We acknowledge that racism and inequities exist in our communities, governments, and institutions; and that Prejudice and unequal treatment undermine opportunities and exclude people from changes to contribute, lead, and succeed.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
2	Page 3, Equity and opportunity	Change to: Cities and towns commit to approaches that eliminate systemic inequities of equal opportunity and merit-based systems so that each member of the community can thrive.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
Sect	tion: Infrastructure		
3	Page 5, Municipal Buildings	Change to: Expanding funding to maintain and upgrade municipal buildings such as libraries, fire and police stations, jails , and community centers.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
Sect	tion: Economic developm	ent	
4	Page 6, Funding	Change to: Strengthening, expanding, and making less restrictive Preserving tax increment financing as a tool to fund public infrastructure that supports economic development.	Councilmember Mike Brandstetter, Lakewood
5	Page 6	Add Bullet: Limit escalating minimum wage requirements to protect small businesses and enhance economic development."	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
Sect	tion: Health and human s	ervices	
6	Page 7, 1 st paragraph	Change to: AWC supports creation of additional capacity at all levels of the behavioral health continuum, with emphasis on increasing capacity at the state institutional level (Eastern and Western State Hospitals) and including community-based treatment, crisis first response and crisis stabilization, inpatient and outpatient treatment options that are timely accessible to all, and substance use prevention.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
Sect	tion: Public safety and cri	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
7	Page 8, 1 st paragraph, second sentence	Change to: Cities cannot meet the expanding need for public safety, criminal justice, and behavioral health services with dwindling fiscal resources, and therefore cities support establishing additional tools for municipal revenue and eliminating existing restrictions on local revenue sources.	Councilmember Robin Kurowski, Colville
8	Page 8, Criminal justice	Change to: Providing ongoing funding for therapeutic courts, diversion programs, community courts, and alternative court models.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville
9	Page 8, Criminal justice	Add Bullet: Commit to programs that adhere to 'Broken Windows Theory' of law enforcement.	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville

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Sect	Section: Affordable housing and homelessness					
10	Page 11, Affordable	Change to: Increasing funding for statewide programs that support the development of	Mayor Jack Smith,			
	housing	affordable and middle-income housing for cities of all sizes and circumstances.	Colville			
Sect	Section: Environment					
11	Page 12, Climate change	Change to: Supporting statewide carbon reduction efforts that meet the principles described above. Repealing the Climate Commitment Act and supporting all forms of	Mayor Jack Smith, Colville			
		clean energy including, fossil, nuclear, and hydropower.				
12	Page 12, Climate change	Change to: Encouraging and provide resources for community sustainability and resilience planning and implementation.	Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond			