



City of
OLYMPIA

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To Whom It May Concern:

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As a member of the ad hoc committee that chose the Institute for Law and Policy Planning to study our municipal court and jail, I believe ILPP did an exceptional job of identifying our weaknesses, as well as our strengths. It is easy to say ILPP's report came in on time and within budget, because, of course, it did. More important, the report was thorough and offered realistic recommendations (not a recipe) to serious problems plaguing both our jail and court.

Alan Kalmanoff's two presentations to the City Council on behalf of ILPP were well attended and well received by the public, staff, and the Council. Kalmanoff was totally straightforward about everything he found, including raising an immediate "red flag" concerning our overcrowded jail and possible liability issues.

ILPP's report compelled the Council to study their own law and justice philosophy, and a full day's retreat was devoted to just that. As a consequence, the Council was able to send a clear message to staff and the public regarding any changes in direction and policy. The ILPP report was the guide the Council used for this process, and to the extent possible, ILPP's recommendations are now part of both our short-term and long-term court and jail plans.

I chose ILPP as the consultant for the City of Olympia because I believed they would provide recommendations that we would be able to use. I did not want another consultant's report just to fill space on the shelf. I am very pleased with the results.

Sincerely,



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