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**TO:** Governor Jay Inslee

**COMPANY:** State of Washington

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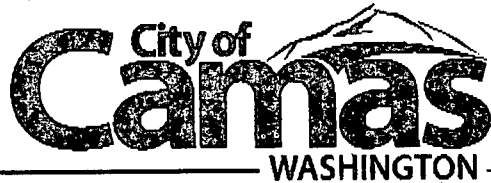
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**SUBJECT:** Letter – Performance Audit Program Funding

**FROM:** Scott Higgins, Mayor

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

By: hr



Office of the Mayor

April 1, 2016

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98501-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

The City of Camas requests that you veto the line items in the budget submitted to you by the legislature that diverts \$22.6 million from the Performance Audit Program in the State Auditor's Office. The Local Government Performance Center, a part of that program, has been a valuable resource to Cities and Counties across the state.

We currently have a consultant contracted through the Local Government Performance Center that is assisting us with a Lean Process to improve our Budget Management System and training our future in-house Lean Facilitators at the same time. These in-house Lean Facilitators, with some additional help from the consultant, will review and improve the services that we provide to citizens of Camas on a continuous basis. Upon the Legislature's passage of the budget, our consultant's contract was terminated and we have an unfinished project. We may be able to work with a Lean Facilitator from the State Auditor's Office or delay the work until next year and try to get it in our 2017 budget. Either way, we will lose the momentum and enthusiasm for this important work.

The Lean Process and other programs offered at the Local Government Performance Center first improved the efficiency and effectiveness of many departments in State Government. Now they are being offered to local agencies to continuously improve and provide better service to the citizens of Washington. We believe this is a valuable program to the local agencies in the State of Washington and the citizens they serve. We encourage you to line item veto those cuts and restore this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott Higgins,  
Mayor

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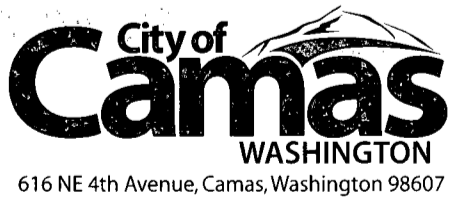
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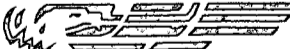


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