

# WATOA NEWS



## APRIL WORKSHOP REVIEW

Friday, April 28, 2006

### Woodinville City Hall

Presentations Made By:

Jim Haggerton, City of Tukwila, City Council and Technology Committee of the National League of Cities

Victoria Lincoln, Association of Washington Cities

U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee, staffer Brian Peters

Debbie Luppold, Comcast

Petra Redchuk, Government Relations, Charter

Members received updates on legislative issues and a visit from



Congressman  
Jay Inslee



Thank you to all presenters, participants and the

City of Woodinville for a successful conference.

### Brian Wilson Memorial Scholarship Entry due May 31st!

A \$600.00 scholarship is available to attend the 2006 NATOA conference in Florida.

Visit [www.watoa.org](http://www.watoa.org) for complete entry details.

## WATOA in Action!

**Eastern Washington Conference to be held in Yakima** in October. Members we need your input and preferences. Would you like to attend a Thursday/Friday conference or a Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday conference the first week of October. Yakima has many wonderful events in October. One of them is the Hop Festival occurring on Saturday evening. There is the Farmers Market downtown, wine tasting rooms, and shopping. The conference will be held in the new Yakima Garden Hilton Hotel. Please contact a board member before June 1st so arrangements can be firmed up. Thank you.

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HR5252

At the WATOA website are postings from the City of Tacoma regarding comments for HR5252., known also as the COPE ACT. Please encourage your City Councils to adopt Resolutions and send letters in opposition to National Franchising. Support Net Neutrality and maintain local Right of Way authority.

S. 2686

WATOA is invited to comment on the Steven's bill S. 2686 with a due date of May 22nd. Please provide your comments to Judy or David by May 16th for inclusion in the letter.

Members, now is not the time to stop providing the House and Senate local views. Industry continues to lobby and send letters on their position. Please check the watoa and natoa websites regularly for updates. This legislation is moving fast. We need to continue to be diligent.

Thank you.

## NATOA NEWS

**COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS - NATOA Encourages Local Governments to Communicate with Elected Officials. Visit [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org) for examples and information. The Policy/Advocacy page has information on Senate Commerce Telecom Staff contact list, draft letters, and legislative issue updates.**

**NATOA Annual Conference  
August 22-26 in Orlando, Florida**

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