

RESOLUTION R-4905

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2012 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, actions of the State Legislature in respect to local government issues, services and funding have a profound impact upon the ability of local governments to provide adequate local services; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports legislation that promotes the City Council's goals and protects the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland seeks to defend against state revenue reductions or legislation that hamper the City's ability to complete the Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate-area annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland seeks to protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council opposes the imposition of new mandates that draw on City resources and opposes any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council believes it appropriate to set forth its position as to issues affecting local government operations coming before the State Legislature during its 2012 session, including issues which the City Council requests the State Legislature to consider;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland 2012 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2012 Legislative Agenda" attached hereto as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated herein, are hereby adopted as Kirkland's recommendation to the 2012 Session of the State Legislature.

Section 2. The "2012 Legislative Support Agenda" attached hereto as Exhibit B and by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby adopted as reflecting the City's support of the policy principles underlying selected priority legislative items of the City's ally organizations. Formal City support of items on this list is contingent

upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

Section 3. The City administration shall transmit the 2012 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates, to members of the State Legislature representing the legislative districts in which Kirkland is located, together with other members of the State Legislature and to the Association of Washington Cities, the Suburban Cities Association and other ally organizations.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3rd day of January, 2012.

Signed in authentication thereof this 3rd day of January, 2012.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk



**CITY OF KIRKLAND  
2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**General Principles**

Kirkland supports legislation to promote the City Council's goals and protect the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

- Defend against state revenue reductions or legislation that hamper the City's ability to complete the Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate-area annexation. (Keep State Annexation Sales Tax Credit)
- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals.

**City of Kirkland 2012 Legislative Priorities**

1. Kirkland opposes new mandates that draw on City resources, and opposes any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities.
2. Kirkland supports legislation securing financial assistance to construct the Public Safety Building which will consolidate public safety services and adequately serve the City after annexation.
3. Kirkland supports preserving all options for future use of the BNSF corridor, and state financial assistance to implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.
4. Kirkland supports solutions to transfer fire hydrant-related costs from the City's General Fund to other more appropriate sources.
5. Kirkland supports legislation providing cities with financing options to support public/private partnerships (including flexibility in the use of existing tax sources)
6. Kirkland supports legislation amending RCW 82.02.060 to eliminate cities' obligation to pay impact fees from qualifying public funds when exempting low-income housing from impact fee requirements.
7. Kirkland supports legislation allowing cities the same fire benefit charge authority that fire districts receive under RCW 52.18.010.
8. Kirkland supports the State funding mitigation to communities impacted by diversion caused by tolling of state facilities.



**CITY OF KIRKLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA**

Kirkland generally supports the policy principles of the items below, however, formal City support is contingent upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

**2012 Legislative Support**

**Legislation on Kirkland's "Support" agenda from 2011**

- Support brown grease to energy conversion legislation and programs.
- Support modification of the Washington State Department of Licensing's (DOL) implementation of the Commercial Driver's License process.
- Support legislation providing for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted drugs from residential sources through a producer provided and funded product stewardship program.
- Support an amendment to RCW 46.68.090 that would allocate gas tax revenues between counties and cities based on a per capita allocation rather than the current fixed percentages.
- Support legislation that would allow cities access to the State Department of Labor and Industries data as a means of verifying local business tax payments.

Additionally, Kirkland supports selected items of the 2012 legislative agendas for the following organizations:

**Association of Washington Cities**

**1. Help our communities drive job growth**

- Invest in building and maintaining critical infrastructure, thus creating jobs. For example, the Public Works Trust Fund should be held harmless or enhanced.
- Reform the SEPA process to streamline it and better align it with other environmental reviews, reducing regulatory costs and spurring development that will create jobs.
- Enable tax increment financing authorities to support public-private economic development partnerships that will foster job-creating growth.
- Support workforce training and education programs, such as the Governor's aerospace initiative.

**2. Give cities revenue flexibility to meet community needs**

- Continue revenue sharing that helps pay for public safety and other critical services.
- Ease restrictions on how local governments can spend their own revenue to best meet local needs, and preserve local taxing authority that reflects community priorities.
- Explore new opportunities for funding local priorities.

**3. Reform policies and regulations to reduce costs and uncertainty**

- Pursue greater regulatory flexibility to reflect reduced resources. For example, the state should ensure that stormwater regulations are both financially and technologically feasible.
- Address public records abuses that drive up local costs without enhancing real transparency or the public's right to know.

- Resist transferring state responsibilities to local government without adequate funding or resources.
- Provide more clarity on the medical marijuana law to give local government better guidance on how to address this issue.
- Look for opportunities to address unsustainable personnel costs, such as modifying binding interest arbitration.

## **Transportation Issues**

### **Transportation Choices Coalition**

- Safe and Flexible Street Design (HB1700) - Allows flexibility for cities, counties and developers to use updated guidelines for designing for bike and pedestrian uses, to increase safety and reduce costs of projects.
- Transportation Goal of Public Health (Rep. Billig) - Adds health to Washington's six transportation goals to integrate health in transportation policy, planning and investments, in order to reduce chronic diseases, reduce motor-vehicle-related injury and deaths, and ensuring transportation access for all people.
- Neighborhood Safe Speeds Bill (HB1217) - Provides cities and counties the authority to establish 20 mph zones on some non-arterial streets to lower accident rates and protect vulnerable users. The chances of dying from a collision with a car at 20 miles per hour are 5% compared to the 45% chance of death in a similar impact at 30 miles per hour.
- Peer to Peer Car Sharing (Rep. Hudgins) - Removes barriers to peer to peer car sharing (P2P), clearing the way for more pioneering companies to set up shop in Washington. P2P car sharing empowers people to travel more efficiently and cause a shift from personal to shared transport. It can trim emissions, traffic accidents, fuel costs, need for costly parking, while it generates income for car owners, and stimulates the local economy.
- Mileage Based Insurance (Rep. Ryu) - Promotes insurance policies that base premiums on miles driven. This policy offers the opportunity to improve the accuracy of auto insurance ratings, which is fairer and more economically efficient.

### **Bicycle Alliance of Washington**

- HB 1700, which would encourage higher-quality bike and pedestrian facilities.
- HB 1217, which would give cities and counties the authority to establish 20 mph zones.
- The Transportation for Washington funding package.
- Funding for the Complete Streets bill passed in 2011.
- A 3-5' safe passing bill and, if so, build a coalition of support.
- Work on the US Bicycle Route System (USBRS) in Washington State.
- Revise Department of Ecology's storm-water rules that currently inhibit widening shoulders or adding bikes lanes due to the creation of additional impervious surface, ability to mitigate, and cost.

## **Human Services Issues**

### **Eastside Human Services Forum**

#### **1. Preserving Services for Basic Needs**

- Maintain programs that provide basic needs for all residents, such as food (State Food

Assistance Program for legal immigrants health care (the Basic Health Plan, Children's Health), and mental health counseling (Medicaid and non-Medicaid funds).

- Maintain funding for the Washington Information Network (WIN) 2-1-1.

2. Preventing and Ending Homelessness

- Maintain the State investment in the Housing Trust Fund.
- Ensure adequate funding for the Home Security Fund, generated by fees on the recording of real estate documents. These funds provide resources for an array of effective programs, such as homelessness prevention and other services.
- Maintain the Housing and Essential Needs Program that replaced the Disability Lifeline.

3. Supporting Early Learning and School Readiness

- Maintain the current investment in home visiting funding for evidence-based home visiting programs such as Healthy Start.
- Protect current investments in early learning for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), WaKids (the new State kindergarten learning assessment), the WA State Child Care Resource & Referral Network, and the Working Connections Child Care Program.

4. Supporting the Most Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities

- Support services that enable older adults to remain in their homes and in the community.
- Protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect.
- Maintain medical services for older adults and people with disabilities and their families.

5. Other Issues

- Support the Local Government Flexibility and Impact Fee Exemption Bill (HB 1398/SB 5524).
- Preserve funding for naturalization services.
- Maintain Funding for medical interpretation.

**Bellevue Network on Aging**

*The Bellevue Network on Aging 2012 legislative agenda, as approved at their 11/3 meeting, is:*

- Provide support services that enable adults to stay in their homes.
- Protect older adults from abuse and neglect.
- Maintain medical services for older adults.

**Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging**

*As of the December 21 drafting of this memo, the WAA has yet listed a 2012 legislative agenda.*

**Washington Low Income Housing Alliance/Washington Coalition for the Homeless**

*(These groups have merged and have a joint agenda)*

1. Invest/add more dollars to the Housing Trust Fund.
2. Provide opportunity for Washington's most vulnerable.
  - Preserve the Housing & Essential Needs Program.
3. Protect Revenue to Fight Homelessness.
  - Support HB 2048/Kenney and SB 5952/Kohl-Welles (document recording fee increase).
4. Remove Barriers to Housing.

- Enact the Fair Tenant Screening Act - SB 5952 (Kohl-Welles) – to require transparent and fair reporting standards.
5. Support affordable housing policies
- Impact Fee Waiver for Affordable Housing: HB 1398/Fitzgibbon and SB 5524/White.
  - Allow DOH access to transient housing to conduct inspections (inspection of substandard lodgings).
  - Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act Clarification: HB 1566/Lias, and SB 5433/Fraser.
  - Protect Youth Aging Out of Foster Care.
  - Protect Washington's Housing Trust Fund Investments: HB 1699/Kenney.
  - Protect TANF and the families that rely on this important program.
  - Replicate innovative and cost-saving approaches to addresses chronic homelessness: HB 1957/Goodman.

## **Environmental Issues**

### **Environmental Priorities Coalition**

- Toxic-Free Kids: Protecting Children's Health from cancer-causing flame retardants and help put businesses on the path to using chemicals that won't harm health, the environment, or their bottom line.
- Fulfill our Clean Energy Initiative: Sustain the success of I-937 in bringing investments, jobs and economic development throughout Washington.
- Pollution-Free Prosperity: Prevent attempts to weaken, delay or rollback state environmental laws and programs that are critical for clean air, clean water and healthy communities.

## **Water Issues**

- WRIA 8 support (*if legislation comes forward...*)
- Support legislation to establish a sustainable funding mechanism to implement the Puget Sound Partnership agenda including funding for projects, programs, permitting and monitoring related to storm water pollution.
- Authorize legislation for creation of multipurpose Watershed Districts.

## **Public Safety Issues**

### **Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs**

- Security Alarm System and Vacation Watch Program Information Exempted from Public Disclosure/ HB 1234/HB 5244.
- Supplemental Budget 2012/WASPC Operating Budget and Preservation of the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority.
- DNA Collection upon Arrest/HB 1369.
- Extending Statute of Limitations for Trafficking in Stolen Property from 3 to 6 years

### **Washington Fire Chiefs Association**

1. EMS simple majority elections (50% plus 1) for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Levies and Benefit Charge elections.
2. Funding for State Fire Training Academy at North Bend, WA.

3. Volunteer pension benefits & eligibility.

There are three issues on this subject and WFC supports all three. 1) Formalizing the expansion of the definition of volunteer Firefighter as it is applied today; 2) Establishing a "reserve officer" disability system for non-traditional volunteers; and 3) A credit service buy-back option.

4. CBRNE: funded regional hazardous materials incident response teams.

*Via letter co-signed by fire service leaders, the WCFA will formally put this issue on hold. The letter will be posted on the WFCFA Legislative share point site.*

5. Labor Law Issue (mediation & arbitration, workplace safety)

## Parks Issues

### Washington Recreation and Parks Association

- Protect WWRP dollars.
- Complete Streets funding in any transportation package – and an overall "Healthy & Sustainable Communities" line item (protect public health funding, etc.).
- Non-highway funds "cap removal" in any transportation package.
- Refinements to Discover Pass to ensure confidence in the program (likely changes to transferability, etc.).
- Intervention/prevention components of Gangs Prevention legislation.
- Monitor Impact Fee legislation (mandating collection at sale/closing).
- Metropolitan Park District levy "suppression" adjustments (if brought forward).

## Planning Issues

### Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association

- Enable Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Provide new local revenue and financing options for cities and counties to support growth, community revitalization, natural resource conservation and housing affordability.
- Amend SEPA and other state laws to facilitate "shovel ready" projects.
- Require Special Purpose Districts to plan under GMA.
- Require State Agencies to plan under GMA.
- Clarify and connect state Climate Change goals to regional plans and local actions, including the following:
  - Amend RCW 47.80 to require that reductions in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions be addressed regionally.
  - Amend RCW 36.70A.020(10) to recognize the role that compact urban development and multimodal transportation play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Amend RCW 36.70A.070 (6) to include multimodal transportation strategies and highlight transit-oriented development (TOD) as a strategy to create compact, complete and connected communities.