RESOLUTION <u>R-4982</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1, PARKS LEVY, FOR FUNDING PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, voters in King County will decide, whether to approve Proposition No. 1, the King County Parks Levy, to fund parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space; and

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to impose an additional property tax of \$0.1877 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2014 and authorize increases by the percentage change in the consumer price index or the limitation in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater, for the succeeding five years; and

WHEREAS, the property tax levy authorized by this Proposition would replace two expiring voter-approved levies for funding parks and recreation maintenance and operation, open space acquisition, asset management and improvement; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the Proposition would provide funding for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's park system; improving parks, recreation and mobility by acquiring open space and continuing to develop regional trails; repairing, replacing and improving local parks and trails in King County cities; funding environmental education, maintenance, conservation and capital programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from Proposition No. 1 would provide direct funding to the City of Kirkland for local parks projects; fund the operation and maintenance of Big Finn Hill Park and Juanita Woodlands Park, which are County regional parks located in the City of Kirkland; and fund planning and partial development of a trail on the Eastside Rail Corridor which connects to the Cross Kirkland Corridor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for King County Proposition No. 1 authorizing a property tax levy to fund parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space; and

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council supports King County Proposition No. 1, Parks Levy, to fund parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote "yes" on King County Proposition No. 1.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 4th day of June, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 4th day of June, 2013.

Joe Nell

Attest:

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