

RESOLUTION R-5027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2014 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 residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland seeks to protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit, 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 unfunded 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 seeks to defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including business and occupation and telecommunication taxes; 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 2014 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 2014 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2014 Legislative Agenda" attached as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are adopted as Kirkland's recommendation to the 2014 Session of the State Legislature.

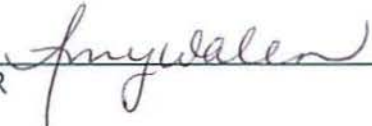
Section 2. The "2014 Legislative Support Agenda" attached as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference, is adopted as reflecting the City's support of the policy principles underlying selected priority legislative items of the City's ally organizations. Formal City support of

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 2014 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 Sound Cities Association and other ally organizations.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 7th day of January, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of January, 2014.

MAYOR 

Attest:


City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2014 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.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit, 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.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.
- Oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities.
- Defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including business and occupation and telecommunication taxes.

City of Kirkland 2014 Legislative Priorities

1. Kirkland supports providing state and local transportation revenue to maintain infrastructure investments, fund transit agencies and complete projects that enhance economic vitality.
2. Kirkland supports \$5 million in funding for the next phase of the I-405 / NE 132 Interchange ramp design and for the I-405 / NE 132 Interchange to be included in any statewide transportation package.
3. Kirkland supports continued state financial assistance and other tools that further the development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.
4. Kirkland supports restoring funding to the Public Works Assistance Account that was swept in 2013.
5. Kirkland supports restoring local liquor revenue sharing formulas in order to adequately fund public safety and other local impacts of liquor consumption.
6. Kirkland supports sharing marijuana revenue to address public safety needs and other local impacts.
7. Kirkland supports harmonizing medical marijuana regulations to reflect recreational marijuana regulations.
8. Kirkland opposes legislation that proposes lending products or practices that adversely impact the middle class and the poor.



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2014 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA

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Exhibit B

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.

2014 Legislative Support

Legislation on Kirkland's Support agenda from 2013

- Support legislation to enable local funding sources for multi-benefit watershed projects.
- Support providing cities with financing options to support public/private partnerships.
- Support brown grease to energy conversion legislation and programs.
- 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.

Additionally, Kirkland supports selected items of the 2014 legislative agendas for the following organizations:

Association of Washington Cities

Ensure fiscal sustainability and flexibility

- Restore local liquor revenue sharing to the historic revenue sharing formulas.
- Share new marijuana revenue.

Foster and invest in infrastructure and economic development

- Fund transportation needs now, including providing new local transportation options.
- Halt and refrain from raiding infrastructure funds like the Public Works Trust Fund and Model Toxics Control Accounts and build them back to health

Transportation Issues

Eastside Transportation Partnership

- *(As of December 19th, there is not yet a draft 2014 agenda available)*

Transportation Choices Coalition

- *(As of December 19th, there is not yet a draft 2014 agenda available)*

Washington Bikes (formerly Bicycle Alliance of Washington)

- Investments that get Washingtonians where they want to go via safe routes to schools, complete streets, and trails and bikeways.
- Reducing student transportation costs by increasing safe routes to schools
- Addressing intersection safety, including clarifying how cars should cross bike lanes at intersections, approving bike head signals for everyday use(traffic lights), and consolidating groups of cyclists to pass through intersections

Human Services Issues

Eastside Human Services Forum

- **Increase Access to Basic Needs:**
 - Support local option investments in public transportation that are sustainable, flexible, and distributed directly to public transit agencies to meet local and regional priorities.
- **Prevent and End Homelessness:**
 - Protect the State investment in the Housing Trust Fund by continuing to make new investments in 2014 that address the growing need for homes affordable to low-income families and individuals. Strengthen the process for identifying which programs are funded, to reflect equity principles and sound investments.
 - Repeal sunset of document recording fees. If the document recording fees are not extended beyond 2015, King County homeless housing programs will face a \$6.6 million reduction.
- **Support the Most Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities:**
 - Maintain the investment in Family Caregiver Support.
 - Expand community based respite for family care givers.

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

- *(As of December 19th, there is not yet a draft 2014 agenda available)*

Environmental Issues

Environmental Priorities Coalition

- *(As of December 19th, there is not yet a draft 2014 agenda available)*

Northwest Product Stewardship Council

- While the NPSC does not develop a legislative agenda, the NPSC does advocate in support of the principles of product stewardship and producer responsibility in policies and legislation.

Water Issues

WRIA 8

- Thank state legislators for \$70 million for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund, of which WRIA 8 received \$1.4 million to award as grants.
- Thank state legislators for continued funding for salmon recovery Lead Entities

Cascade Water Alliance

- **High Efficiency Toilet Legislation:** Cascade proposes a measure that would require By January 1, 2014, toilets sold or installed in this state must be high efficiency toilets that go beyond the current standard (1.6 gallons per flush) and use less than 1.3 gallons per flush, which would, if every home in the US replaced old toilets with new high efficiency toilets would save more than 900 billion gallons of water per year.

Public Safety Issues

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

- Law Enforcement Officer Accountability Act
- Changes to misdemeanor probable cause arrests (Ortega fix)
- Legislation that would require all licensed liquor establishments to report to the Liquor Control Board their losses due to theft, breakage, or other causes

Washington Fire Chiefs Association

- Oppose Ambulance Billing Direct to Patient (HB 1263)
- Regional Fire Authority Bills:
 - Allowing municipality to form RFA (HB 1654 / SB 5520)

Parks Issues

Washington Recreation and Parks Association

- Protect WWRP funding in 2014 Capital Budget
- Support Department of Revenue (DOR) request legislation on "Amusement and Recreation Services" sales taxes
- Advocate for key "Safe and Healthy Communities" needs, local funding, and "lid removal" in any Transportation Investment Package worked on in late 2013 or 2014
- Support general-obligation bonds to restore a prior-year diversion of funds from the Recreation Resource Account (RRA)

Planning Issues

Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association

- *(As of December 19th, there is not yet a draft 2014 agenda available)*