

RESOLUTION R-5078

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2015 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 2015 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:

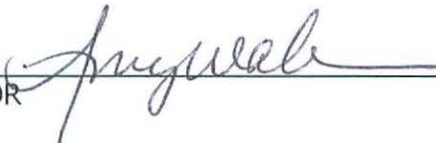
Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Agenda" attached as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are adopted as Kirkland's recommendation to the 2015 Session of the State Legislature.

Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2015 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 21st day of October, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 21st day of October, 2014.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 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 2015 Legislative Priorities**

- Kirkland supports providing state and local transportation revenue to maintain infrastructure investments, transit agency funding flexibility, and complete projects that enhance economic vitality, particularly the SR 520 corridor.
- Kirkland supports including funding in any statewide transportation package for the I-405 / NE 132 Interchange Ramp project in the Totem Lake Designated Urban Center: \$75 million
- 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.
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for any of the following multimodal safety investments.
  1. Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Investments: \$1,350,000
  2. Cross Kirkland Corridor to Redmond Central Connector: \$750,000
  3. NE 52nd Street Sidewalk: \$1,068,600
- Kirkland supports giving cities flexibility to help site marijuana retail facilities and supports sharing marijuana revenue with cities that allow marijuana retail facilities in order to address public safety and other local impacts.
- Kirkland supports allowing additional Sound Transit revenue authority and that such authority may also be used to fund trail development and alternative transportation along the Eastside Rail Corridor.
- Kirkland supports allowing both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap, currently fixed at 1 percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.