

RESOLUTION R-5100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
RELATING TO COMBATING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
THROUGH REDUCING DEMAND, DETERRENCE AND PREVENTION.

1 WHEREAS, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking
2 Prevention month; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council is committed to public
5 safety, health and well-being, and economic growth within the City of
6 Kirkland; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is illegal to purchase or sell sex in the City of
9 Kirkland, King County and the State of Washington; and
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11 WHEREAS, commercial sexual exploitation – which includes sex
12 trafficking – threatens the safety and well-being of the children and
13 vulnerable adults being purchased or trafficked; and
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15 WHEREAS, commercial sexual exploitation also threatens our
16 community values and the success of our legitimate business
17 community; and
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19 WHEREAS, the vast majority of purchased sex is brokered online,
20 with thousands of new ads posted each week in various escort services
21 sections of websites where young girls are often being advertised; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council is committed to promoting
24 a safe and healthy community, upholding the rule of law, taking a strong
25 position against human trafficking, and supporting efforts to combat
26 human trafficking and reduce commercial sexual exploitation.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
29 of Kirkland as follows:
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31 Section 1. The City of Kirkland continues to collaborate with
32 Eastside cities, County, state and federal partners, to combat the
33 commercial sexual exploitation of our children and vulnerable adults,
34 and mitigate the associated public safety, economic and health risks to
35 our City.
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37 Section 2. The City of Kirkland supports the partnership with
38 and initiatives of the King County Prosecuting Attorney Office to reduce
39 the demand for commercial sex.
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41 Section 3. The City of Kirkland is committed to providing for the
42 safety, health and well-being, of our entire community and therefore
43 supports age-appropriate, community-wide prevention and education
44 programs regarding the danger of the commercial sex industry.

45 Section 4. The City of Kirkland's anti-trafficking strategies will be
46 survivor-informed and comprehensive, holding sex buyers and pimps
47 accountable, while providing exit strategies and options for prostituted
48 individuals.

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50 Section 5. The City Council members hold themselves and City
51 employees to the highest ethical standards and promote a culture of
52 intolerance toward purchasing a human being for sex.

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55 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
56 meeting this 20th day of January, 2015.

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58 Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of January, 2015.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk