

RESOLUTION R-5169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2016 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, actions of the State Legislature in respect to local
2 government issues, services and funding have a profound impact upon
3 the ability of local governments to provide adequate local services; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports legislation that
6 promotes the City Council's goals and protects the City's ability to
7 provide basic municipal services to its residents; and
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9 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland seeks to protect shared state
10 revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation
11 Sales Tax Credit, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the
12 use of existing revenues; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports long-term
15 sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and
16 transportation goals; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council opposes the imposition of
19 unfunded mandates that draw on City resources and opposes any
20 further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities;
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23 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council believes it appropriate to
24 set forth its position as to issues affecting local government operations
25 coming before the State Legislature during its 2016 session, including
26 issues which the City Council requests the State Legislature to consider.
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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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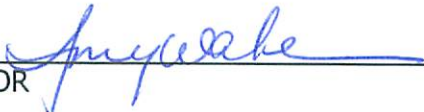
31 Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland 2016
32 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2016 Legislative
33 Agenda" attached as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are
34 adopted as Kirkland's recommendation to the 2016 Session of the State
35 Legislature.
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37 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2016
38 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates, to
39 members of the State Legislature representing the legislative districts in
40 which Kirkland is located, together with other members of the State
41 Legislature and to the Association of Washington Cities, the Sound Cities
42 Association and other ally organizations.
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44 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
45 meeting this 17th day of November, 2015.

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Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of November,
2015.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2016 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.

City of Kirkland 2016 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new policies and funding tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Allow local jurisdictions the option to impose a demolition fee to be dedicated toward construction of affordable housing;
 - Allow local jurisdictions to impose up to an additional 0.25% real estate excise tax (REET) specifically for investments in affordable housing;
 - Allow local jurisdictions to authorize a local option tax exemption to preserve affordability;
 - Allocate additional resources for mental health and substance use disorder treatment;
 - Restore the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to pre-recession levels;
 - Identify State-owned property to host authorized encampments, vehicle parking, emergency shelter, and housing; and
 - Ensure the rights of religious organization to host safe parking efforts for the homeless on property owned or controlled by the religious organization
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for a multimodal safety improvement project connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor with the Redmond Central Connector.
- 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.
- Kirkland supports facilitating greater access to rooftop residential and community solar installations by extending the timeframe for state solar incentives in the Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery program.
- Kirkland supports clarifying records retention, disclosure, and use limitations of video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.