

RESOLUTION R-5215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2017 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 counties 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 2017 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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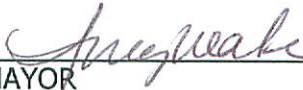
31 Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland 2017
32 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2017 Legislative
33 Agenda," attached as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are
34 adopted as the City's recommendations to the State Legislature during
35 its 2017 session.
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37 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2017
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 18th day of October, 2016.

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Signed in authentication thereof this 18th day of October, 2016.



MAYOR

Attest:



City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2017 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 counties to cities.

City of Kirkland 2017 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Restore the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to pre-recession levels
 - Add affordable housing to the list of eligible projects that can be funded by REET 1 and REET 2
 - Extend document recording fee for housing (eliminate sunset) and increase the fee
- Kirkland supports allowing Kingsgate Park and Ride to be used for an affordable housing Transit Oriented Development.
- Kirkland supports adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.
- Kirkland supports allowing local jurisdictions the option to set a lower taxing limit for a Metropolitan Park District (MPD).
- Kirkland supports capital or transportation 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 updates to the Public Records Act that will:
 - Exempt non-appointed volunteers from records requests, except for responsive records already retained by the jurisdiction
 - Establish a nominal fee for filing records requests and a per document charge for electronic records
 - Create a path to predictability on fines for jurisdictions that make good faith efforts to comply with records requests.