

RESOLUTION R-5265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DECLARING COMMUNITY BUILDING AS A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAM ENHANCING KIRKLAND AS A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CITY.

1 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, Mayor Amy Walen did proclaim
2 Kirkland a safe, inclusive and welcoming city for all people; and
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4 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the City Council did approve
5 Resolution R-5240 also declaring Kirkland a safe, inclusive and
6 welcoming city for all people; and
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8 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the City Council did adopt
9 Ordinance O-4558 relating to sustaining a safe, inclusive and welcoming
10 city and adding a new chapter 3.18 to the Kirkland municipal code; and
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12 WHEREAS, on January 23, 2017, as part of a celebration of the
13 accomplishments of Kirkland neighborhoods and to help generate
14 heightened community interest in neighborhood leadership and
15 participation, Peter Kageyama, author of the well regarded book entitled
16 "For the Love of Cities," addressed over 160 people in Kirkland, including
17 residents, business owners, and elected officials; and
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19 WHEREAS, "For the Love of Cities" addresses the importance of
20 supporting initiatives within cities that help build inclusive, safe and
21 welcoming cities and which encourage citizen engagement and increase
22 affection for Kirkland and its neighborhoods for those who live, work
23 and play in the city; and
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25 WHEREAS, Mr. Kageyama's presentation and his "For the Love
26 of Cities" helped launch a new city initiative known as "For the Love of
27 Kirkland"; and
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29 WHEREAS, on July 30, 2017, and as part of "For the Love of
30 Kirkland," the City held an event called "City Hall for All," directed at
31 building community as well as affirming Kirkland's commitment to being
32 a safe, welcoming and inclusive city, which event included facilitated
33 "community conversations" focused on community ideas for events and
34 projects that could advance those goals; and
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36 WHEREAS, the City Council therefore wishes to create and to
37 direct city staff to administer, in concert with the Kirkland community, a
38 program of events and projects focused on building community and
39 enhancing Kirkland as a safe, welcoming and inclusive community
40 through, among other things, the development of community building
41 tools, such as "Meetings in a Box" toolkits; and
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43 WHEREAS, the City Council further wishes to authorize the
44 payment of speaker honoraria, facilitation, communication materials and

45 related costs for future community building events open to and
46 engaging the public; and

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48 WHEREAS, the City Council further wishes to authorize
49 expenditures for community-building events and projects with micro-
50 grants; and

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52 WHEREAS, the development of such community building tools,
53 the facilitation of future community building events, and the award of
54 community building "micro-grants" for these purposes will result in
55 public benefits that will significantly exceed any incidental benefits that
56 may be received by any groups or individuals in the community.

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58 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
59 of Kirkland as follows:

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61 Section 1. Community building events and projects serve a
62 public purpose and deliver significant public benefits to the city by
63 building community and more cohesive neighborhoods, as well as by
64 fostering the further development of Kirkland as a safe, inclusive and
65 welcoming community as part of a community-driven approach.

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67 Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed,
68 subject to available appropriations, to develop tools and other resource
69 materials for use by community groups and individuals to help build
70 community and meet other Resolution goals.

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72 Section 3. The City Manager is authorized and directed,
73 subject to available appropriations, to pay reasonable speaker honoraria
74 and related event costs for future events open to and engaging the
75 public in ways that build community and meet other Resolution goals.

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77 Section 4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
78 directed, subject to available appropriations, to implement and
79 administer a Community Building "Micro-Grant" program for community
80 building events.

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82 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
83 meeting this 5th day of September, 2017.

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85 Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of September,
86 2017.



Amy Waler, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk