

RESOLUTION R-5270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1, LEVY LID LIFT FOR VETERANS, SENIORS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, voters in King County will
2 decide whether to approve King County Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift
3 For Veterans, Seniors And Vulnerable Populations; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2005 a Veterans and Human Services Levy passed
6 in King County with a nearly fifty-eight percent approval rate, generating
7 much needed funding to help veterans, military personnel and their
8 families and other individuals and families in need across the county
9 through a variety of regional health and human services; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 2011 a renewal of the Veterans and Human
12 Services Levy passed in King County with a nearly sixty-nine percent
13 approval rate and has since served more than one hundred and eighty-
14 three thousand clients, more than thirty thousand of whom have been
15 veterans, military personnel or their families; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Veterans and Human Services Levy has
18 demonstrated accomplishments towards its goals of reducing
19 homelessness, reducing emergency medical and criminal justice
20 involvement, and increasing self-sufficiency for veterans, military
21 personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need; and
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23 WHEREAS, since 2006, the Veterans and Human Services Levy
24 has met these policy goals through a broad array of successful services
25 and programs; and
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27 WHEREAS, the current Veterans and Human Services Levy will
28 expire at the end of 2017 and its importance to maintaining basic health
29 and human services for King County's veterans and vulnerable
30 populations merits continuation; and
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32 WHEREAS, the need for veterans and human services remains
33 high, with approximately one hundred and twelve thousand veterans
34 living in King County and a disproportionate number of veterans
35 experiencing poverty and homelessness; and
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37 WHEREAS, King County has a growing senior population, with
38 eighteen percent of King County residents aged sixty or older, a number
39 that will increase to twenty-five percent of the county population by
40 2040; and

41 WHEREAS, vulnerable seniors face increasing challenges related
42 to chronic health conditions, poverty, social isolation, elder abuse, and
43 the ability to age in place, while funding is not keeping pace with the
44 needs; and

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46 WHEREAS, a significant number of persons or communities in
47 King County continue to be susceptible to reduced health, housing,
48 financial or social stability outcomes because of current experience of
49 or historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias,
50 racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, or chronic illness; and

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52 WHEREAS, given the positive outcomes of the Veterans and
53 Human Services Levy on the lives of veterans, military personnel, their
54 families and other individuals and families in need, and the projected
55 need for sustained veterans and human services funding in the future,
56 it is appropriate to ask the voters to renew and replace the Veterans
57 and Human Services Levy by enhancing the funding generated and
58 adding senior services to those programs eligible to be funded; and

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60 WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17A.555, the City
61 Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for King County
62 Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift For Veterans, Seniors And Vulnerable
63 Populations.

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65 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
66 of Kirkland as follows:

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68 Section 1. The City Council hereby supports King County
69 Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift for Veterans, Seniors and Vulnerable
70 Populations.

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72 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to support the
73 Levy Lid Lift for Veterans, Seniors and Vulnerable Populations ballot
74 measure to ensure continued programs and services to benefit our
75 community and our quality of life.

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77 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
78 meeting this 19th day of September, 2017.

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80 Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of September,
81 2017.


Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk