

RESOLUTION R-5319

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO INTEGRATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MIXED-USE, AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES INTO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATES.

1           WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, the City Council accepted the  
2 recommendations of the Kirkland Housing Strategy Advisory Group as  
3 outlined in the Housing Strategy Plan and adopted the Housing Strategy  
4 Work Program for 2018-2020, implementing those recommendations;  
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7           WHEREAS, the Housing Strategy Plan contains a strong  
8 recommendation that the City Council provide direction to the Planning  
9 Commission, staff, and residents involved in the neighborhood plan  
10 updates that the strategies contained within the Housing Strategy Plan  
11 be used as guiding principles during each neighborhood plan update  
12 process; and

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14           WHEREAS, The Housing Strategy Plan states there should be a  
15 more complete range of housing choices in the community, and that  
16 efforts to increase capacity should create a range of affordable housing  
17 options today and in the future to serve all ages, incomes and abilities  
18 such as people experiencing homelessness, aging seniors, students, a  
19 diverse workforce, and "missing middle" housing; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Housing Strategy Plan identifies the creation of  
22 more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) throughout the City as a critical  
23 priority strategy that can provide affordable housing options for many  
24 incomes, ages and abilities; and

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26           WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan states that neighborhood  
27 plans are a fundamental component of the Comprehensive Plan and  
28 allow a more detailed examination of issues affecting smaller geographic  
29 areas within the City and clarify how broader City goals and policies in  
30 the Citywide Elements apply to each neighborhood; and

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32           WHEREAS, a primary objective of the Comprehensive Plan is the  
33 development of 10-minute neighborhoods – mixed-use communities  
34 where residents can walk short distances from their home to  
35 destinations that meet their daily needs, including transit stops; and

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37           WHEREAS, the City and its partner agencies such as Sound  
38 Transit, King County Metro, and the Washington State Department of  
39 Transportation are investing heavily in new transit facilities throughout  
40 Kirkland and surrounding communities, including new Bus Rapid Transit  
41 service and stations along the I-405 corridor, and these transit facilities  
42 create critical opportunities for successful higher-density market-rate  
43 and affordable housing.

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

Section 1. The City Council directs the Planning Commission, staff, and residents involved in the neighborhood plan update process to incorporate the following elements into all future neighborhood plans:

- a. Opportunities for housing serving a diversity of incomes in every neighborhood;
- b. Options to increase flexibility for creating new Accessory Dwelling Units in every neighborhood;
- c. A 10-minute neighborhood focus, including: transit-supportive housing and employment densities; neighborhood businesses that provide a complete set of services; mixed-use centers with affordable housing and public open space; and transition zones between centers and lower-density neighborhoods that provide substantial opportunities for attached housing, compact housing, and other innovative housing types.
- d. Transit-oriented development residential and mixed-use opportunities in areas adjacent to existing or planned high capacity transit, including Bus Rapid Transit.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of June, 2018.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of June, 2018.



Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk