

RESOLUTION R-5344

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2019 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 City Council supports legislation that promotes
6 the Council's goals and protects the City of Kirkland's ability to provide
7 basic municipal services to its residents; and
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9 WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect shared state revenue
10 sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax
11 Credit, and to provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of
12 existing revenues; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City Council supports long-term sustainability
15 efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals;
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18 WHEREAS, the City Council supports reestablishing the
19 partnership between cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates
20 are funded and vital services are provided to all of the residents of the
21 state; and
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23 WHEREAS, the City Council believes it appropriate to set forth
24 its position as to issues affecting local government operations coming
25 before the State Legislature during its 2019 session, including issues
26 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 2019
32 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2019 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 2019 session.
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37 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2019
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 7th day of November, 2018.
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Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of November, 2018.



Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:



Anja Mullin, Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2019 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.
- Support reestablishing the partnership between cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded and vital services are provided to all of the residents of the state.

City of Kirkland 2019 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new local funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Flexibility on existing REET and potential expansion
 - Provide property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens
 - Funding for research on best practices for shared housing strategies and operations
- Kirkland supports continued sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers to ensure no waiting period to get law enforcement and corrections officers trained and in the field.
- Kirkland supports extending and accelerating the construction of express toll lanes on I-405 north of Kirkland, and implementing express toll lanes on I-405 south of Bellevue, in order to coincide with the 2024 opening of Sound Transit's Bus Rapid Transit operations.
- Kirkland supports gun safety measures that promote safe and responsible gun ownership and reduce gun violence, and that are consistent with the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution and Article I Section 24 of the Washington State Constitution.
- Kirkland supports capital and transportation budget funding for prioritized local infrastructure projects.