

RESOLUTION R-5384

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE GREATER DOWNTOWN KIRKLAND URBAN CENTER AND ADOPTION OF A CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE GREATER DOWNTOWN URBAN CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the City has invested over 30 years of planning into
2 creating a walkable, vibrant, mixed use Downtown, including through
3 the adoption of the Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan and the Downtown
4 Strategic Plan; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Moss Bay, Norkirk, Highlands, Everest and Rose
7 Hill neighborhood plans benefitted from robust public input and
8 substantial input from the Planning Commission, other Boards and
9 Commissions, and the City Council; and

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11 WHEREAS, substantial development and transit investment has
12 occurred and continues to occur in and around Downtown, including
13 Kirkland Urban and the planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station at
14 Interstate 405 and NE 85th Street, planned to open in 2024; and

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16 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Totem Lake Urban Center was
17 designated, and the Urban Center has attracted significant federal, state
18 and regional multi-modal transportation funding as well as substantial
19 redevelopment activity, and is transforming into a walkable community
20 with a mixture of land uses well-served by transit; and

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22 WHEREAS, Policy LU 5.5 in the City's Comprehensive Plan
23 supports the evaluation of Downtown as an Urban Center; and

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25 WHEREAS, Alternative 2 evaluated in the Environmental Impact
26 Statement (EIS) for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update identifies the
27 existing Totem Lake Urban Center and the Downtown as areas targeted
28 for growth; and

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30 WHEREAS, designation of an Urban Center in Downtown is
31 identified as a priority project in the 2018-2020 Planning Work Program
32 adopted on February 20, 2018, and again as part of the 2019-2021
33 Planning Work Program adopted on April 2, 2019; and

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35 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Greater Downtown Kirkland Urban
36 Center Plan is to provide one document that contains all the policies
37 relevant to the planning of the proposed Urban Center, and to
38 accompany the City's Urban Center applications to King County and the
39 Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); and

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41 WHEREAS, the Greater Downtown Kirkland Urban Center Plan
42 contains no new zoning changes, policies or goals beyond those in
43 already-adopted City policy documents, and primarily comprises the

44 Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan, but integrates additional policies from the
45 Rose Hill, Everest, Highlands, and Norkirk neighborhood plans; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Greater Downtown Kirkland Urban Center Plan is
48 considered a Subarea Plan pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070; and
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50 WHEREAS, the Greater Downtown meets the criteria established
51 in the Countywide Planning Policies and by the PSRC for Urban Centers,
52 and its designation as an Urban Center improves the probability of the
53 Downtown receiving federal, state and regional multi-modal
54 transportation funding for streets, transit, sidewalks and bicycle
55 infrastructure; and
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57 WHEREAS, the Greater Downtown, by nature of its excellent and
58 improving transit service, walkable street grid, mixture of land uses,
59 many amenities and parks, and appropriate zoning capacity is an
60 optimal place for continued growth.
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62 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
63 of Kirkland as follows:
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65 Section 1. Applications to King County and the PSRC for
66 designation of Greater Downtown Kirkland as an Urban Center are
67 authorized.
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69 Section 2. The Greater Downtown Kirkland Urban Center Plan is
70 adopted.
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72 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
73 meeting this 3rd day of September, 2019.
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75 Signed in authentication thereof this 3rd day of September,
76 2019.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk