

RESOLUTION R-5389

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
OPPOSING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 976, CONCERNING MOTOR
VEHICLE TAXES AND FEES.

1 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 976 (I-976) will be presented
2 to the voters of the state of Washington at the general election on
3 November 5, 2019; and
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5 WHEREAS, this statewide measure proposes to change vehicle
6 taxes and fees by lowering motor vehicle and light duty truck weight
7 fees to \$30; and
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9 WHEREAS, this measure proposes to eliminate the 0.3 percent
10 sales tax on vehicle purchases; and
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12 WHEREAS, this measure proposes to lower electric vehicle and
13 snowmobile fees; and
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15 WHEREAS, this measure proposes to modify and reduce Sound
16 Transit motor vehicle excise tax provisions; and
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18 WHEREAS, this measure proposes to remove authority for
19 transportation benefit districts to impose a vehicle fee; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial
22 Management (OFM) estimates that the total revenue losses to local
23 governments in the next six years alone would be \$2,317,121,034; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Washington State Departments of Licensing and
26 Revenue have estimated implementation costs of \$2,846,800 in the
27 2019-21 biennium; and
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29 WHEREAS, based on OFM analysis, Sound Transit would
30 experience budget cutbacks of \$328 million per year, with an overall
31 estimated impact of \$20 billion through 2041; and
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33 WHEREAS, the regional program and project investments of King
34 County Metro and Sound Transit in Kirkland therefore are at risk of
35 losing significant funding including but not necessarily limited to the
36 Access Paratransit program services for people with impaired mobility;
37 ORCA summer program for income-qualified students in Lake
38 Washington School District and incentives to small businesses; I-405
39 Bus Rapid Transit system that would provide express service through
40 Kirkland and between Lynnwood, Bellevue, and Burien; and

41 construction of the I-405/NE 85th Street interchange & inline Bus Rapid
42 Transit station; and

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44 WHEREAS, local programs and projects for which the City of
45 Kirkland (City) has previously secured state funding could also be at risk,
46 including but not necessarily limited to the 116th Ave NE/NE 124th
47 Street Right Turn Lane; 124th Ave NE Sidewalk Improvements; 6th
48 Street/Kirkland Ave Sidewalk Gaps; Totem Lake Gateway
49 Improvements; Rose Hill Greenway project; Lakefront Pedestrian and
50 Bicycle Improvements; Lakeview and Peter Kirk Elementary Safe Routes
51 to School; Juanita Drive Intersection Improvements; Lake Street &
52 Kirkland Ave Intersection Improvements; and NE 132nd Street Sidewalk
53 Improvements; and

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55 WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City
56 Council desires to show its opposition to I-976.

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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. The City Council opposes Initiative No. 976,
62 concerning motor vehicle taxes and fees.

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64 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote no on
65 Initiative No. 976.

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67 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
68 meeting this 1st day of October, 2019.

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70 Signed in authentication thereof this 1st day of October, 2019.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Anja Mullin, Deputy City Clerk