

RESOLUTION R-5407

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN R. OLSON TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

1 WHEREAS, Michael J. Lambo, the Presiding Judge of the Kirkland
2 Municipal Court has announced his retirement from the City of Kirkland
3 effective December 15, 2019 after having served Kirkland with
4 excellence and distinction in that capacity for almost 14 years; and

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6 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.18.060(2), RCW 3.50.093 and
7 Kirkland Municipal Code ("KMC") 3.94.040, appointments to fill
8 vacancies in the position of municipal court presiding judge under the
9 council/manager form of government are to be made by the city
10 manager subject to confirmation by the city council; and

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12 WHEREAS, the City Manager has undertaken an open and
13 competitive process to determine which interested applicant is most
14 qualified to serve as the next Presiding Judge of the Kirkland Municipal
15 Court; and

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17 WHEREAS, each applicant considered for such appointment was
18 required to meet the minimum qualifications prescribed by state law and
19 the KMC, namely, that each such applicant be a citizen of the United
20 States, a resident of the state of Washington and King County, and an
21 attorney admitted to practice before the courts of the state of
22 Washington; and

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24 WHEREAS, each applicant considered for such appointment was
25 also required to meet additional qualification requirements, namely, that
26 each such applicant has been an attorney or judge for at least five years,
27 including at least two years of experience as a court commissioner or
28 judge pro tempore; and

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30 WHEREAS, the competitive process resulted in 15 excellent
31 applicants meeting all minimum and additional qualification
32 requirements, resulting in first round interviews of seven applicants
33 conducted by two City panels and final interviews of three finalists
34 conducted by the City Manager; and

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36 WHEREAS, while each of the three finalists would make an
37 outstanding municipal court judge, the City Manager determined that
38 John R. Olson was the applicant finalist most qualified to serve as the
39 next Presiding Judge of the Kirkland Municipal Court; and

40 WHEREAS, Commissioner Olson was appointed to the position
41 of Presiding Judge of the Kirkland Municipal Court by the City Manager
42 on December 4, 2019 and effective December 16, 2019 and subject to
43 confirmation by the City Council; and

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45 WHEREAS, John R. Olson has served with excellence and
46 distinction as the Commissioner of the Kirkland Municipal Court since
47 2006; and

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49 WHEREAS, Commissioner Olson has earned the respect and
50 admiration of the Court staff, the Kirkland Police Department,
51 prosecutors and public defenders, other attorneys and individuals
52 appearing in the court; and

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54 WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to confirm the City
55 Manager's appointment of Commissioner Olson to the position of
56 Presiding Judge of the Kirkland Municipal Court for the remainder of the
57 present unexpired term through December 31, 2021.

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

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62 Section 1. The City Council confirms the appointment of John
63 R. Olson to serve as Presiding Judge of the Kirkland Municipal Court for
64 the remainder of the unexpired term; namely, through December 31,
65 2021. The confirmation of this appointment shall be effective as of this
66 10th day of December, 2019.

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68 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
69 meeting this 10th day of December, 2019.

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71 Signed in authentication thereof this 10th day of December,
72 2019.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk