

RESOLUTION R-5450

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2021 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, actions of the State Legislature in respect to
2 local government issues, services and funding have a profound
3 impact upon the ability of local governments to provide local
4 services; and

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6 WHEREAS, the City Council supports legislation that
7 promotes the Council's goals and protects the City of Kirkland's
8 ability to provide municipal services to its residents; and

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10 WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect shared state revenue
11 sources available to the City and to provide new revenue options
12 and flexibility in the use of existing revenues; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Council supports long-term sustainability
15 efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation
16 goals; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Council supports reestablishing the
19 partnership between cities and the State to ensure that critical
20 mandates are funded and vital services are provided to all of the
21 residents of the state; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Council believes it appropriate to set forth
24 its position as to issues affecting local government operations
25 coming before the State Legislature during its 2021 session,
26 including issues which the Council requests the Legislature to
27 consider.

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

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32 Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland
33 2021 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2021
34 Legislative Agenda," attached as Exhibit A and by this reference
35 incorporated, are adopted as the City's recommendations to the
36 State Legislature during its 2021 session.

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38 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2021
39 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates,
40 to members of the State Legislature representing the legislative
41 districts in which Kirkland is located, together with other members
42 of the State Legislature and to the Association of Washington
43 Cities, the Sound Cities Association and other ally organizations.

44 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
45 meeting this 4 day of November, 2020.

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47 Signed in authentication thereof this 4 day of November,
48 2020.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2021 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 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 2021 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports legislative actions that facilitate Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for the Kingsgate Park and Ride TOD Pilot project, the I-405 & NE 85th Street Station Area and future TOD projects at other WSDOT-owned properties. Action such as:
 - Amend RCWs 47.12.080, .063, .120 by removing the requirements that WSDOT must declare the property unused, no longer required for transportation purposes, or held for highway purposes, but not presently needed, prior to allowing the disposal or leasing of such property.
 - Amend RCW 47.04.295 and RCWs 47.12.080, .063, and .120 to grant WSDOT discretion in whether or not to charge fair market value for the lease or disposal of park and ride real property when the lease or disposal is for the purpose of providing affordable housing or multimodal transportation infrastructure
- Kirkland supports allowing Code Cities to complete local residential street maintenance projects in-house if no contractors enter a project bid
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for prioritized local infrastructure projects

Proposed City of Kirkland 2021 Priority Coalition Advocacy Agenda

The City Council will evaluate support for proposed legislative agendas from the following organizations:

- ❖ Washington Low Income Housing Alliance's efforts for new local funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing.
- ❖ Alliance for Gun Responsibility's recommendations for gun safety measures that promote safe and responsible gun ownership and reduce gun violence.
 - Include a Kirkland focus on amending state law as necessary, consistent with the Washington State Constitution, to prevent the visible presence of firearms from intimidating those exercising rights to assembly.
- ❖ Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Statewide Policing Reforms priority.