

RESOLUTION R-5499

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2022 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 community members;
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11 WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect shared state revenue
12 sources available to the City and to provide new revenue options
13 and flexibility in the use of existing revenues; and

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

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

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24 WHEREAS, the Council believes it appropriate to set forth
25 its position as to issues affecting local government operations
26 coming before the State Legislature during its 2022 session,
27 including issues which the Council requests the Legislature to
28 consider.

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

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33 Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland
34 2022 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2022
35 Legislative Agenda," attached as Exhibit A and by this reference
36 incorporated, are adopted as the City's recommendations to the
37 State Legislature during its 2022 session.

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39 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2022
40 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates,
41 to members of the State Legislature representing the legislative
42 districts in which Kirkland is located, together with other members
43 of the State Legislature and to the Association of Washington
44 Cities, the Sound Cities Association and other ally organizations.
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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 03 day of November, 2021.

Signed in authentication thereof this 03 day of November, 2021.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2022 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 residents.

- 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, transportation and housing 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 2022 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new local funding and policy tools to create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Providing exemptions to promote housing affordability, such as a property tax exemption for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that are dedicated for occupancy by low-income people
 - Removing barriers to building affordable housing, such as: defining affordable housing developments as essential public facilities.
 - Removing barriers to stimulate the creation of new condominiums and the conversion of existing apartments.
 - Maintaining authorization of the development of affordable housing on WSDOT surplus property including below market sale or lease of surplus property.
- Kirkland supports clarifying police reform legislation (HB 1310 and HB 1054), consistent with Kirkland Resolution R-5434
 - Support changes to HB 1310 to clarify that a peace officer may use reasonable physical force in circumstances where the peace officer is executing a valid court order or performing community caretaking functions, including but not limited to, assisting medical, mental health, or street crisis responders, taking custody of and transporting those in need of medical or mental health services, performing welfare checks, or taking minors into protective custody.
 - Support clarifications to HB 1054 to allow law enforcement and correctional officers to use less than lethal munitions. This change would make HB 1054 consistent with language in HB 1310 that requires the use of less than lethal tools.
- Kirkland supports legislative actions that promote equity and social justice, such as:
 - New local funding and policy tools to address homelessness
 - Allowing local jurisdictions to implement ranked-choice voting
- Kirkland supports state funding for a feasibility study and site acquisition for a Regional Crisis Triage Center sited in north King County.
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for pedestrian and bike safety improvements at:
 - A) Willows Road Regional Connection
 - B) Tolt Pipeline connection with Woodinville
 - C) 132nd Place NE/Slater Ave. NE and the Eastrail
 - D) Bridge Crossing of Denny Creek at NE 132nd Street