

RESOLUTION R-5546

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ACKNOWLEDGING THE FIRST PEOPLE OF PRESENT-DAY KIRKLAND, ADOPTING THE KIRKLAND NATIVE HISTORY DOCUMENT AND A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT USAGE GUIDE FOR USE BY CITY STAFF IN VARIOUS PLANS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the Council adopted
2 Resolution R-5240 declaring Kirkland a Safe, Inclusive, and Welcoming
3 community for all people; and
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5 WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution
6 R-5434, committing to examining and dismantling interpersonal,
7 institutional, and structural racism in Kirkland; and
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9 WHEREAS, a land acknowledgement is a formal statement that
10 pays tribute to, expresses gratitude and respect for, and helps raise
11 awareness of the Indigenous inhabitants of the local land; and
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13 WHEREAS, the City developed a hyper-local Kirkland Native
14 History Document and formal local land acknowledgement in
15 collaboration with the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, and
16 Suquamish Tribes; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council approved Resolution R-5507
19 in December 2021, adopting the formal local land acknowledgement and
20 directing the City Manager to seek additional community feedback on
21 the Kirkland Native History Document and to develop a land
22 acknowledgement usage guide to be used by City staff; and
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24 WHEREAS, City staff collected community feedback from
25 December 2021 through early June 2022 on the Kirkland Native History
26 Document; and
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28 WHEREAS, integrating the Kirkland Native History Document and
29 land acknowledgement into relevant plans, such as the 2044
30 Comprehensive Plan, is called for in Objective 3.5 of the Diversity,
31 Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging 5-Year Roadmap; and
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33 WHEREAS, through the development of the hyper-local Kirkland
34 Native Document and land acknowledgement usage guide, the City is
35 not taking a position on the status of federal recognition for any tribe.
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37 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
38 of Kirkland as follows:
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40 Section 1. The Kirkland Native History Document as shown as
41 Exhibit A and the Land Acknowledgement Usage Guide as shown as
42 Exhibit B are hereby adopted.
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44 Section 2. The City Manager shall integrate the Local Land
45 Acknowledgement and the Kirkland Native History Document into

46 relevant plans and programs, such as the 2044 Comprehensive Plan
 47 update, neighborhood plans, and wayfinding signage and maps, and
 48 shall incorporate the full text of the Land Acknowledgement on City
 49 Council agendas and at the beginning of City Master Plans, Strategic
 50 Plans, Neighborhood Plans and other documents adopted by the Council
 51 as determined by the City. The City Manager shall also develop criteria
 52 for when the Land Acknowledgment is read aloud, such as during
 53 important dates or at certain events, for consideration by the Council as
 54 additions to the Council's policies and procedures.

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 56 Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to encourage
 57 continued learning and dialogue about the Acknowledgement and
 58 Native History Document amongst staff, historians, Tribal Leaders, and
 59 others within the community and shall from time to time implement
 60 necessary updates to the Acknowledgement Usage Guide and Native
 61 History Document that may be identified.

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 63 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
 64 meeting this 21 day of June, 2022.

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 66 Signed in authentication thereof this 21 day of June, 2022.


 Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


 Kathi Anderson, City Clerk