

RESOLUTION R-5587

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING KING COUNTY PROPOSITION 1, CRISIS CARE CENTERS LEVY.

1           WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the Metropolitan King County  
2 Council approved Ordinance 19572 providing for the submission to the  
3 qualified electors of King County on the April 25, 2023, ballot a  
4 proposition authorizing a property tax levy for regional behavioral health  
5 services and capital facilities ("Proposition 1"); and  
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7           WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the Proposition 1 would  
8 levy \$0.145 per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund behavioral health  
9 services and capital facilities, including a countywide crisis care centers  
10 network, increased residential treatment, mobile crisis care, post-  
11 discharge stabilization, and workforce supports; and  
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13           WHEREAS, while local, regional, state and federal investments  
14 in the behavioral health support network have been made, such as  
15 providing our community members in need with someone to call through  
16 investments in deploying the 988 hotline and someone to respond to  
17 such calls through the North King County Regional Crisis Response  
18 Agency, there are still large gaps in somewhere to go for our community  
19 members in need; and  
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21           WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, Proposition 1 will create  
22 five new regional crisis care centers, preserve and help restore the  
23 dramatic loss of residential treatment beds, and grow the behavioral  
24 health workforce pipeline; and  
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26           WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the four of the new  
27 regional crisis care centers will be located, one each, in four regional  
28 zones, including the North Zone that includes Kirkland, thereby  
29 increasing the access to behavioral health crisis support to community  
30 members in our region and in Kirkland; and  
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32           WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, in response to the unique  
33 needs of our youth community members who are experiencing a  
34 behavioral health crisis, a fifth new regional crisis care center will be  
35 sited in King County to provide services to community members younger  
36 than 19 years of age; and  
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38           WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, King County will develop  
39 an implementation plan that will be approved by the King County  
40 Regional Policy Committee and King County Council; and  
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42           WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 authorizes local government  
43 legislative bodies to act by ordinance or resolution to support or oppose  
44 a ballot proposition so long as any required notice of the meeting  
45 includes the title and number of the ballot proposition and members of

46 the legislative body and members of the public are afforded an  
47 approximately equal opportunity to express an opposing view; and  
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49 WHEREAS, notice of the City Council's April 4, 2023, regular  
50 meeting included the title and number of the ballot proposition; and  
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52 WHEREAS, at such meeting the members of the City Council and  
53 members of the public were afforded an approximately equal  
54 opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; and  
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56 WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to express its support  
57 for King County Ballot Proposition 1.  
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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 supports King County Proposition 1,  
63 Crisis Care Centers levy.  
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65 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote yes on  
66 King County Proposition 1.  
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68 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
69 meeting this 4th day of April, 2023.  
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71 Signed in authentication thereof this 4th day of April, 2023.

  
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Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk