

RESOLUTION R-5608

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2024 SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, actions of the Washington State Legislature in
2 respect to local government issues, services, and funding have a
3 profound 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 promotes
7 the City Council's goals, plans, policies, and initiatives that enable
8 Kirkland to provide basic municipal services and meet the needs of
9 current and future community members; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Council seeks to protect shared state revenue
12 sources available to the City and provide new revenue options and
13 flexibility in the use of existing revenues; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Council supports the partnership between Cities
16 and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded, and vital
17 services are provided to all community members; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Council seeks to advance initiatives identified in
20 the City's Work Program; 2023-24 Council Goals; City's 2023-2024
21 Budget; 2015 Comprehensive Plan (as updated); 2020 Sustainability
22 Master Plan; 2015 Transportation Master Plan; 2022 Diversity, Equity,
23 Inclusion, and Belonging Roadmap; and 2018 Housing Strategy Plan,
24 and related documents; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that provides
27 funding and policy tools to increase access to housing and expands the
28 construction and preservation of moderate- and low-income housing
29 supply; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that addresses the
32 behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis
33 response system and supporting local programs that connect individuals
34 with needed care; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that allows for
37 property tax increases of greater than 1% in order to improve the City's
38 ability to provide basic municipal services to its community members in
39 a manner that is stable and transparent; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Policy Champion Ally Organization List, which
42 may be amended from time to time by the Council without further
43 resolutions, consists of policy areas and identified organizations that are

44 likely to champion legislation in alignment with the City’s goals, values,
45 and policy initiatives; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Council believes it appropriate to set forth its
48 position as to issues affecting local government operations coming
49 before the State Legislature during its 2024 session, including issues
50 which the Council requests the Legislature to consider.
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52 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
53 City of Kirkland as follows:
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55 Section 1. The “General Principles” and “Legislative Priorities”
56 set forth in the “City of Kirkland 2024 Legislative Agenda,” attached as
57 Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are adopted as the City’s
58 recommendations to the State Legislature during its 2024 session.
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60 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2024
61 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates, to
62 members of the State Legislature, representing the legislative districts
63 in which Kirkland is located, together with other members of the State
64 Legislature, and to the Association of Washington Cities, the Sound
65 Cities Association, and other ally organizations.
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67 Section 3. The “Policy Champion Ally List” set forth in Exhibit A
68 is adopted as the general policies and organizations that the City
69 Manager, in partnership with the City Council’s Legislative Work Group,
70 is directed to monitor. If that monitoring results in the identification of
71 legislation with great interest or impact to the City, the Legislative Work
72 Group must seek Council approval prior to directing advocacy
73 engagement efforts in connection therewith.
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75 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
76 meeting this 21st day of November, 2023.
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78 Signed in authentication thereof this 21st day of November, 2023.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk



General Principles

Kirkland supports legislation that promotes the City Council's goals, plans, policies, and initiatives that enable Kirkland to provide basic municipal services and meet the needs of current and future community members.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support the partnership between Cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded, and vital services are provided to all community members.
- Advance initiatives identified in the City's Work Program; 2023-24 Council Goals; City's 2023-2024 Budget; 2015 Comprehensive Plan (as updated); 2020 Sustainability Master Plan; 2015 Transportation Master Plan; 2022 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Roadmap; and 2018 Housing Strategy Plan, and related documents.

2024 Legislative Priorities

Kirkland supports legislation that provides funding and policy tools to increase access to housing and expands the construction and preservation of moderate- and low-income housing supply, such as:

- A policy framework that results in high-capacity transit-oriented development and also encourages creation of crucial community benefits, such as affordable housing, fees in lieu of housing (for commercial developments), multi-modal transportation, parks and open spaces, green buildings and infrastructure, and increased school and childcare capacity.
- A new Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) increment with new revenues dedicated to construction and preservation of affordable housing.

Kirkland supports legislation that addresses the behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis response system and supporting local programs that connect individuals with needed care.

Kirkland supports legislation that allows for property tax increases of greater than 1% in order to improve the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its community members in a manner that is stable and transparent.

Kirkland supports capital budget funding for:

- Updated facilities in Everest Park, home of the Little League Junior Softball World Series (in the 48th Legislative District)
- Safety and access improvements in OO Denny Park (in the 1st and 45th Legislative Districts)

Kirkland supports State budget reprogramming to:

- Move money appropriated in the State's 2025-2027 and 2027-2029 transportation biennial budgets for the Cross Kirkland Corridor HAWK Crossing and 132nd Intersection Improvements (awarded to the City as a grant by WSDOT) to the State's 2023-2025 transportation biennial budget.
- Address forecasted WSDOT and Sound Transit funding shortfalls for the I-405/SR 167 Corridor improvements, including the Stride I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project.



Policy Champion Ally Organizations

Transportation

- Eastside Transportation Partnership
- Transportation Choices
- Eastrail Partners

Housing

- Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
- Housing Development Consortium

Human Services

- Eastside Human Services Forum
- King County Behavioral Health
- Faith Action Network

Environmental

- King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
- People for Climate Action Kirkland

Water

- Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA8) Partners
- Cascade Water Alliance

Public Safety

- Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs
- Washington Fire Chiefs Association
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Parks

- Washington Recreation & Parks Association

Open Government & Transparency

- Washington Coalition for Open Government

Association of Washington Cities

Other Local Government/Jurisdictions

- King County

Other Allies/Issues

- Lake Washington School District #44
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Pro-Choice Washington
- Planned Parenthood
- Washington Co-Responder Outreach Alliance