

RESOLUTION R-5642

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND OPPOSING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 2117 CONCERNING CARBON TAX CREDIT TRADING.

1 WHEREAS, Washington State has placed a ballot measure
2 before the voters with the official ballot measure title of "Initiative
3 Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading"; and
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5 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 2117 is scheduled to go to
6 the voters during the November 5, 2024, Washington General Election;
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9 WHEREAS, Washington State Secretary of State has identified
10 that Initiative Measure No. 2117 would prohibit state agencies from
11 imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, including "cap and trade"
12 or "cap and tax" programs, regardless of whether the resulting increased
13 costs are imposed on fuel recipients or fuel suppliers. It would repeal
14 sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act as amended,
15 including repealing the creation and modification of a "cap and invest"
16 program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by specific entities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Climate Commitment Act has already advanced
19 efforts to protect our air and water and has generated \$3.25 billion for
20 forest protection and wildfire mitigation, transportation projects,
21 electrification infrastructure, salmon recovery, tribal investments, and
22 more; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2020, Kirkland City Council adopted a
25 Sustainability Master Plan, since renamed to Sustainability Strategic
26 Plan, which sets environmental goals for the community and identifies
27 about 200 actions the City can take to help the community meet its
28 goals; and
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30 WHEREAS, the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan and 2015
31 Comprehensive Plan identified policy goals of achieving 50% reductions
32 in greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2030 and 80% reductions by
33 2050 as compared to a 2007 baseline; and
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35 WHEREAS, the City is an active participant in the King County-
36 Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) and has adopted by Resolution R-
37 5406 the Joint Letter of Commitment for Climate Change Actions, which
38 includes advocating for comprehensive federal, regional, and state
39 science-based limits and market-based price on carbon pollution; and
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41 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 2117 would repeal the
42 Climate Commitment Act which in turn would eliminate numerous
43 climate and air quality programs as well as the funding source for
44 investments in climate projects throughout the state; and
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46 WHEREAS, the Climate Commitment Act aims to reduce
47 greenhouse gas emissions and supports implementation of the City's
48 Sustainability Strategic Plan; and
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50 WHEREAS, adoption of Initiative Measure No. 2117 would
51 hinder the City's ability to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions
52 as identified in the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan and K4C Joint
53 Letter of Commitment for Climate Change Actions; and
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55 WHEREAS, in compliance with RCW 42.17A.555(1), notice of
56 the meeting during which this Resolution is being voted on included the
57 title and number of the ballot measure, and members of the public and
58 City Councilmembers were afforded an approximately equal opportunity
59 for the expression of an opposing view.; and
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61 WHEREAS, with this Resolution the City Council desires to
62 oppose Initiative Measure No. 2117.
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64 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
65 City of Kirkland as follows:
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67 The City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby declares its official
68 position in opposition to Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerning carbon
69 tax credit trading.
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71 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
72 meeting this 17th day of September, 2024.
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74 Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of September,
75 2024.


Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk