

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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74 Signed in authentication thereof this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
75 2024.

  
Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk