

RESOLUTION R-5659

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2025 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 of existing revenues, such as revisiting the 1% property tax
14 cap; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Council supports the partnership between cities
17 and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded, and vital
18 services are provided to all community members; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Council seeks to advance initiatives identified in
21 the City's Work Program; Council Goals; Budget; Comprehensive Plan;
22 Sustainability Strategic Plan; Transportation Strategic Plan; Diversity,
23 Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging 5-year Roadmap; Housing Strategy
24 Plan, 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 expand the
28 construction and preservation of moderate income-, low income-, and
29 supportive-housing supply and essential supporting infrastructure, such
30 as parks, transportation, services, and school capacity; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that addresses the
33 behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis
34 response system, including workforce, and supporting local programs
35 that connect individuals with needed care; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that preserves and
38 expands policy and funding tools to support a safe and reliable
39 transportation system for all users, including revenue sharing with local
40 governments; and

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42 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that implements the
43 noise enforcement pilot in Kirkland to enable local jurisdictions to identify

44 and reduce street racing and other loud vehicle uses including the
45 required equity analysis; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that funds grants for
48 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliant
49 transportation projects to support Cities creating multimodal projects
50 that also advance the region's water quality goals; and
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52 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that extends
53 producer responsibility for glass, packaging, and paper recycling; and
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55 WHEREAS, the Council supports legislation that creates
56 flexibility for local jurisdictions operating jails to align policies with
57 national guidelines related to the selection of the gender of the officer
58 performing body searches; and
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60 WHEREAS, the Policy Champion Ally Organization List, which
61 may be amended from time to time by the Council without further
62 resolutions, consists of policy areas and identified organizations that are
63 likely to champion legislation in alignment with the City's goals, values,
64 and policy initiatives; and
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66 WHEREAS, the Council believes it appropriate to set forth its
67 position as to issues affecting local government operations coming
68 before the State Legislature during its 2025 session, including issues
69 which the Council requests the Legislature to consider.
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71 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
72 City of Kirkland as follows:
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74 Section 1. The "General Principles", "Legislative Priorities", and
75 "2025 Budget Requests" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2025
76 Legislative Agenda," attached as Exhibit A and by this reference
77 incorporated, are adopted as the City's recommendations to the State
78 Legislature during its 2025 session.
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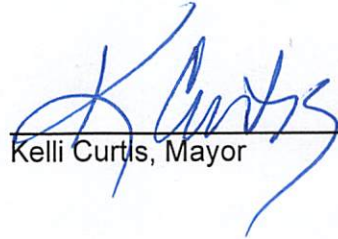
80 Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2025
81 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates, to
82 members of the State Legislature, representing the legislative districts
83 in which Kirkland is located, together with other members of the State
84 Legislature, and to the Association of Washington Cities, the Sound
85 Cities Association, and other ally organizations.
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87 Section 3. The "Policy Champion Ally List" set forth in Exhibit A
88 is adopted as the general policies and organizations that the City
89 Manager, in partnership with the City Council's Legislative Work Group,
90 is directed to monitor. If that monitoring results in the identification of
91 legislation with great interest or impact to the City, the Legislative Work
92 Group must seek Council approval prior to directing advocacy
93 engagement efforts in connection therewith.
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95 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
96 meeting this 19th day of November, 2024.
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Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of November,
2024.



Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting 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 of existing revenues, such as revisiting the 1% property tax cap.
- 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; Council Goals; Budget; Comprehensive Plan; Sustainability Strategic Plan; Transportation Strategic Plan; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging 5-year Roadmap; Housing Strategy Plan, and related documents.

2025 Legislative Priorities

Legislation that provides funding and policy tools to increase access to housing and expand the construction and preservation of moderate income-, low income-, and supportive-housing supply and essential supporting infrastructure, such as parks, transportation, services, and school capacity.

- Authorize an additional Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) increment using a graduated rate model with a high-value threshold, and extend Cities' flexibility to use existing REET for construction and preservation of affordable housing.

Legislation that addresses the behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis response system, including workforce, and supporting local programs that connect individuals with needed care.

Legislation that preserves and expands policy and funding tools to support a safe and reliable transportation system for all users, including revenue sharing with local governments.

Legislation that implements the noise enforcement pilot in Kirkland to enable local jurisdictions to identify and reduce street racing and other loud vehicle uses including the required equity analysis.

Legislation that funds grants for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliant transportation projects to support Cities creating multimodal projects that also advance the region's water quality goals.

Legislation that extends producer responsibility for glass, packaging, and paper recycling.

Legislation that creates flexibility for local jurisdictions operating jails to align policies with national guidelines related to the selection of the gender of the officer performing body searches.



2025 Budget Requests

Kirkland requests capital and transportation budget funding for:

- Sidewalk safety improvements in downtown Kirkland to ensure safe pedestrian access to essential community assets like the Kirkland Performance Center, Kirkland Library, and Peter Kirk Community Center (in the 48th Legislative District)
- In partnership with the Lake Washington School District, Kamiakin Middle School gymnasium expansion to enable indoor recreation by people of all ages and abilities (in the 45th Legislative District)
- Peter Kirk Pool and Community Center improvements to enable year-round recreation programming (in the 48th Legislative District)

Policy Champion Ally Organizations

Kirkland monitors the following organizations for alignment with the City's General Principles and Legislative Priorities to advance the City's interests.

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

Other Allies & Issues

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