RESOLUTION R-5680

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND REMOVING THE APRIL 30, 2025 TRANSMITTAL DATE OF THE HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE ACTION PLAN AS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTIONS R-5631 AND R-5641 AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THE PLAN IN THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2025.

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution R-5631 declaring the city's commitment to addressing homelessness through a person-centered approach and authorizing the City Manager to develop a Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan for new policies, programs, and services that prevent and respond to unsheltered homelessness in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, R-5631 directed the City Manager to create a Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan to be presented for Council consideration by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, City staff initially planned for a robust community engagement process in support of the action plan to be conducted from August through October of 2024; and

WHEREAS, due to an increased amount of staff time and community focus in 2024 on both the City's Comprehensive Plan and the biennial budget, Council adopted Resolution R-5641 to modify the required timeline for the City Manager to submit the Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-5641 directed the Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan to be presented for Council consideration by April 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that robust and comprehensive community engagement necessitates increased staff time and community focus before staff develops and presents a Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan for Council consideration;

WHEREAS, rather than include a specific date for transmittal of the Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan, Council desires to provide the City Manager and staff with more flexibility to develop and present a comprehensive Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan for Council consideration in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to continue implementing the community engagement called for in Resolution R-5631 and to transmit the Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan to be presented for Council consideration in 2025.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Council reaffirms its commitment to addressing homelessness through a person-centered approach and all other actions as articulated in Resolution R-5631.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of April, 2025.

Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of April, 2025.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk