

RESOLUTION R-5684

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KING COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR 2025-2026 THAT PROVIDES A SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGAL ADVOCATE DEDICATED TO SERVING SURVIVORS IN KIRKLAND AND EDUCATING THE KIRKLAND COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, everyone in the Kirkland community deserves to live in a safe and  
2 supportive environment where they are treated with respect; and  
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4 WHEREAS, while many sexual assaults go unreported, the Kirkland Police Department  
5 wrote 47 sex offense case reports in 2022, 54 in 2023, and 34 in 2024; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to combating sexual violence in all its forms,  
8 to ensuring that prevention and education resources are available in the Kirkland community,  
9 and to making progress in preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) is a  
12 designated Community Sexual Assault Program specializing in sexual assault advocacy for  
13 survivors; and  
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15 WHEREAS, KCSARC offers comprehensive trauma-focused crisis and advocacy  
16 services, including crisis intervention and case management, connecting survivors to mental  
17 health treatment and legal advocacy to navigate the criminal and civil legal system; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland currently provides human services grant funding to  
20 KCSARC, and this funding is pooled with contributions from other King County cities for shared  
21 access to the full suite of sexual assault survivor support services provided by KCSARC; and  
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23 WHEREAS, this pooled funding approach prioritizes allocating resources based on  
24 demand, which can result in Kirkland survivors of sexual assault receiving a lower level of  
25 service than needed, depending on the caseloads of KCSARC advocates over time; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to offer a new level of service to Kirkland survivors  
28 of sexual assault by providing more immediate support and better access to KCSARC's  
29 comprehensive wrap-around services; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to provide the community with more  
32 education and prevention resources related to sexual assault; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the City Council set aside \$200,000 in the City's 2025-2026 biennial  
35 budget to initiate a pilot program with KCSARC to fund a sexual assault legal advocate position  
36 dedicated to providing victim support and community education services in Kirkland; and  
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38 WHEREAS, while City staff would typically procure services through a request for  
39 proposals, here the City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate directly with  
40 KCSARC given their unique program status, the nature of their work, and the City's needs.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as  
42 follows:  
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44 Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City  
45 of Kirkland an agreement that is substantially similar to that attached to this resolution as  
46 Exhibit A, contracting with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center to create a 2025-  
47 2026 pilot program that will provide a dedicated sexual assault legal advocate to serve  
48 survivors of sexual assault in Kirkland.  
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50 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3rd day of  
51 June, 2025.  
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54 Signed in authentication thereof this 3rd day of June, 2025.

  
Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk