

RESOLUTION R-5685

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1 CONCERNING PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE LEVY.

1 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2025, the Metropolitan King County Council approved
2 Ordinance 19922 providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County on the
3 August 5, 2025 primary election ballot a proposition authorizing renewal of a property tax levy
4 supporting parks, recreation, trails, and open space in King County ("Proposition 1"); and
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6 WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, this Proposition 1 would replace the current
7 levy that expires at the end of 2025, and the revenue generated by this replacement levy
8 would maintain and increase county-wide investments in parks, trails, recreation, and open
9 space protection for the benefit of all King County residents; and
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11 WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, King County parks and trails will be kept clean,
12 safe, and open; regional trails and mobility will be improved; open space will grow and be
13 conserved; and recreation opportunities will be more accessible; and
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15 WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, \$123,500,000 million will be allocated to
16 benefit King County residents through grants that support public pools, conservation of lands,
17 and increase access to recreation in the county; and Kirkland would be eligible to apply for
18 the following grants:

- 19 • Aquatic Facilities Grant Program – \$46,000,000;
- 20 • Healthy Communities and Parks Grants – \$30,000,000;
- 21 • Parks Capital and Open Space Grants – \$25,000,000;
- 22 • Community Partnerships and Grants – \$12,500,000;
- 23 • Get Active/Stay Active – Youth and Amateur Sports Grants - \$10,000,000; and.
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25 WHEREAS, upon passage of the measure, an additional \$185,500,000 million will
26 directly support parks and recreation investments in King County cities and towns, the
27 Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Memorial Stadium, Pacific Science Center, and
28 Seattle's Waterfront Park; and
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30 WHEREAS, Kirkland residents would benefit from this levy renewal both directly and
31 indirectly, including through the following items:

- 32 • Kirkland Green Loop Trail – \$10 million intended to be allocated to regional partners;
- 33 • City of Kirkland aquatic facilities purposes – \$2.5 million;
- 34 • City of Kirkland direct pass through from the Parks Levy – \$1,064,765 annually for a
35 total of \$6,388,590 across the term of the levy;
- 36 • Big Finn Hill Park funding for King County to support improvements such as bleacher
37 replacement and synthetic turf replacement; and
38 • Easttrail – \$65 million.
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40 WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 authorizes local government legislative bodies to act by
41 ordinance or resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as any required notice
42 of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition and members of the
43 legislative body and members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to
44 express an opposing view; and

45 WHEREAS, notice of the City Council's June 17, 2025 regular meeting included the title
46 and number of the ballot proposition; and
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48 WHEREAS, at such meeting the members of the City Council and members of the public
49 were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; and
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51 WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to express its support for King County Ballot
52 Proposition 1.
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54 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as
55 follows:
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57 Section 1: The City Council supports King County Proposition No. 1 concerning the
58 parks, recreation, trails, and open space levy, which would be a replacement of an expiring
59 parks levy.
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61 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote yes on King County
62 Proposition No.1.
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65 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17th day of
66 June, 2025.
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68 Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of June, 2025.



Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:



Emilee Ferguson, Acting City Clerk