

RESOLUTION R-5687

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
SUPPORTING PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 (EVERGREENHEALTH)
PROPOSITION NO. 1 CONCERNING A LEVY LID LIFT FOR HEALTHCARE
SERVICES ON THE AUGUST 5, 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

1 WHEREAS, EvergreenHealth is a publicly accountable health care system serving over
2 330,000 residents of King County Public Hospital District No. 2, including a significant number
3 of Kirkland residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, EvergreenHealth's Kirkland hospital campus is located in the Totem Lake
6 neighborhood of Kirkland, and it serves as the largest employer in Kirkland, with over 4,700
7 employees in 2022; and
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9 WHEREAS, EvergreenHealth has not increased its property tax levy rate since its
10 founding in 1972 and is now seeking its first levy lid lift through Proposition 1 on the August 5,
11 2025 ballot; and
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13 WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would increase the current levy rate from \$0.14382 to \$0.50
14 per \$1,000 of assessed value, reflecting an increase of roughly \$0.36 per \$1,000 to fund critical
15 healthcare improvements; and
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17 WHEREAS, this proposed levy would increase the annual cost for the median Kirkland
18 home, valued at \$1,180,000, from \$169.71 to \$590, resulting in a net increase tax payment of
19 an estimated \$420.29 per year; and
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21 WHEREAS, the levy funds will be used to expand access to care, including primary,
22 emergency, urgent, and specialty services, to enhance behavioral health programs for youth
23 and seniors, to modernize clinical facilities and technology, to support the recruitment and
24 retention of healthcare providers, and to invest in essential community-based wellness and
25 home health programs; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council recognizes the importance of a strong, modern,
28 and accessible public health care system in supporting the well-being of Kirkland residents and
29 the broader Eastside community.
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31 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as
32 follows:
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34 Section 1. The Kirkland City Council expresses its support for Public Hospital District
35 No. 2 (EvergreenHealth) Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift for Healthcare Services, which would
36 represent the District's first levy lid lift since 1972.
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38 Section 2. The City Council encourages Kirkland voters to vote yes on Public Hospital
39 District No. 2's Proposition No. 1 on the August 5, 2025 primary election ballot.
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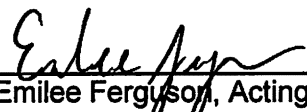
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42 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of
43 July, 2025.

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


Kell Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Emilee Ferguson, Acting City Clerk