

RESOLUTION NO. R-2420

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF METROPOLITAN SEATTLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND URGING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT BILLS NOW PENDING BEFORE IT PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATE FORMS OF ORGANIZATION INCLUDING MERGING WITH KING COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland, the Kirkland City Council, and many of the citizens of Kirkland were among the early sponsors and supporters of the metropolitan municipality concept of local governmental cooperative action to provide solutions for regional problems, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kirkland believes that the municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (hereinafter referred to as "Metro") provides through its governing council, composed of local governmental elected officials, a unique and responsive representation of both the residents within the Metro area and the constituent local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council does not believe that the governing council of any one of the constituent local governments can provide equivalent responsive representation as to both the residents and constituent local governments within the entire local Metro area, and

WHEREAS, although the City of Kirkland has had disagreements and differences with the Metro Council and the Metro administrative staff from time to time, nevertheless, the Kirkland City Council has been pleased and impressed with the overall record of competency, efficiency, and effectiveness of the municipality of Metropolitan Seattle in carrying out its assigned functions in relationship to sewer and public transportation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the successes of Metro are to a large degree a product of the existing formula for makeup of the Metro Council, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

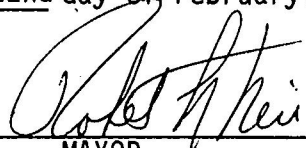
The City Council of the City of Kirkland urges the Washington State Legislature to carefully consider the ramifications and effect of any of the bills presently pending before it which would require or permit any change in the present makeup of the Metro Council, or result in a merger of Metro or its functions, with any of its constituent local governments including King County.

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The Kirkland City Council further requests the legislature following such consideration to defeat any bills which could result in a change in the present makeup of the governing body of the municipality of Metropolitan Seattle.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 22nd day of February, 1977.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION thereof on the 22nd day of February, 1977.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Director of Administration and Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)

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