

RESOLUTION NO.R-3526

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF KING COUNTY POLICIES ON ANNEXATIONS AND INCORPORATIONS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland supports the King County Comprehensive Plan which, in policies PI-302 through PI-305, states that cities are the preferred providers of urban services, that the County should support annexations and incorporations when consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and that King County should work with the cities to adopt interlocal agreements identifying logical annexation areas; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council is presently considering more detailed policies which nominally address annexation and incorporations, but which focus primarily on how County government can replace near term revenue shortfalls created by the recent incorporations of Federal Way and Sea Tac and the annexation to Tukwila; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland could be seriously affected financially by implementation of many of the concepts in the current draft, including the County's proposed immediate divestiture of many regional parks and the unilateral escalation of contract costs for services such as health service, municipal court service, jail service, and marine patrol; and

WHEREAS, the current draft County policies are based upon questionable methods and financial assumptions, many of which have been identified in previous city/county discussions on costs of services; and

WHEREAS, the current draft represents a short term, cost containment approach to recent change, rather than a long range and visionary blueprint for County government and intergovernmental cooperation.

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

Section 1. King County should take whatever immediate measures are necessary, fair, and equitable to deal with the imminent cityhood of SeaTac, Federal Way, and the Tukwila neighborhoods, however should not make hasty policy decisions which will have broad and long term implications for all future annexations and incorporations in the county.

Section 2. King County is urged to return the focus of the annexations and incorporations policies to land use, service delivery and governance and to resume its commitment to the interlocal agreement process with suburban cities to

achieve the existing policy direction identified in the King County Comprehensive Plan.

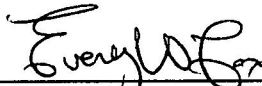
Section 3. King County is called upon to resume the cost of services discussion which was abruptly halted in 1986. This renewed effort should set as objectives: (1) the elimination of all contracts for services between the County and cities; and (2) creation of a County budget ledger breaking out and identifying revenue sources and expenditures based upon whether services are provided to unincorporated residents only or are provided equally to all county residents.

Section 4. If, after thorough analysis and whatever independent review is mutually agreed to, the County and the suburban cities agree that there is insufficient regional revenue to fund regional service needs, the City will support a joint approach to the legislature to secure appropriate new revenue sources to support regional services.

Section 5. A copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the members of the King County Council, the King County Executive, the membership of the Suburban Cities Association of King County, and the Suburban Planning Directors Group.

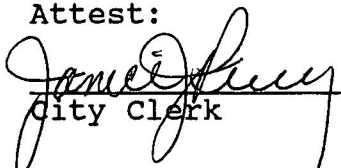
PASSED in regular meeting of the Kirkland City Council on the 6th day of June, 1989.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION thereof on the 6TH day of JUNE, 1989.



Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



City Clerk

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