RESOLUTION R- 4357

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING STATE REFERENDUM BILL 51, FINANCING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH TRANSPORTATION FEES AND TAXES, IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002, STATE GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Kirkland citizens have consistently indicated that transportation issues and the need for transportation improvements are high priorities; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant backlog of important safety and enhancement transportation projects, and the amount of funds needed for these transportation projects greatly exceeds the resources available in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, there have been no increases in the Washington gas tax since 1991, resulting in a decrease in real dollars available for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to ensuring our economic health and retaining and increasing family-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, funding from Referendum 51 would contribute to necessary transportation improvements that will provide significant mobility and economic benefits for the citizens, employers and visitors of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has come before the Kirkland City Council at its regular meeting of September 3, 2002, with notice thereof given in the manner required by RCW 42.17.130(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, at said meeting members of the City Council and members of the pubic in attendance were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of opposing views,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of State Referendum 51, which will be presented to the voters at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2002.

Attest:

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