

RESOLUTION R- 4360

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND OPPOSING INITIATIVE 776 CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Initiative 776 would repeal the motor vehicle excise tax that is currently available to local transit agencies, attempt to eliminate the local voter-approved motor vehicle excise tax option for high capacity transit that funds Sound Transit projects, and repeal the vehicle license fee that is currently collected in several counties to fund local transportation improvements; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Initiative 776 would attempt to repeal existing local motor vehicle excise taxes and vehicle license fees that are used for local transportation projects supported by the people of this region, including taxes that have received voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Initiative 776 would extend to all corners of the State of Washington, directly eliminating the existing \$15.00 per year vehicle license fee levied in Douglas, King, Snohomish and Pierce counties, and would effectively preclude any local motor vehicle excise tax option in the immediate future for high capacity transit services in any part of the state; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has come before the Kirkland City Council at its regular meeting of October 1, 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 public 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:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Kirkland declares its opposition to Initiative Measure 776 and urges voters to vote "no" on I-776.

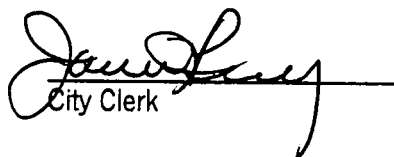
Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 1st day of October, 2002.

Signed in authentication thereof this 1st day of October, 2002.

MAYOR

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Judy", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk

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