

RESOLUTION R- 4519

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
OPPOSING INITIATIVE 912 CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAXES IN
THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal a motor vehicle tax rate increase enacted by the 2005 session of the Legislature for state-wide transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal the motor vehicle fuel tax increases of 3 cents in 2005 and 2006, 2 cents in 2007, and 1.5 cents per gallon in 2008, enacted in 2005 for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax were enacted by the Legislature primarily to fund a series of public transportation improvements, including the 520 floating bridge; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax, approximately 17 percent of the net revenue from the first two steps of which is to be distributed to towns, cities, and counties for transportation purposes; 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, this Resolution has come before the Kirkland City Council at its meeting of October 4, 2005, 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 No. 912 and urges voters to vote "no" on I-912.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 4th day of October, 2005.

Signed in authentication thereof this 4th day of October, 2005.

Mary Alyce Burleigh
MAYOR

Attest:

Keth W. Anderson
City Clerk
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