

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 Alice Burleigh  
MAYOR

Attest:

Keth Anderson  
City Clerk  
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