

RESOLUTION R-4684

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF SSB 5278 AND SHB 1551.

WHEREAS, the Fair Campaign Practices Act, enacted as part of Initiative 134 in 1992, imposed campaign contributions limits on elections for state office; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Campaign Practices Act also prohibited the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for state or local office; and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of Initiative 134, some local governments had ordinances providing the availability of public funds for political campaigns for municipal offices; and

WHEREAS, in the upcoming Washington State legislative session there will be companion bills, Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5278 and Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1551, which would remove the prohibition against the use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bills would give local jurisdictions the discretion to publicly fund local elections, but would not require public funding of political campaigns and would not involve any state funds;

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

Section 1. The City Council supports the passage of SSB 5278 and SHB 1551 which would remove the prohibition against the use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office and allow cities, towns, and counties to determine whether and how to fund campaigns for local office.

Section 2. The Council urges State legislators to vote for SSB 5278 and SHB 1551.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of January, 2008.

Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of January, 2008.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk