

RESOLUTION R-4698

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND PERTAINING TO THE CITY BECOMING A CASCADE AGENDA LEADERSHIP CITY.

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Kirkland City Council adopted Resolution R-4518 endorsing the Cascade Agenda - the 100-year vision for King, Pierce, Snohomish, Mason, and Kittitas Counties that sets forth the goals and strategies to conserve this region's land while sustaining a strong regional economy, and creating vibrant and livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) has launched the "Cascade Agenda Cities Program" to recognize the necessary connection between the creation of great communities and the conservation of this region's ecosystems and working lands; and

WHEREAS, the City's community planning goals, policies and programs are in alignment with the mission, vision and program objectives and goals of the Cascade Agenda Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2007 the City of Kirkland became one of the first Cascade Agenda Member Cities in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to working in concert with the Cascade Land Conservancy to implement the strategies and approaches called for in the Cascade Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the City has a successful history of working in partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy on a variety of efforts ranging from open space protection, community ivy pulls, reforestation planning and hosting community forums; and

WHEREAS, the Cascade Land Conservancy has approached the City to become a *Cascade Agenda Leadership City*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received a presentation from the Cascade Land Conservancy at its regular meeting on April 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, City of Kirkland and the Cascade Land Conservancy believe that by working together we will build on and multiply the strengths and resources of each organization to advance the missions of both by creating complete, compact and connected communities which protect the natural environment.

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

Section 1. The City of Kirkland agrees to become a Cascade Agenda Leadership City.

Section 2. The City of Kirkland agrees to work cooperatively with the Cascade Land Conservancy to implement the Cascade Agenda Cities Program.


Section 3. The City of Kirkland and the Cascade Land Conservancy will develop a memorandum of agreement between the City and the CLC to establish a framework for this effort and identify the roles and responsibilities for each party.

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

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION thereof this 15th day of April, 2008.


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk