



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

### **General Principles**

Kirkland supports legislation to promote the City Council's goals and protect the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.
- Oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities.
- Defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including business and occupation and telecommunication taxes.

### **City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Priorities**

- Kirkland supports providing state and local transportation revenue to maintain infrastructure investments, transit agency funding flexibility, and complete projects that enhance economic vitality, particularly the SR 520 corridor.
- Kirkland supports including funding in any statewide transportation package for the I-405 / NE 132 Interchange Ramp project in the Totem Lake Designated Urban Center: \$75 million
- Kirkland supports continued state financial assistance and other tools that further the development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for any of the following multimodal safety investments.
  1. Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Investments: \$1,021,000
  2. Cross Kirkland Corridor to Redmond Central Connector: \$750,000
  3. NE 52nd Street Sidewalk: \$1,068,600
- Kirkland supports giving cities flexibility to help site marijuana retail facilities and supports sharing marijuana revenue with cities that allow marijuana retail facilities in order to address public safety and other local impacts.
- Kirkland supports allowing additional Sound Transit revenue authority and that such authority may also be used to fund trail development and alternative transportation along the Eastside Rail Corridor.
- Kirkland supports allowing both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap, currently fixed at 1 percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA**

Kirkland generally supports the policy principles of the items below, however, formal City support is contingent upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

### **2015 Legislative Support**

#### **Select Legislative Support and carryovers from Kirkland's 2014 Support agenda**

- Support honoring the state's commitment to reconnect the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) at 1-405 (Wilburton).
- Support maintaining/enhancing funding to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund (LSDF).
- Support legislation to enable local funding sources for multi-benefit watershed projects.
- Support providing cities with financing options to support public/private partnerships.
- Support brown grease to energy conversion legislation and programs.
- Support an amendment to RCW 46.68.090 that would allocate gas tax revenues between counties and cities based on a per capita allocation rather than the current fixed percentages.
- Support Hi-Tech Industry through the "Washington Tech Cities Coalition" (WTC<sup>2</sup>)

#### **Support for Infrastructure Funding**

- Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) / Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA)
- Safe Routes to Schools & Complete Streets program Funding
- Transportation Investment Board Funding (TIB)
- Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
- Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)
- Regional Mobility Grant Funding Program - Preserve
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Funding
- Support Healthy & Sustainable Communities Initiative

Additionally, Kirkland supports selected items from the 2015 legislative agendas led by the following ally organizations:

#### **Association of Washington Cities**

**Shared Revenue:** Maintain the revenue sharing partnership between the state and cities and restore local liquor revenue.

**Marijuana:** Fund critical criminal justice needs by sharing a portion of the excise tax on recreational marijuana.

**Transportation:** Adopt a multi-modal transportation package that addresses city needs.

**Property Tax:** Replace the 1% property tax cap with an annual limit that accounts for inflation and population growth.

**Infrastructure:** Restore the state's commitment to public infrastructure investment.

## **Transportation Issues**

### **Transportation Choices Coalition**

- Local Funding for Transit
- Commute Trip Reduction Program
- Carbon Pricing
- Efficient Movement of People and Goods
- Transportation Package and Budget

### **Eastside Transportation Partnership**

- Develop and fund a transportation package through an increase in the state gas tax and/or other revenue sources to pay for critical safety, maintenance, and mobility improvements including I-405, I-90, SR 520, SR 522, SR 202, SR 203, and other East King County routes.
- Support reforms that streamline and reduce costs of transportation improvements.
- Increase funding options for city, county, and regional transportation needs; while maintaining funding for programs that support mobility, economic vitality, and maintenance of the existing transportation system.
- Develop funding mechanisms for transit in, between, and to communities east of Lake Washington as a fundamental tenet of achieving growth management goals.
- Continue to have the State Transportation Commission explore alternatives to the gas tax and encourage implementation of a demonstration project statewide of the road usage charge.

### **Washington Bikes & Cascade Bicycle Club**

- Highlight the benefits of efficient transportation investments
  - Improve safety and health through smart investments and legislative improvements
  - Grow the state's economy via bicycle travel and tourism
- \* CBC's legislative objectives "are consistent with the priorities of Washington Bikes, which is bringing a unified, collective voice for bicycling issues to Olympia."

## **Human Services Issues**

### **Eastside Human Services Forum**

- Support Access to Basic Needs and Health Services
- Prevent and End Homelessness
- Support the Most Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities.
- Strengthen Early Learning Support

### **Washington Low Income Housing Alliance**

- Create Affordable Homes
- Protect Washington's Lifeline for Disabled and Elderly Adults
- Help End Chronic Homelessness by Creating a Medicaid Supportive
- Pass the Fair Tenant Screening Act
- Pass the Truth In Evictions Reporting Act
- Pass Legislation to Protect Renters from Source of Income Discrimination

## **Environmental Issues**

### **Environmental Priorities Coalition**

- Making big industries pay for their pollution in order to reduce emissions that harm our health and environment
- Protecting our communities and waterways from the risks of increased oil transport.

**Northwest Product Stewardship Council** (While the NPSC does not develop a legislative agenda, the NPSC does advocate in support of the principles of product stewardship and producer responsibility in policies and legislation.)

- **Support Paint Stewardship legislation.**

## **Water Issues**

### **WRIA 8**

- **Capital Budget: Support \$131 million for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund.**
  - WRIA 8's \$1.4 million allocation in the 2013-2015 biennium helped fund priority projects that had substantial local match

## **Public Safety Issues**

### **Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs**

- Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws
- Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000
- Continue Funding for Statewide Public Safety Programs

### **Washington Fire Chiefs Association**

- Raise the E.M.S. levy cap to \$.75 /\$1000 of A.V.
- Funding of all-risk mobilization
- Public record request compliance funding
- Volunteer firefighter incentives
- Allowing a city to form RFA and RFA "clean-up" language

## **Parks Issues**

### **Washington Recreation and Parks Association**

- Enhance WWRP funding in 2015-17 Capital Budget
- Support Department of Revenue (DOR) request legislation on "Amusement and Recreation Services" sales taxes
- Re-establish competitive grant funding for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program
- Support Key Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Outdoor Recreation

## **Planning Issues**

### **Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association**

Not finalized yet (as of 2/5/15)