

# 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 one percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.