



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2017 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 counties to cities.

City of Kirkland 2017 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Restore the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to pre-recession levels
 - Add affordable housing to the list of eligible projects that can be funded by REET 1 and REET 2
 - Extend document recording fee for housing (eliminate sunset) and increase the fee
- Kirkland supports allowing Kingsgate Park and Ride to be used for an affordable housing Transit Oriented Development.
- Kirkland supports adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.
- Kirkland supports allowing local jurisdictions the option to set a lower taxing limit for a Metropolitan Park District (MPD).
- Kirkland supports capital or transportation budget funding for a multimodal safety improvement project connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor with the Redmond Central Connector.
- 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.
- Kirkland supports updates to the Public Records Act that will:
 - Exempt non-appointed volunteers from records requests, except for responsive records already retained by the jurisdiction
 - Establish a nominal fee for filing records requests and a per document charge for electronic records
 - Create a path to predictability on fines for jurisdictions that make good faith efforts to comply with records requests.