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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: January 9, 2015
Subject: 2015 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #1

RECOMMENDATION:

Council should receive its first update on the 2015 legislative session.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At its October 21st meeting, Council adopted the cities State Legislative Priorities for the 2015 legislative session (Attachment A). The 2015 legislative session is a long, 105-day session that begins on Monday, January 12 and ends on Sunday, April 26. The cutoff calendar for the 2015 regular session was not available at the writing of this memo. The legislature's adopted cutoff calendar for 2015 will be provide to Council once it is available.

With the session opening on January 12 and with this update on the City's legislative interests being written January 9, there is no update on the session. Staff will provide an oral update on legislative activities at Council's regular meeting on January 20.

COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Council's Legislative Committee hosted its annual legislative breakfasts, beginning October 23 which provide an opportunity to thank delegation members for their service and support of Kirkland's past priorities and to discuss the City's legislative priorities well before the start of the session.

Once the session opens, the Council's Legislative Committee (Mayor Walen, Councilmember Asher and Councilmember Marchione) meets weekly on Friday's at 3:30pm throughout the session. In addition to the legislative breakfasts, the Council's Legislative Committee met on December 29 and January 9 to discuss the status of the city's 2015 legislative priorities.

Kirkland's Legislative Review Process - During Session

Proposed legislative bills are introduced daily in either the Senate, or the House, or both through the first cut-off anticipated in mid-March. The City's legislative lobbyist flags and forwards relevant bills to intergovernmental staff for review with department(s) and subject-matter experts in an effort to determine potential impacts to the City. This process also includes staff making an initial recommendation on City's position (Support/Oppose/Neutral) on a given bill. Intergovernmental staff then bring bills, reports and recommendations to the Council's Legislative Committee for consideration, discussion and validation of staff recommendations. The Legislative Committee's decisions are guided by the legislative agenda's general principles,

as well as the City Council's Goals. Intergovernmental staff then communicate the City's position on bills to out legislative lobbyist, Council Members and Department Directors.

Throughout the session, a bill tracker on positions that the City has taken will be attached to this memorandum. Matrices, updated on Fridays, of Kirkland's legislative priorities and the bill tracker will be emailed to Council in advance of regular council meetings.

If, during the session, a proposed bill (of concern to the City) is determined to be beyond the scope of the legislative agenda's general principles or not in sync with the Council Goals, then the Legislative Committee will bring the bill before the full Council for consideration and discussion at its next regular council meeting.

Week 1 (1/12 – 1/19)

The primary focus in week 1

1. Transportation revenue (statewide and local options)
2. I-405 / NE 132nd St Ramps project
3. Marijuana related legislation
4. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped

CITY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:

Three legislative districts (LD) – 45th, 48th and 1st – have significant portions within the City of Kirkland. All seats, but the Senate seat in the 1st, had contested elections this past November. Final results for the general election were certified November 25, 2014. The City is represented in Olympia by the following:

- Senator Rosemary McAuliffe and Representatives Luis Moscoso and Derek Stanford of the 1st LD.
- Senator Andy Hill and Representatives Larry Springer and Roger Goodman of the 45th LD.
- Senator Cyrus Habib and Representatives Ross Hunter and Joan McBride of the 48th LD.

Attachments: A. City's adopted 2015 Legislative Priorities



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: \$1,350,000
 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.