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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: October 9, 2014
Subject: CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reviews the revised 2015 State Legislative Priorities Agenda (Attachment A) and approves the agenda at its October 21, 2014 Council meeting.

A Resolution adopting the agenda is included.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At its October 7, 2014 regular meeting, the City Council discussed the preliminary draft 2015 State Legislative Priorities Agenda and recommended revisions to the draft. A redline version, showing the revisions, is attached (Attachment B). It is the goal of the Legislative Committee to have the City's 2015 legislative priorities adopted by Council at its regular meeting on October 21, before it hosts its annual legislative breakfasts with the city's delegation.

The 2015 legislative session is a long, 105-day session that begins on Monday, January 12 and ends on Sunday, April 26.

Summary of Revisions

General Principles: Council had no proposed revisions to the general principles, which promote the Council's goals and protect the city's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

2015 Legislative Priorities: Council recommended revisions to three of the six priorities originally proposed. Council also asked staff to add a seventh priority related to replacing the 1 percent property tax cap with a cap indexed to inflation and population.

The first revision, recommended by Councilmember Asher, came after acknowledging that the state would likely not "fund transit agencies". The transportation revenue priority was revised to support the state providing "transit agency funding flexibility."

The second revision, recommended by Councilmember Asher, was a technical correction referring to the Totem Lake Designated Urban Center within the priority regarding funding for the I-405/NE 132 Interchange Ramp project.

The third revision, recommended by Councilmember Asher, was to clarify the priority related to allowing additional Sound Transit revenue authority. The dual purposes of the priority are to support Sound Transit receiving new authority, AND to ensure that any new authority also has

the flexibility to be used on a trail and/or alternative transportation modes along the Eastside Rail Corridor. The language has been updated to clarify both objectives. Staff have shared this notion with, and sought feedback from, Sound Transit staff.

The fourth and final revision was the addition of a priority related to replacing the 1 percent property tax cap. This recommendation had support from the full Council with specific language recommendations offered from Councilmembers Nixon and Asher. Language was also included reflecting the potential benefits to the state to meet the Council's stated objective of creating a "win-win" with the state.

2015 Legislative Priorities Agenda

It is recommended that Council reviews and adopts the 2015 Legislative Priorities Agenda as final. Additional changes to the agenda can be made at any time at future Council meetings as issues and events evolve.

2015 Support Items Agenda

The 2015 Support Item Agenda will be prepared for Council's consideration in January 2015, allowing the City's ally organizations time to develop their respective 2015 legislative priorities.

Attachments: A. Proposed Draft 2015 Legislative Priorities Agenda
B. Redline changes to council adopted 2014 Legislative Priorities
Resolution of the City Council Approving the 2015 Legislative Priorities Agenda



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RESOLUTION R-5078

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE 2015 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, actions of the State Legislature in respect to local government issues, services and funding have a profound impact upon the ability of local governments to provide adequate local services; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports legislation that promotes the City Council's goals and protects the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland seeks to 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; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council opposes the imposition of unfunded mandates that draw on City resources and opposes any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council seeks to defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including business and occupation and telecommunication taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council believes it appropriate to set forth its position as to issues affecting local government operations coming before the State Legislature during its 2015 session, including issues which the City Council requests the State Legislature to consider;

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

Section 1. The "General Principles" and "City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Priorities" set forth in the "City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Agenda" attached as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated, are adopted as Kirkland's recommendation to the 2015 Session of the State Legislature.

Section 2. The City administration shall transmit the 2015 Legislative Agenda, including any subsequent changes or updates, to members of the State Legislature representing the legislative districts in which Kirkland is located, together with other members of the State

Legislature and to the Association of Washington Cities, the Sound Cities Association and other ally organizations.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2014.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk



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