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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Van Ingram-Lock, Management Analyst  
Erin Leonhart, Facilities & Operations Administrative Manager  
Paul Stewart, Planning & Community Development, Deputy Director  
Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

**Date:** August 22, 2006

**Subject:** RESOLUTION FOR INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI) MEMBERSHIP

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Resolution for International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) membership and participation in its Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

ICLEI is an international association of 660 local governments providing national leadership on climate protection and sustainable development. ICLEI's mission is to improve the global environment through local action. ICLEI provides information, delivers training, organizes conferences, facilitates networking and city-to-city exchanges, carries out research and pilot projects, and offers technical services and consultancy. In addition, software tools and training packages are available to assist with achieving sustainable development goals. ICLEI USA runs two primary programs: Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) and Communities 21.

Cities for Climate Protection (CCP): Cities for Climate Protection, ICLEI's flagship campaign, is designed to educate and empower local governments worldwide to take action on climate change. CCP is a performance-oriented campaign that offers a framework for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve livability within their municipalities. As a participant, the City of Kirkland will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the City;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress.

Communities 21: ICLEI's Local Agenda Program in the United States is titled Communities 21 and was developed in accordance with the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development Agenda 21 program. The primary mission of the Communities 21 program is to improve the ecological health of communities across the nation while promoting economic vitality and social justice.

May 18, 2006 – Council Study Session: At the May 18, 2006 Study Session, staff presented an update of the City's climate protection efforts and committed to reporting back with an update for Kirkland when the 2005 Puget Sound Air Pollution Agency greenhouse gas inventory for King County is available in 2007.

Staff also pledged to conduct an inventory of City (government) activities for their impact on climate change, an element of the *U. S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement*. To assist with this task and other climate protection efforts and to take advantage of the tools and knowledge offered, membership in ICLEI and the ability to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign will be very helpful.

RESOLUTION R - 4591

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI) MEMBERSHIP & CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION® CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION.

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that Carbon CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and signed by 275 mayors in the United States as of July 2006 including the City of Kirkland's Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of Kirkland to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to join ICLEI, on behalf of the City of Kirkland, as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

Section 2. The City of Kirkland will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the City;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress.

Section 3. The City of Kirkland requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk