



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2019 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.
- Support reestablishing the partnership between cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded and vital services are provided to all of the residents of the state.

City of Kirkland 2019 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports new local funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing, such as:
 - Flexibility on existing REET and potential expansion
 - Provide property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens
 - Funding for research on best practices for shared housing strategies and operations
 - Authorization of TOD Pilot Project at Kingsgate Park and Ride
- Kirkland supports continued sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers to ensure no waiting period to get law enforcement and corrections officers trained and in the field.
- Kirkland supports extending and accelerating the construction of express toll lanes on I-405 north of Kirkland, and implementing express toll lanes on I-405 south of Bellevue, in order to coincide with the 2024 opening of Sound Transit's Bus Rapid Transit operations.
- Kirkland supports gun safety measures that promote safe and responsible gun ownership and reduce gun violence, and that are consistent with the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution and Article I Section 24 of the Washington State Constitution.
- Kirkland supports capital and transportation budget funding for prioritized local infrastructure projects.
- Kirkland supports keeping the Transit Bypass Queue, at the Montlake Exit from SR-520, open through the 2023 scheduled completion of the Montlake Project.