

# ENHANCED SAFETY For a Thriving City



The Village at Totem Lake

## Coming Soon to Kirkland



**\$4 million / year**  
LOSS OF STATE ANNEXATION  
AID IN 2021



**4500**  
NEW HOUSING UNITS



**1.5 Million**  
SQ. FT. OF OFFICE RETAIL



**7600**  
NEW RESIDENTS



**4500**  
NEW EMPLOYEES



Downtown Kirkland's mixed-use urban center: Kirkland Urban



**Kirkland is blossoming.** Our waterfront parks, strong schools, innovative companies, tree-lined streets and small-town feel is attracting new investment, new jobs, new shops, new restaurants and new housing options for all ages, incomes and abilities.

**Public safety is our top priority.** This new prosperity requires even better protection for new people and new buildings. New high-rise structures require new training, new equipment and new firefighters to keep occupants safe. Cyber crimes, mail theft, shoplifting and car prowls require new tools, new technologies and new officers to combat more sophisticated criminals. And more families moving to Kirkland means more children in schools that need to be protected from gun violence like suicide and mass shootings.

*To learn more about the Council's idea to keep Kirkland safe, look on the back page.*

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## Keeping a Thriving City Safe

**PHASE 1 – 2018:** A voter-approved .1% sales tax (a penny on every \$10.00 purchase) measure focused on enhanced police service and community safety. Planned elements include:

- **A new dedicated, proactive police unit** to focus on illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries, mail theft, shoplifting, and enforcing extreme risk protection orders and court-ordered gun forfeitures. Bellevue and Redmond have such units, and they are proven, effective teams that reduce crime.
- **Four new School Resource Officers (SROs)** in the International Community School, and Finn Hill, Kamiakin and Kirkland Middle Schools.
- **A new Neighborhood Resource Officer paired with a dedicated Mental Health professional** to help resolve police and fire calls with mental health complications including domestic violence, suicide attempts, assisting homeless persons, as well as code enforcement and non-emergency calls.
- **Dedicated funding for effective mental health and human services programs** that provide suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention, and drug addiction.
- **Dedicated funding for gun safety training** in the community, as well as safe storage of existing guns, such as subsidized trigger locks and gun safes.
- **Dedicated funding to reduce homelessness**, especially among women and families.

**PHASE 2 – 2020:** A voter-approved property tax measure for new fire stations, equipment and firefighters to provide faster response times for fire and emergency medical services. Planned elements include:

- **Construction of a new Fire Station 27** located near Evergreen Health on the east side of I-405 to serve the north-end neighborhoods of Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate.
- **Seismic renovation, modernization and expansion of Fire Station 26, Fire Station 22 and Fire Station 21** which protect the central and south part of Kirkland.
- **Additional firefighters to fully staff new Fire Station 24** in Juanita when completed in 2020.
- **New dedicated Aid Cars to respond to increasing medical calls**, especially among the growing elderly population.
- **New training center investments** respond to new high-rise and mixed-use development to keep Kirkland firefighters the best trained and best equipped department in the region.
- **A community conversation** to further develop the Phase 2 package will kick off in 2019.

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