



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Jim Lopez, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Raymond, City Attorney

Date: July 6, 2018

Subject: PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO KIRKLAND VOTERS AUTHORIZING ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) INCREASE IN SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND ENHANCED POLICE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing on the attached proposed Resolution which, if adopted, would provide for the submission to the voters of Kirkland, at the November 6, 2018 election, of a proposition authorizing an increase in the sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price to fund enhanced police services and community safety measures on an ongoing basis beginning in 2019. Once the public hearing is closed, staff will be seeking direction on any changes to the Resolution (including elements of the ballot proposition) and the ballot title itself. Final versions of the resolution and ballot title will be presented to the Council's August 6th Special Meeting for final review and possible action. The Resolution and ballot title have been reviewed by the City Attorney and outside legal counsel to ensure compliance with state law.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City Council declared Kirkland a Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming City in 2017. Among many other issues related to that aspirational goal, including immigration status, religious affiliation, non-discrimination and tolerance, Kirkland, has been engaged in a series of civic conversations about community safety. In particular, the issue of gun safety has been significantly elevated in recent years due in large part to mass shootings in schools and at other locations in the United States.

The Council's goal of keeping Kirkland Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming is challenged as Kirkland experiences unprecedented economic growth and redevelopment. The Planning Department identifies over 4,500 residential units and over two million square feet of commercial and institutional development currently under construction or at some phase in the permitting process. This prosperity brings new jobs, shops, restaurants, services and housing options, but also more people, businesses and traffic. It also brings new types of commercial and residential structures to protect with police and fire services. Providing public safety services that match this economic growth and redevelopment is further challenged by the expiration of the annexation sales tax credit in 2021, resulting in the loss of nearly four million dollars annually from the City's general fund. The City has implemented effective economic development

strategies to replace the lost annexation sales tax revenue but the pace of growth is creating new demands for service beyond the potential revenues from those strategies.

At the Council's May 24, 2018 fiscal retreat, the Council received a financial forecast that projects deficits of \$8.4 million in the 2021/2022 biennium and \$17.9 million dollars in the 2023/2024 biennium, partially caused by the annexation sales tax credit expiration. Recognizing that adding additional public safety investments while faced with pending deficits was not financially sustainable, the Council, at the June 5, 2018 meeting, directed staff to engage the public on strategies to enhance police services and community safety in Kirkland as part of a potential two-step public safety ballot measure initiative. As generally described in the "Enhanced Safety for a Thriving City" document provided as **Attachment A**, Phase 1 of this strategy anticipates the possibility of a voter-approved sales tax measure in 2018 focused on police services, school safety and gun safety. Phase 2 of this strategy anticipates the possibility of a voter-approved property tax measure in 2020 for new fire stations, equipment and firefighters, as well as new and renovated fire stations to provide enhanced response times for fire and emergency medical services.

More detailed background on the potential for a two-phased ballot measure approach is included in the [June 5, 2018 staff report](#).

Public Safety Sales and Use Tax Ballot Measure Authorized by RCW 82.14.450

State law allows the City to increase the sales and use tax by up to 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) by placing a measure on the ballot. The measure would require 50% plus one approval by voters. Fifteen percent of the tax proceeds must be shared with King County. Motor vehicle sales are exempt from the tax and one-third of funds received must be used "solely for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both." The remainder may be used for any City purpose. The Finance Department estimates that the net revenue from this sales tax after factoring out car sales and the portion provided to King County would be approximately \$1.8 million annually. The Council has provided direction that all of the revenues from such a sales tax measure be used to improve public safety for the community.

Following Council direction, City staff has actively engaged with the Kirkland community and others on issues related to police services and community safety, including gun safety and safer schools. Those efforts have included meetings with concerned parents and students, town hall meetings, focus groups, interactive City social media, and public comment at Council meetings.

A detailed summary of those efforts and associated findings, entitled "Gun Safety and Community Safety Outreach Findings Report" is also part of the July 17, 2018 Council meeting and will be the subject of a special presentation prior to the public hearing. In addition, the City engaged the survey firm, EMC Research to conduct a statistically valid live telephone survey of Kirkland residents to help gauge community priorities around police and community safety, and also the preferred methods of funding identified priorities. The survey has been in the field since July 5th and survey results will be presented at the July 17 Council meeting. EMC Research also conducted the City's 2018 Community Survey.

After receiving presentations on the outreach results and the telephone survey results, the Council will receive public comment during the public hearing. Once public comment is complete, staff will be asking Council to finalize elements of the potential sales tax ballot measure as well as the ballot title that would be placed before voters. The Council would review the revised documents for potential final action at the special meeting scheduled for August 6, 2018.

As a starting point for the discussions, staff drafted a proposed Resolution using implementation of Phase 1 of the "Enhanced Safety for a Thriving City" initiative as the framework.

The proposed Resolution would put to the voters of Kirkland, at the November 6, 2018 election, the question of whether the sales and use tax in Kirkland should be increased by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price on applicable goods and services to fund the following police services and community safety priorities on an ongoing basis beginning in 2019:

- A Police ProAct Unit consisting of (4) full-time police officers and one (1) support position focused on illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries, mail theft, shoplifting, enforcing extreme protection orders and court-ordered gun forfeitures. (\$680K)
- Four (4) full-time school resource officers ("SROs") in Finn Hill Middle School, Kamiakin Middle School, Kirkland Middle School and the International Community School, with the costs shared equally by the City and the Lake Washington School District ("LWSD"). (\$320K)
- One (1) additional Neighborhood Resource Officer to focus on community policing, code enforcement and emergency calls involving mental health complications. (\$140K)
- One (1) full-time mental health professional to help resolve police and emergency medical calls involving individuals with mental health complications, including domestic violence, suicide attempts and assisting homeless individuals. This service might also be contracted rather than through the hiring of a new City employee (\$120K)
- Additional dedicated grant funding for the social and emotional health of children and teenagers and to expand existing mental health, human services and after-school programs that provide suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention and drug addiction services. (\$350K)
- New annual funding for firearms safety training in the community and safe storage of firearms, including subsidized trigger locks and gun safes. (\$100K)
- New annual funding to support women and family shelter operations, providing a safe place for women and families experiencing homelessness during their transition to stable housing. (\$100K)

As noted previously, City staff recommends a modest increase in the sales and use tax in Kirkland to continuously fund these investments. For context, the recommended sales and use tax increase of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) would equate to 1 penny on a \$10 purchase or 10 cents on a \$100 purchase. Other new funding options – including a property tax increase, an annual car tab fee, an increase in the City business license "head tax," or a new tax on sweetened soft drinks are considered less attractive and less uniform, in addition to being inconsistent with the Council's "Enhanced Safety for a Thriving City" initiative. Moreover, cutting important existing programs, such as parks and roadway enhancements or withdrawing "rainy day" moneys from the City's emergency reserve funds, are considered unwise from a prudent financial management perspective as well as inconsistent with the community priorities identified over the last several community surveys by Kirkland residents.

City staff estimates that the annual costs of the identified enhanced police services, school safety and community safety measures identified above are approximately \$1.8 million in 2019 dollars, which is the approximate amount the recommended increase in the sales and use tax would raise annually.

If the Council wishes to place this proposition before the Kirkland voters in November, it would need to enact the proposed Resolution, or a substitute, at either its July 17 regular meeting or at its August 6 special meeting. Under mandatory statutory timelines, August 7 (the date of this year's Primary Election in the state of Washington) is the deadline for the transmittal of an

adopted resolution to King County Elections asking that the proposition be included on the November 6, 2018 ballot. August 7 is also the deadline for the appointment of "Pro" and "Con" statement committee members, which should therefore occur at either the July 17 or August 6 Council meeting. The City is actively seeking volunteers to draft those statements at this time. Recruitment for the volunteers extends through the end of the business day on July 13, 2018. Submitted names for the "Pro" and "Con" committees will be sent to the Council soon after the recruitment closes.

Summary

Staff is requesting direction from the Council on the following items:

- Should a ballot measure be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot providing for enhanced police services and community safety?
- If so, what edits should be made to the proposed resolution and ballot title prior to final Council consideration?

Attachment A – Enhanced Safety for a Thriving City

RESOLUTION R-5324

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX IN KIRKLAND OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) ON THE SELLING PRICE TO FUND ENHANCED POLICE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

1 WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Kirkland,
2 Washington ("City") has declared Kirkland a Safe, Inclusive and
3 Welcoming City; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Council's goal of keeping Kirkland Safe, Inclusive
6 and Welcoming is challenged as Kirkland experiences unprecedented
7 economic growth and redevelopment, with over 4,500 residential units
8 and over two million square feet of commercial and institutional
9 development currently under construction or at some phase in the
10 permitting system, bringing new jobs, shops, restaurants, services and
11 housing options, as well as more people, businesses and traffic, and
12 new types of commercial and residential structures that need police and
13 fire services; and
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15 WHEREAS, providing public safety services that match this
16 economic growth and redevelopment is further challenged by the
17 expiration of the annexation sales tax credit in 2021, resulting in the
18 loss of nearly four million dollars annually from the City's general fund;
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21 WHEREAS, to help keep the community safe the Council, over
22 the past five years, completed both a Police Strategic Plan and a Fire
23 Strategic Plan to identify needed investments in staffing, equipment and
24 technology to provide for more proactive community policing and better
25 response times for fire and emergency medical services, as well as
26 needed renovation and expansion of existing fire stations and the
27 construction of a new, relocated Fire Station 27 east of I-405; and

28 WHEREAS, while the 2017-2018 City Work Program originally
29 called for the exploration of potential property tax measures for fire
30 station modernization and public safety operations, the Council deferred
31 this item in December of 2017 to at least 2020 due to resident concerns
32 about current property tax levels due to state and regional actions; and
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34 WHEREAS, as the Council considers how to meet these
35 challenges during the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget process, staff is

36 using the adopted public safety strategic plans to guide the next round
37 of public safety investments; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Police Strategic Plan's top priorities are additional
40 patrol officers as well as the full funding and activation of a ProAct Unit
41 focused on illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries, mail theft, shoplifting,
42 and other property crimes, as well as enforcing extreme protection
43 orders and court-ordered gun forfeitures; and

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45 WHEREAS, The ProAct Unit requires five (5) positions, including
46 four (4) ProAct Police Officers and a support staff position with an
47 approximate cost of \$680,000 per year in ongoing expenditures, in
48 addition to one-time investments for vehicles and equipment; and

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50 WHEREAS, a top staffing priority of the Fire Strategic Plan is to
51 add five (5) additional Firefighter/EMTs to fully staff new Station 24 in
52 Juanita when it is completed in 2020, at an additional cost of
53 approximately \$590,000 per year in ongoing expenditures; and

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55 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a mass shooting occurred at
56 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, resulting in
57 seventeen students and staff killed and seventeen others wounded,
58 reigniting conversations across the nation about actions that could be
59 taken to reduce gun violence in the country and sparking strong activism
60 from students and parents of school age children; and

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62 WHEREAS, local groups including Kirkland Indivisible, Kirkland
63 Safe, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, LWPTSA Council,
64 Alliance for Gun Responsibility, the Forward Together Network, the
65 Iman Center, Lake Washington Christian Church, Kirkland Interfaith
66 Network, and the Lutheran Peace Fellowship, have asked to the Council
67 to identify actions that Kirkland can take to reduce gun violence in
68 Kirkland and Washington State; and

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70 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the City Council welcomed over
71 70 parents from various Kirkland schools to City Hall to discuss actions
72 that could be taken to keep students safe from gun violence, and on
73 March 21, 2018 the Lake Washington School District and the City hosted
74 a community discussion about school safety and community action at
75 Lake Washington High School Theater and both events included
76 requests of the Council to work through Kirkland's state legislative
77 delegation to move legislation related to firearms safety and firearms
78 regulation; and

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80 WHEREAS, also in response to the Parkland and other school
81 shootings, the Lake Washington School District has proposed to share
82 the cost of adding four (4) new full-time school resource officers, one
83 officer each in the Finn Hill Middle School, Kamiakin Middle School,

84 Kirkland Middle School and the International Community School, all in
85 Kirkland; and

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87 WHEREAS, on April 23, 2018, the City Clerk received a petition,
88 now formally designated as Petition G-18-233, calling for the Council to
89 adopt a gun safety resolution at the May 1, 2018, Council meeting with
90 an addendum including additional signatures presented on April 30,
91 2018 for a total of 184 signatures and 58 letters of support; and

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93 WHEREAS, the Council adopted Resolution R-5312 on May 1,
94 2018, calling for further community engagement on the topics of gun
95 safety and community safety to provide feedback to the Council ahead
96 of the formation of the City's 2019 state legislative agenda and
97 supplement outreach efforts for the 2019-2020 biennial budget and
98 2019-2020 City Work Program; and

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100 WHEREAS, Resolution R-5312 authorized the City Manager to:
101 seek the community's input on the topics of gun safety and community
102 safety through a Town Hall and additional engagement strategies;
103 research methods of promoting safe and responsible gun ownership at
104 the state and local levels; collaborate with public and private partners
105 on possible state and local legislation around gun safety and community
106 safety; and report the results of these efforts to the Council, no later
107 than July 17, 2018, including options for potential changes to City
108 ordinances and policies, City budget initiatives, and the City's state
109 legislative agenda based on the community engagement results; and

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111 WHEREAS, at the Council's May 24, 2018 fiscal retreat, the
112 Council received a financial forecast that projects deficits of \$8.4 million
113 in the 2021/2022 biennium and \$17.9 million dollars in the 2023/2024
114 biennium, partially caused by the annexation sales tax credit expiration;
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117 WHEREAS, to sustainably fund these police investments,
118 community safety investments, school district investments and fire
119 investments would therefore require new revenues or a significant
120 reprioritization of existing general fund programs such as parks
121 maintenance and street maintenance; and

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123 WHEREAS, at the May 24, 2018 fiscal retreat, the Council
124 directed to staff to engage the community through a survey, focus
125 groups and additional outreach on a two-phased public safety ballot
126 measure approach that includes a police services and community safety
127 sales tax measure in 2018 and fire and emergency medical services
128 property tax ballot measure in 2020 for fire facilities and staffing; and

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130 WHEREAS, police and community safety are significant elements
of the ongoing, local outreach efforts and the nationwide conversation

131 related to community safety, including in response to repeated acts of
132 gun violence, including in our community and schools and frequently
133 involving mental illness, domestic violence and suicides; and
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135 WHEREAS, on July 17, 2018, staff reported back to Council with
136 the results of the engagement program including a summary of the
137 community's desire for the City to take action now to implement
138 programs designed to make our schools safer, increase mental health
139 awareness programs, provide funding for firearms training and safe
140 storage programs, and improve the effectiveness of existing gun related
141 laws and policies, as well as the request by some members of the
142 community to effect changes to state and local legislation regulating
143 guns; and
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145 WHEREAS, in addition to a ProAct Unit and new school resource
146 officers, the City has identified that an effective action to reduce gun
147 violence includes the addition of one (1) full-time mental health
148 professional to help resolve police and emergency medical calls
149 involving individuals with mental health complications, including
150 domestic violence incidents, suicide attempts and assisting homeless
151 individuals; and
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153 WHEREAS, an additional effective action includes new dedicated
154 funding for the social and emotional health of children and teenagers,
155 and expanded funding for mental health, human services and after-
156 school programs that provide suicide prevention, domestic violence
157 prevention and drug addiction services; and
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159 WHEREAS, and additional effective action includes new annual
160 funding for firearms safety training in the community and safe storage
161 of firearms, including subsidized trigger locks and gun safes; and
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163 WHEREAS, a safe community must ensure that all residents, but
164 especially women and children, have adequate shelter and are safe from
165 hunger, illness, crime and weather exposure and a key component of
166 reducing homelessness is funding operations for the eastside women
167 and family shelter; and

168 WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of the police and
169 community safety priorities referenced above is \$1.8 million in 2019
170 dollars; and
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172 WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.450(2)(a) authorizes the Council to
173 submit an authorizing proposition to the Kirkland voters at an election
174 to be used for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or
175 both, and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting,
176 to impose an additional sales and use tax of up to one-tenth of one

177 percent (0.1%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or the value
178 of the article used in the case of a use tax; and

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180 WHEREAS, such an increase in the sales tax in Kirkland is the
181 equivalent of one penny on every ten dollar purchase, and would
182 increase revenues to the City in the amount of approximately \$1.8
183 million per year in 2019 dollars.

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

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188 Section 1. **Purpose of Ballot Proposition.** The City
189 Council determines it to be in the public interest to fund, or in the case
190 of school resources officers to share equally in the funding together with
191 the Lake Washington School District, the following enhanced police and
192 community safety services beginning as soon as practicable in 2019:

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- 194 • A Police ProAct Unit consisting of (4) full-time police officers
- 195 and one (1) support position focused on illegal drugs, car
- 196 prowls, burglaries, mail theft, shoplifting, enforcing extreme
- 197 protection orders and court-ordered gun forfeitures. (\$680K)
- 198 • Four (4) full-time school resource officers ("SROs") in Finn
- 199 Hill Middle School, Kamiakin Middle School, Kirkland Middle
- 200 School and the International Community School, with the
- 201 costs shared equally by the City and the Lake Washington
- 202 School District ("LWSD"). (\$320K)
- 203 • One (1) additional Neighborhood Resource Officer to focus
- 204 on community policing, code enforcement and emergency
- 205 calls involving mental health complications. (\$140K)
- 206 • One (1) full-time mental health professional to help resolve
- 207 police and emergency medical calls involving individuals with
- 208 mental health complications, including domestic violence,
- 209 suicide attempts and assisting homeless individuals. This
- 210 service might also be contracted rather than hiring a new
- 211 City employee. (\$120K)
- 212 • Additional dedicated grant funding for the social and
- 213 emotional health of children and teenagers and to expand
- 214 existing mental health, human services and after-school
- 215 programs that provide suicide prevention, domestic violence
- 216 prevention and drug addiction services. (\$350K)
- 217 • New annual funding for firearms safety training in the
- 218 community and safe storage of firearms, including subsidized
- 219 trigger locks and gun safes. (\$100K)
- 220 • New annual funding to support women and family shelter
- 221 operations, providing a safe place for women and families
- 222 experiencing homelessness during their transition to stable
- 223 housing. (\$100K)
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225 The amounts collected pursuant to the sales tax increase authorized
226 shall be used solely for public safety purposes, which may include but
227 are not limited to personnel and related costs of recruiting, hiring,
228 training, equipping and employing the public safety professionals
229 described above, and to pay other related public safety expenses
230 including costs of enhanced mental health, human services and firearms
231 safety programs described above, and for any additional purposes
232 authorized by RCW 82.14.450. The Council reserves the right, in
233 accordance with its biennial budget process, to determine the levels of
234 service to be provided within the categories described in this Resolution
235 and within the available revenues collected from this increase. If
236 revenues are sufficient, the Council reserves the right to use such
237 additional funds to contract for, or pay personnel and related costs of
238 recruiting, hiring, training, equipping and employing additional
239 personnel in other capacities authorized by RCW 82.14.450 and to
240 further expand mental health and human services programs.

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242 Section 2. **Calling of Election.** It is hereby found that the
243 best interests of the inhabitants of Kirkland require the submission to
244 the qualified electors of Kirkland for approval or rejection at the election
245 to be held on November 6, 2018 of a proposition authorizing an
246 additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) on the
247 selling price in the case of a sales tax or the value of the article used in
248 the case of a use tax pursuant RCW 82.14.450(2)(a). King County
249 Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in the City, is hereby
250 requested to assume jurisdiction of and to submit to the qualified
251 electors of Kirkland the proposition hereinafter set forth.

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253 Section 3. **Submission of Ballot Title to the County.**
254 The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not less than 84 days
255 prior to such election date (i.e., no later than August 7, 2018), to certify
256 the proposition to King County Elections in substantially the following
257 form, prepared pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071:

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CITY OF KIRKLAND
PROPOSITION 1
ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR
POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Kirkland City Council adopted Resolution No. 5324 concerning a proposition for funding enhanced police services and community safety. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide ongoing funding for the public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450. These would include additional police officers, school resource officers in Kirkland middle schools, after school programs and expanded mental health and human services programs focusing on gun safety, domestic violence, suicide prevention, and related public safety issues and services to the homeless. The increase would become effective in 2019.

Should this proposition be:

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REJECTED?.....

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For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the City hereby designates its City Attorney (Kevin Raymond, 425-587-3031, kraymond@kirklandwa.gov) and its Special Counsel, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, PC (Alice Ostdiek, 206-829-3002, aostdiek@sycr.com), as the persons to whom such notice shall be provided.

Section 4. Authorization of Local Voters' Pamphlet.
The City Council authorizes preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, including an explanatory statement and statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure, if any. The preparation of explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees and the preparation of statements in favor or and in opposition to the ballot title shall be in accordance with chapter 29A.32 RCW and the rules and guidelines of the King County Elections Office.

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Section 5. **General Authorization; Ratification.**
Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to King County Elections, in accordance with law, prior to the date of such election, and any other acts consistent with the authority, and prior to the effective date, of this Resolution, are hereby ratified. Other proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the ballot proposition described in this Resolution shall be submitted to the voters of the City at the November 6, 2018 election. Any action taken consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Passed by a majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this __ day of _____, 2018 and approved by the City Council as required by law.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kevin Raymond, City Attorney

ENHANCED SAFETY For a Thriving City



The Village at Totem Lake

Coming Soon to Kirkland



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.



ENHANCED SAFETY For a Thriving City



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. Elements could include:

- **A new dedicated, proactive police unit** to focus on illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries, mail theft and shoplifting. 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 an additional dedicated Mental Health Liaison** to help resolve police and emergency medical 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.

* *The measure would generate approximately \$1.8 million annually*

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

- **Construction of a new Fire Station 27** located near Evergreen Health on the East side of I-405 to serve the Village at Totem Lake and surrounding developments.
- **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 North 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.

** *Amount raised depends on capital investments selected and number of new firefighter / EMTs included*

For More Information:

Contact City of Kirkland Neighborhood
Services Outreach Coordinator

David Wolbrecht at dwolbrecht@kirklandwa.gov