

## ***Black Lives Matter Mural***

### **Proposal to the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission**

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**Art Concept:** As a young Black and Latinx Kirkland resident and artist, I was proud to see our City Council pass Resolution R-5434, *Affirming that Black Lives Matter and Approving the Framework for Kirkland to Become a Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming Community*<sup>1</sup>. I would like to take action to improve the safety and inclusion of Black People in Kirkland by painting a Black Lives Matter mural in the City of Kirkland that would also contribute to the vibrant art scene while supporting this resolution. Ideally, the mural would be located in a busy public area – such as on the side of the KTUB building by Peter Kirk Park, in the growing Totem Lake area, etc. – so that many residents and visitors could enjoy it. *My vision is to design and paint a mural that reflects the values of the current racial justice movement in our community, and that brings other Black youth together to complete the mural.*

Thank you to the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission for considering this proposal!



**About the Artist:** I am a 22-year-old Black and Latinx female artist, activist, and resident of Kirkland. I love our city and am passionate about making our community a more safe, welcoming, and inclusive place for everyone. I have organized several racial justice events in our community and the greater Seattle region, including A Day to Learn Reform, Sit Down and Listen: Amplifying Black Voices Reform, Uncle Ikes Protest, Marches to City Hall, Black/Immigrants/Refugees Solidarity Rally, and more. I also helped paint a mural recently at the Kirkland Arts Center, as you can see in a photo below. I've included a couple other examples of my artwork here; to see more of my art, visit  [Instagram](#) *Nikaylasart*.



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<sup>1</sup> The full title of the resolution is Resolution R-5434: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirkland Affirming that Black Lives Matter and Approving the Framework for Kirkland to Become a Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming Community Through Actions to Improve the Safety and Respect of Black People in Kirkland and End Structural Racism by Partnering with Those Most Affected.