



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND 2021 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 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 2021 Legislative Priorities**

- Kirkland supports legislative actions that facilitate Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for the Kingsgate Park and Ride TOD Pilot project, the I-405 & NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area and future TOD projects at other WSDOT-owned properties. Action such as:
  - Amend RCWs 47.12.080, .063, .120 by removing the requirements that WSDOT must declare the property unused, no longer required for transportation purposes, or held for highway purposes, but not presently needed, prior to allowing the disposal or leasing of such property.
  - Amend RCW 47.04.295 and RCWs 47.12.080, .063, and .120 to grant WSDOT discretion in whether or not to charge fair market value for the lease or disposal of park and ride real property when the lease or disposal is for the purpose of providing affordable housing or multimodal transportation infrastructure
- Kirkland supports allowing Code Cities to complete local residential street maintenance projects in-house if no contractors enter a project bid
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for prioritized local infrastructure projects

### **Proposed City of Kirkland 2021 Priority Coalition Advocacy Agenda**

The City Council will evaluate support for proposed legislative agendas from the following organizations:

- ❖ Washington Low Income Housing Alliance's efforts for new local funding and policy tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing.
- ❖ Alliance for Gun Responsibility's recommendations for gun safety measures that promote safe and responsible gun ownership and reduce gun violence.
  - Include a Kirkland focus on amending state law as necessary, consistent with the Washington State Constitution, to prevent the visible presence of firearms from intimidating those exercising rights to assembly.
- ❖ Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Statewide Policing Reforms priority.