



General Principles

Kirkland supports legislation that promotes the City Council's goals, plans, policies, and initiatives that enable Kirkland to provide basic municipal services and meet the needs of current and future community members.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support the partnership between Cities and the State to ensure that critical mandates are funded, and vital services are provided to all community members.
- Advance initiatives identified in the City's Work Program; 2023-24 Council Goals; City's 2023-2024 Budget; 2015 Comprehensive Plan (as updated); 2020 Sustainability Master Plan; 2015 Transportation Master Plan; 2022 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Roadmap; and 2018 Housing Strategy Plan, and related documents.

2024 Legislative Priorities

Kirkland supports legislation that provides funding and policy tools to increase access to housing and expands the construction and preservation of moderate- and low-income housing supply, such as:

- A policy framework that results in high-capacity transit-oriented development and also encourages creation of crucial community benefits, such as affordable housing, fees in lieu of housing (for commercial developments), multi-modal transportation, parks and open spaces, green buildings and infrastructure, and increased school and childcare capacity.
- A new Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) increment with new revenues dedicated to construction and preservation of affordable housing.

Kirkland supports legislation that addresses the behavioral health treatment crisis by increasing the capacity of the crisis response system and supporting local programs that connect individuals with needed care.

Kirkland supports legislation that allows for property tax increases of greater than 1% in order to improve the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its community members in a manner that is stable and transparent.

Kirkland supports capital budget funding for:

- Updated facilities in Everest Park, home of the Little League Junior Softball World Series (in the 48th Legislative District)
- Safety and access improvements in OO Denny Park (in the 1st and 45th Legislative Districts)

Kirkland supports State budget reprogramming to:

- Move money appropriated in the State's 2025-2027 and 2027-2029 transportation biennial budgets for the Cross Kirkland Corridor HAWK Crossing and 132nd Intersection Improvements (awarded to the City as a grant by WSDOT) to the State's 2023-2025 transportation biennial budget.
- Address forecasted WSDOT and Sound Transit funding shortfalls for the I-405/SR 167 Corridor improvements, including the Stride I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

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2024 Legislative Agenda



Policy Champion Ally Organizations

Transportation

- Eastside Transportation Partnership
- Transportation Choices
- Eastrail Partners

Housing

- Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
- Housing Development Consortium

Human Services

- Eastside Human Services Forum
- King County Behavioral Health
- Faith Action Network

Environmental

- King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
- People for Climate Action Kirkland

Water

- Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA8) Partners
- Cascade Water Alliance

Public Safety

- Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs
- Washington Fire Chiefs Association
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Parks

- Washington Recreation & Parks Association

Open Government & Transparency

- Washington Coalition for Open Government

Association of Washington Cities

Other Local Government/Jurisdictions

- King County

Other Allies/Issues

- Lake Washington School District #44
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Pro-Choice Washington
- Planned Parenthood
- Washington Co-Responder Outreach Alliance