

RESOLUTION R- 5531

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2018, the voters of Kirkland
2 approved Proposition 1 for funding enhanced police services and
3 community safety, which included funding for suicide prevention,
4 firearms safety, and safe storage training; and

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6 WHEREAS, since 2019, there has been an upward trend in
7 the number of firearm-related incidents occurring within the
8 community; and

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10 WHEREAS, reducing the number of available firearms in the
11 community contributes to an overall strategy to address gun
12 violence; and

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14 WHEREAS, gun buy-back programs, where individuals are
15 provided some form of compensation to relinquish firearms they
16 possess to the police department, provide a strategy to reduce
17 the number of firearms in the community, promote awareness of
18 gun violence, and encourage safe disposal opportunities; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Council believes a gun buy-back program
21 can promote gun safety, reduce gun violence within the
22 community, and reduce the likelihood of accidental firearms
23 injuries and suicides by firearms.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
26 City of Kirkland as follows:

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28 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and
29 directed to create and implement a gun buy-back program using
30 funds from Proposition 1.

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32 Section 2. For each firearm relinquished as part of the gun
33 buy-back program, the Kirkland Police Department will check the
34 serial number against national databases to determine whether
35 the firearm was reported stolen or linked to a crime. To the extent
36 possible, firearms that are reported stolen should be returned to
37 their rightful owners and firearms that are linked to crimes should
38 be transferred to appropriate outside agencies as necessary.
39 Firearms that are not stolen or linked to crime will be melted as
40 part of the Police Department's annual firearm destruction
41 process.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19 day of April, 2022.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19 day of April, 2022.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk