



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving the report on city of Kirkland annexation efforts.

WHEREAS, Motion 12018 set forth the King County's Annexation Initiative with the objectives to encourages the expedited annexation of all remaining urban unincorporated areas in order to achieve both financial stability in the current expense fund, and the regional land use vision set forth in the countywide planning policies, and

WHEREAS, in the 2005 annexation initiative work plan, the Kirkland potential annexation area was identified as a priority focus area for the county's annexation team and the county has diligently partnered with the city since that time in the city's consideration of annexation financial, operational and community issues as well as in public outreach in both the potential annexation area and city, and

WHEREAS, the city of Kirkland re-initiated consideration of city annexation of the Kingsgate-Juanita-Finn Hill area, the Kirkland potential annexation area, in early 2005 and has been actively working to identify and resolve the financial, operational and community issues related to that decision since then, and

WHEREAS, in October 2007, the city of Kirkland requested \$410,000 of financial support from the King County council to fund annexation-related city work items including public outreach and communication, geographical information system mapping, additional city financial modeling and legal and policy analysis in anticipation of a decision by the city council to move forward with an annexation election in 2008 with an effective date in 2009, and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, included a proviso calling for a report to be prepared by the office of management and budget on the progress of the city of Kirkland's annexation efforts

including discussion of communication and outreach in the Kirkland potential annexation area, geographic information system mapping needs of the area, city annexation financial modeling needs, options for the county to financially partner with the city in those areas and the preference of the county executive for doing so, and

WHEREAS, the city of Kirkland has not yet made its decision as to move forward with annexation of the Kirkland potential annexation area, and

WHEREAS, the executive has transmitted the report as requested and council has reviewed the report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The report on city of Kirkland annexation efforts, Attachment A to this motion, is hereby approved.