

***Kirkland 2044 Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement- final draft-12/20/2023**

Kirkland is a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, play, and visit. Safe, walkable, bikeable, and friendly neighborhoods are connected to each other, as well as to schools, parks, our scenic waterfront, and thriving commercial centers that provide jobs and services.

Kirkland is a place where all people are welcome and valued. We are dedicated to protecting, encouraging, and celebrating diversity and inclusion, and we combat racism and discrimination. We honor our rich heritage, including the First People who have reserved treaty rights and have lived here for time immemorial, while embracing our future.

Kirkland has neighborhoods connected by local and regional transit services, and extensive walk and bike routes. Jobs, services, and housing are clustered around transit routes and trails, creating a connected, equitable, and walkable network that enables people of all abilities to move about the community. Neighborhoods have diverse housing to accommodate residents in every stage of life.

Kirkland is innovative and economically resilient, providing public services and capital infrastructure that accommodate growth, provide opportunities for the community to connect and help each other, and promote sustainability.

Kirkland is a sustainable city that preserves and enhances our natural and built environment for our enjoyment and for future generations. The city is filled with green roofs, community gardens, tree lined streets, daylighted streams, stormwater swales, and connected parks and open spaces that make Kirkland more resilient and livable in the face of climate change.

* Includes both Planning Commission and City Council; staff edits to respond to comments

Current adopted Vision Statement - 2015

Kirkland is one of the most livable cities in America. We are a vibrant, attractive, green, and welcoming place to live, work and play. Civic engagement, innovation and diversity are highly valued. We are respectful, fair, and inclusive. We honor our rich heritage while embracing the future. Safe, walkable, bikeable, and friendly neighborhoods are connected to each other and to thriving mixed use activity centers, schools, parks and our scenic waterfront. Convenient transit service provides a viable alternative to driving. Diverse and affordable housing is available throughout the city. Kirkland strives to be a model, sustainable city that values preserving and enhancing our natural environment for our enjoyment and future generations.