

## Gun Safety in Kirkland & Beyond

### Our Goals:

- Goal #1: Create an official gun safety coalition in Kirkland. This coalition can be comprised of groups, as well as community members. The coalition will agree to a common set of state-level legislative priorities for the 2019 Washington State Legislative Session.
  - Deadline: November 1, 2018
- Goal #2: Request that the City of Kirkland declares our gun safety coalition an ally to the City.
  - Deadline: January 1, 2019

### Background and Explanation:

The City of Kirkland's legislative agenda is broken into 2 parts:

- **City of Kirkland Legislative Priorities:** The City's legislative workgroup identifies several core issues important to the City and develops the Legislative Priorities around those issues. Once approved by the Council, the Legislative Priorities represent the highest priority items on the City's legislative agenda. The City's lobbyists focus much of their attention on these priorities during the session.
- **City of Kirkland Legislative Support Agenda:** Once approved by the Council, the Support Agenda includes issue areas where the City is not the primary champion, but it may play a strong supportive role to its partners and ally organizations. This support comes in the form of publicly supporting ally bills, especially during committee hearings. Much like endorsing I-1639, the City's official endorsement of a piece of legislation strongly adds to the momentum carrying that legislation forward.

Once we have our coalition name and our legislative priorities, we can ask the City to consider us an ally and add our priorities to their Support Agenda for 2019. Essentially, ally status will enable us to utilize the City's lobbyists to promote our coalition's legislative priorities.

**NOTE:** We are also working to ensure that gun safety is part of the City's Legislative Priorities. We're really coming at this issue from all sides. **You may be asking, "What else will we need to be successful? The answer is simple: YOU and your members to heed the call to action during the legislative session. There will be lots of letters to write, phone calls to make, and possibly even a few road trips to Olympia!**

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### **Our Next Steps:**

- Decide upon our coalition name: **Kirkland Coalition for Gun Safety (KCGS)**.
- Review the summary of our coalition's legislative priorities.
- Encourage as many organizations and individuals as possible in Kirkland to sign the legislative priorities, thereby officially joining the coalition.
  - How can you and your organization sign the legislative priorities and join the coalition? Sign in-person or over email: [sarah@ikwa.info](mailto:sarah@ikwa.info).

### **Resources:**

- Summary of the KCGS legislative priorities
- City of Kirkland's 2018 Legislative Priorities
- City of Kirkland's 2018 Support Agenda