



# 2024 Legislative Agenda

## City of Sammamish

### Funding for Endeavour Elementary School Safe Route and Flood Reduction Project

Cost: \$7.1M | Request: \$1M

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Endeavour Elementary School is located along a section of Issaquah-Fall City Road that floods during heavy rains. Flooding events have closed the road for weeks at a time, impacting access to the school, community safety, emergency response times, and causing road degradation. This project will raise the roadway approximately three feet at the low point, widen to three lanes, and install bike lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalk to create a safe access route to the school.



### Support Progressive and Realistic City Revenue Options

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Local government revenues are not keeping pace with the rising cost of delivering services, and existing revenue options available to cities unfairly penalize lower income community members.

#### **Enact progressive revenue options**

Support efforts to revise tax structures to provide progressive revenue options for cities.

#### **Revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap**

Revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap so that it tracks inflation, with a new cap not to exceed 3%. This change will help the City keep pace with the rapidly rising cost of providing essential services, ensuring our community is financially sustainable into the future.

### Support Local Climate Action Initiatives

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Local jurisdictions are a key partner in helping Washington achieve its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050.

#### **Climate Commitment Act funding**

Improve access to Climate Commitment Act funding, including direct distributions, for city priorities that support carbon reduction and climate resiliency, such as electrification grants.

#### **Reduce wasteful packaging**

Support proposals to establish producer responsibility for packaging, such as the WRAP Act.

## The City of Sammamish also supports:

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### Affordable Housing

- **Funding for Affordable Housing:** Sammamish supports new and flexible funding options for local jurisdictions that address the need for affordable housing, such as a local option Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Such options should be progressively structured to best meet the needs of low and moderate income households.
- **Affordable Housing Near Fixed Route Transit:** Affordable housing should be required in future planning for growth near fixed route transit. Sammamish supports setting affordability goals for transit-oriented development, and providing local flexibility and planning resources to help communities achieve those goals.

### Multimodal Transportation Improvements

Continue to appropriately use Climate Commitment Act funding in the transportation budget to support improved transit service, pedestrian and bike safety initiatives, e-bike rebates, electrification infrastructure, and similar investments.

### Access to Behavioral Health Resources

The City recognizes that many in our community are struggling with behavioral health challenges, including our youth. Therefore, the City supports greater access to the entire continuum of behavioral health services and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for adults and youth.

### Full Funding for Washington Public Schools

Ensure every school has the resources it needs to provide engaging learning opportunities.

### Partner organization legislative agendas, including:

- Association of Washington Cities
- Eastside Fire & Rescue
- King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
- Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Partners
- Sound Cities Association