

Explanation

Here's a document that goes into the details of how each Eastside city is responding to our request for a Resolution to Protect the Human Rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities [email](#). Each tab on the left corresponds to the city and their responses.

Bellevue

Sent inquiry on 2/15/2025, 3/6/2025, 3/24/2025-

no response so far

3/27/2025-

- Suggestion to send this to city council, and show up to a meeting for public comment to follow it up.

4/2/2025-

Initial email sent

4/25/2025-

Second email sent- as internal transitions are happening with local leaders

4/25/25-

Mayor Robinson responded and let me know during the clock for the first email, but is sharing this with the city manager and will have an update for us soon.

5/20/2025-

The DEIB manager shared that the city has an updated Pride proclamation, and it includes some items from our Needs doc. Waiting on confirmation from the city if there will also be a resolution to dig into the actionable protections.

5/27/25-

Linda shared that "the City typically does not issue resolutions in such cases."

Notes were shared of the importance of both documents, proclamation and resolution and asked the city to reconsider with our daily increasing dangerous climate.

6/4/25-

The city shared that all of the suggestions they would put into a resolution have been put into this year's Pride Proclamation. For the city of Bellevue, they use proclamations as a statement to the larger community, and resolutions are used as a direction to City staff. The city understands that even if it's emblematic, something like a resolution would be beneficial to do- the proclamations and resolutions for this city hold the same level of accountability. There is conversation about them updating a resolution or initiative from the city to be able to answer to this need within the way that the city of Bellevue works

♥ Bothell

2/18/2025-

The council approved this [Resolution](#) affirming the City of Bothell as “A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CITY FOR ALL PEOPLE”. Deputy Mayor Rami and Councilmember Jenne Alderks discussed, and will be working with Axton Burton on a resolution that talks directly to the 2SLGBTQIA+ needs in our community.

3/24/2025-

Checking status since it went to the city manager

3/26/2025-

City will be voting it in in April, date TBD

3/30/2025-

Bothell will be reviewing and voting on their [final resolution](#) at the next council meeting beginning in April- waiting on confirmed date and time

4/8/2025-

The city is proposing to put it on the agenda tonight, and voting on it next week on April 15th.

4/15/2025-

The city passed: Resolution Affirming Bothell as a Welcoming Community for Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender-Diverse People.

The council passed it 5 for, 2 against:

For: Mayor Mason Thompson, Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra, Jenne Alderks, Carston Curd, Amanda Dodd

Against: Jeanne Zornes, Benjamin Mahnkey

4/18/25-

A council member shared, that we're seeing people turn on the two who voted against it and their opponents are winning support as a result. People are actively seeking out their opponents to block them from returning to council.

Issaquah

3/10/2025-

Hannah Roberts suggested contacting the city mayor and her office, consider presenting to the Equity Board

4/25/25-

Follow up sent to City contact

4/28/25-

The mayor is interested in including relevant city items in their pride month resolution

5/21/2025-

Sparse information, unclear from the city. It sounds like they may be doing a Pride proclamation that's slightly altered with some suggested language.

Some of our suggested language was said to be shared in the city's Pride Month Proclamation, but no plans for a Resolution.

5/27/25-

Notes were shared of the importance of both documents, proclamation and resolution. Hannah said she would follow up with leadership to determine next steps and get back to us.

♥ Kirkland

2/19/2025-

Erika, Kirkland Mayor Curtis, and CM Falcone to meet with Axton 2/28, where we will talk about how to get this motion through the city.

Suggested to send our letter as a Service Request via [Our Kirkland](#) as a Contact Council Item. It gets routed to the entire Council as well as City staff that respond to it directly too.

2/26/2025-

Meeting with Mayor Curtis, Councilmembers Falcone and Neal, as well as Erika and Daniel, we talked about the term Sanctuary and the pros and cons. Questions over the legal requirements a "Sanctuary City" may have, Mayor Curtis will be looking into it.

5/20/2025-

The city has been working behind the scenes to balance the intricacies of the lessons they've learned with publicly supporting marginalized communities, being aware and cautious for how to move forward without causing harm to the community. There's some pathways the city is considering - a drafted resolution, as well as a Pride month proclamation including some items from Bothell's language in it that names those actionable items. More info soon!

5/29/2025-

The city has a draft resolution (gorgeous!) June 3rd a council member will bring it up, city manager Kirt/Kurt will delve into it. Once the city manager has presented the draft, and it's given a thumbs up by council, the following meeting it'll likely be voted on.

6/17/2025-

The city passed their resolution- with SO much intentionality, collaboration, check-ins with community and partners, and delivered it in a beautiful way. Go Kirkland!

💔 New Castle

3/6/2025-

- CM Paul Charbonneau will see about raising the Resolution in the April meeting along with a colleague who has a nonbinary child.
- Needs to be strategic as this is likely to pass 5-2 or 4-3, but having a far right Mayor who sets the meeting agendas is tricky.

4/24/2025-

Checked in via email and text with no response so far.

5/3/2025-

Reached out to CM Sun to inquire

5/20/2025-

No response from city leadership. There was a vote tonight (that passed 4 yes, 3 no, [video here](#)) to fly the pride flag annually at New Castle city hall. City attendees and leaders were very split and do not appear to be in a collaborative space to respond and discuss this resolution.

♥ Redmond

2/26/2025-

Meeting with Councilmembers Stuart and Forsythe- there's a plan to suggest a proposed resolution. We had discussions about a proposed Resolution that would use the term Sanctuary, but not Sanctuary City. Over concerns over the possible funding restrictions to "Sanctuary City", this shift in language would keep the key term Sanctuary in the resolution for easy understanding and searchability for our region and incoming refugees, while also avoiding negative ramifications of the term Sanctuary City.

4/1/2025-

Response from CM Forsythe says it will be an extension of the city's Welcoming Resolution

4/7/2025-

City of Redmond has submitted it, and will possibly be talked about on April 22nd

4/16/2025-

May 13th Study Session to talk about the resolution

5/13/2025-

At Council Talk Time, the resolution was brought up.

Policy Proposal: CM Forsythe spoke on:

Welcoming Resolution to reaffirm Redmond's commitment for the trans and nonbinary community.

Process:

- Council will move forward, and set up chief policy advisor to review the language
- Executive session may be put on the agenda if the council feels they need to further it to that level.
- Possible passing June 9th (focused on passing in Pride month)
- Section 5 amendment, actively raise the Pride flag every June
- Thumbs have it, unanimous moving forward with the process

6/3/2025-

City leadership unanimously approve: **Resolution Affirming Redmond as a City that Welcomes Transgender, Nonbinary and Gender-Diverse Communities and Commits to Proactive Protections for the Civil Rights, Safety, and Well-Being of All 2SLGTBQIA+ Individuals**

Renton

3/7/2025-

Meeting with Axton and CM Carmen Rivera- (like Olympia had organized) to pass a resolution similar to the Bothell draft. CM Carmen will take the resolution draft for Bothell and share it with the City's attorney. Concerns over the mayor getting wind of it, but she will learn more and read up on. Going to confirm with Renton LGBTQ Community group and Carmen before putting the call out for community support for this resolution.

3/11/2025

Renton leadership approved the amendment to create a resolution based on the suggested resolution we have shared. They will be sending it to Renton's Equity Committee to review for next steps.

3/26/2025-

Renton will be voting on it on April 7th at city hall. Community members are encouraged to show up at 5:45pm as the mayor and council members engage on this resolution, and make public comments at 7pm.

4/7/2025-

We attended the Renton City Council meeting, participating in both the Committee of the Whole and the public comment period. It was inspiring to hear the public comment period where so many voices advocated for a Sanctuary Resolution for our trans and nonbinary community members, and shared the terrifying realities of where we are at now, and the written out and promised threats for our future.

During the Committee of the Whole meeting, the City of Renton expressed interest in reviewing and customizing the draft resolution to reflect their local values, much like Bothell did. They plan to incorporate language that references affirming state laws, such as the Shield Law, and shared an interest in having a drafted resolution ready by their June 2nd flag-raising event.

The council is prioritizing an urgent but not fast approach, focusing on deliberate accessibility, emphasizing community engagement, translation of outreach materials, and meaningful connections with local LGBTQIA+ organizations and the impacted voices of Renton. They are aiming for a resolution that is not symbolic, but actionable.

The council president shared concerns about redundancy and shared the need for there to be novelty in resolutions, and did not see the need to restate or create updated resolutions that share the same protections that our state currently has.

The majority of the council shared recognition of the importance of these proclamations and resolutions in educating and reminding the community about their rights and the city's stance.

4/23/2025-

Heard from Renton LGBTQ+ Community ED that they've not been reached out to yet- continuing to wait for city leadership and equity council to reach out.

5/21/2025-

No update from the city yet.

♥ Sammamish

2/18/2025-

Councilmember Pam Stuart- "Thanks for your mail and I have already requested that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor add this to our agenda. I will let you know what I hear and if I need additional support for such a resolution. Thanks for your support for this community and I look forward to working with you to continue to protect the rights of everyone and lift up our most vulnerable."

4/15/2025-

The city unanimously passed: Resolution: Reaffirming The City's Support For Our LGBTQIA2S+ Neighbors

Woodinville

2/18/2025-

The City of Bothell affirmed a [Resolution](#) sharing Woodinville as “A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CITY FOR ALL PEOPLE”, and Deputy Mayor James Randolph will keep us posted on next moves, as the suggested edited version was too late to introduce the changes for tonight's council meeting. Likely next steps will be to take the current resolution and amend it down the road. Update coming later this week.

~4/20/2025-

Conversation with city leadership to understand the nuances of their particular leadership and unique threats present for this action right now.

5/21/2025-

No update on a actionable pathway forward yet.