



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

**Whereas:** Utilities Director Nav Otal has been with the City of Bellevue since 1993, when she arrived as an intern. Over the years she has worked in operations, budget development, fiscal and strategic planning, and policy development, providing incredible subject matter expertise, sound planning and strong leadership over her 30 years contributing to the city; and

**Whereas:** Nav holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a master's in business administration and she has an impressive and varied background in research and development, including work in cancer endocrinology before coming to the City of Bellevue; and

**Whereas:** Nav remains active in ensuring Bellevue continues to be on the cutting edge of best practices and innovations in water management, serving as a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), and the Smart Water Network (SWAN); and

**Whereas:** Exceptional customer service, high quality and impeccable safety are core components of the Bellevue Utilities mission that Nav has fostered over her 12 years at the helm of the department and more than two decades as a core member of the Utilities leadership team; and

**Whereas:** Not only has Nav built a culture of pride and excellence in the essential work of utilities services, but she has been generous with her knowledge and strategies, helping to create a deep bench of expertise and a widely respected group of leaders and teams who deliver value to the city and community daily; and

**Whereas:** Nav will be missed for her leadership, integrity and humor as she worked diligently to deliver quality water management services to the community, plan for a successful future of this resource and infrastructure, and keep the best interests of Utilities customers and staff members at heart.

**Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year 2023, hereby commend:**

## **NAV OTAL**

for exceptional dedication and service to meeting the current and future needs of the Bellevue community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue