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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

FROM: Brad Miyake
City Manager

SUBJECT: Introduction of New Staff

As you are aware, we've recently filled several leadership positions in the City Manager's Office and the Community Development department. I'd like to take the opportunity this evening to introduce you to these colleagues and share a bit about their background.

Diane Carlson, Deputy City Manager

Diane Carlson started with the city earlier this month as one of our deputy city managers, but she is no stranger to the city. From 2002 to 2012, she served as the City of Bellevue's government relations director, before taking a position with King County. She led regional initiatives for the Office of County Executive Dow Constantine for more than six years before taking over Metro's capital division.

Diane most recently worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation as director of planning, advocacy and initiatives, and for the Association of Washington Cities as senior manager for transportation. A Bellevue resident, Diane has strong roots in the community and region.

Genesee Adkins, Chief of External Affairs

Genesee Adkins joins the city after leading strategic growth and infrastructure initiatives in Washington for two engineering services firms. She'll be taking on a new position at the city, chief of external affairs, aimed at aligning our strategic efforts in government affairs and communications. Genesee is well-equipped for the task, having built effective coalitions across all levels of Washington government over the last two decades.

She served as chief of staff for the Seattle Transportation Department, director of state relations for the University of Washington, director of government relations for King County, and state legislative director for the City of Seattle.

Mike Kattermann, Community Development Director

We also welcomed Mike Kattermann back to the City of Bellevue this month as our Community Development director. Mike has 40 years of experience in the planning profession, over 30 of those in the Puget Sound region, and was a senior planner at the City of Bellevue from 2007 to 2018. He worked on high-profile projects while here including East Link policies, an East Main station area plan and a citywide affordable housing strategy.

Mike has been Community Development director for the City of Bothell for the past four years and has held leadership positions in public agencies, private consulting firms and nonprofit organizations.