# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

*Whereas:* The Chinese Information and Service Center is commemorating 50 years serving communities throughout the Puget Sound region including Bellevue; and

*Whereas:* In 1972, University of Washington students and local youth saw elders in Chinatown unable to access public services and took action to improve their quality of life. Five decades later and with tremendous support from the community, the CISC organization is now serving thousands of immigrants and their family members throughout King County annually; and

*Whereas:* CISC's team of bilingual staff provides linguistically and culturally appropriate programs and services for immigrant families, youth, and older adults in Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese and Spanish, and at community-based sites such as the North Bellevue Community Center and the Crossroads Shopping Center; and

*Whereas:* During the pandemic, the CISC worked alongside various partners such as the city to ensure equitable access to vaccines, respond to the rise in anti-Asian hate, and adapt programs to continue serving the community effectively and safely; and

*Whereas:* Since 2015, Bellevue's communities of color make up more than half the city's population and Bellevue's long-term vision of welcoming the world and seeing our diversity as our strength reflects the appreciation we have for critical support organizations such as the CISC; and

*Whereas:* On October 15, 2022, the CISC will bring community members together for an Anniversary Friendship Gala in our community at the Westin Bellevue.

*Now, therefore, I,* Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2022, as:

## CHINESE INFORMATION AND SERVICE CENTER'S
## 50TH ANNIVERSARY

and invite the community to join us in celebrating their anniversary and thanking them for their many decades of assisting community members and fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment in Bellevue and our region.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue