



City of Bellevue | Commendation

Whereas: Community Services Supervisor James McClain began his career at the City of Bellevue in 1990; and

Whereas: James recently retired from the City of Bellevue after 32 years of dedicated service, creating an award-winning youth theatre program at the Bellevue Youth Theatre; and

Whereas: Over the course of his career in Bellevue, James worked with three different Parks & Community Services directors and many staff to positively impact the community; and

Whereas: In his position at the Bellevue Youth Theatre, James successfully collaborated with youth and adults in a unique, inclusive approach, ensuring Bellevue Youth Theatre is a place where everyone has a role; and

Whereas: Over the course of more than 100 shows, James effectively taught youth that they each have innate value and something to contribute; and

Whereas: As a leader who championed diversity, equity, and inclusion, James ushered in an era of compassionate program innovation focused on removing barriers to participation for all; and

Whereas: James has been a valued colleague to countless city staff, and a mentor to employees and community members both in Bellevue and beyond. His creativity and dedication working with the community will be remembered.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 1st day of August, in the year 2022, hereby commend:

JAMES McCLAIN

for his professionalism, dedication, and long-standing service to the Bellevue community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue