



City of Bellevue | Commendation

Whereas: Bellevue resident and community volunteer Debra Kumar, who served on the city's Parks & Community Services Board and in other volunteer capacities, recently lost her two-year battle with ALS; and

Whereas: Debra was selected by the Mayor and City Council for membership on the Board in April 2014 and was reappointed for a second term in April 2018. She also served as Vice-Chair of the Board in 2016 and Chair in 2018; and

Whereas: During Debra's tenure, the Parks & Community Services Board embarked upon, reviewed or completed such major projects as the Hidden Valley Sports Park/Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Partnership, Downtown Park Inspiration Playground, Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park, Downtown Park's Northeast Corner Entry, Diversity Advantage Initiative, East Link Light Rail, Parks & Community Services Accreditations, Naming of Georgia Zumdick Park, 2016 and 2022 Parks & Open Space System Plan Updates, Newport Hills Woodlawn Park Design and Name, Wilburton/Grand Connection Initiative, Downtown Livability Initiative, Parks & Community Services Strategic Plan Update, and Recreation Program Plan Update; and

Whereas: Debra served the Board and city as a member of the Wilburton Commercial Area Citizen Advisory Committee and as part of the Parks & Community Services Master Naturalist Program; and

Whereas: As an advocate for parks, trails and open space, Debra consistently supported the character of Bellevue as a City in a Park and the Board's good standing and reputation for doing valuable work, a legacy she leaves for her family and the entire community.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 5th day of February, in the year 2024, hereby commend:

Debra Kumar

for her dedication and service to our community and for providing an example for others to emulate, demonstrating the difference that one person can make and the meaningful legacy we can leave within our communities.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue