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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Recognition of Yana Shabanov, Bellevue Boys & Girls Club – 2018
Youth of the Year Award Recipient

The City of Bellevue partners with the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club (BB&GC) to offer a variety of after-school prevention, recreation and academic services throughout Bellevue. Through this partnership nearly 3,000 (unduplicated) middle and high school youth are served annually in Bellevue neighborhoods at teen centers located in downtown Bellevue, Lake Hills neighborhood, King County Housing Authority sites and community centers.

The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club is pleased to participate in the National and Washington State Boys & Girls Club “Youth of the Year” program. It is BB&GC’s signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global and integrated world economy. In the 21st-century world and workplace, leadership skills such as communication, goal-setting and teamwork are essential for everyone - especially young people preparing to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood. Beginning in 1947, the Youth of the Year Program has evolved into a comprehensive leadership development program, which includes:

- Youth of the Month – Leadership Recognition Program
- Junior Youth of the Year – Leadership Readiness Program, and
- Youth of the Year – Leadership Development Program

The Boys & Girls Club’s “National Youth of the Year” program selects an exceptional club member to be a candidate for the National Youth of the Year. The award-winning youth serves as an ambassador for the Boys & Girls Club and a voice for the nation’s young people. Over the decades, these individuals have exemplified the Boys & Girls Club’s mission and are proof of the impact “Clubs” make in transforming and saving youth and teen’s lives. The National Youth of the Year winners have achieved success in a variety of industries, including entertainment, politics, business and sports. Becoming National Youth of the Year is an exciting and inspiring journey. Each year, thousands of Club teens participate in local, state and regional “Youth of the Year” events. Six teens, including five regional winners and a national military youth winner, advance to Washington, D.C., for the National Youth of the Year Gala & Celebration Dinner, where one outstanding young person is named Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s national teen

spokesperson. The National Youth of the Year is a role model, leader and advocate for the nearly four million youth served by the Boys & Girls Clubs each year, and all of America's young people.

The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce that Yana Shabanov is the recipient of the Bellevue's Club "Youth of the Year" program. Ms. Shabanov has been coming to the Club since she was four years old and has participated in nearly every program the Club has offered. The Club has seen Yana through her middle and high school career where she has been involved in Bellevue's "Be Great Graduate" program and has held various titles in the Keystone Leadership Program. Currently, Yana serves as the Keystone President. Yana has accumulated 674 community service hours in her senior year and an estimated 1700 in throughout high school. In March this year, Yana represented the City of Bellevue at the state-wide "Youth of the Year" competition for the Boys & Girls Club where she was recognized by Qualstar with their "Cooperative Spirit" Award for her dedication to community. Yana has developed an anti-bullying campaign that was featured on King 5TV "New Day Northwest" program and is working with the Bellevue School District to incorporate the campaign in the schools. Following graduation Yana will attend Bellevue College, with plans to pursue a degree in Clinical Social Work at a four-year university.

In addition to the recognition, Ms. Shabanov received a \$1000 scholarship from Qualstar and \$500 scholarship from the State of Washington. Nintendo contributed \$500 toward the Youth of the Year and the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club will match the amount, ensuring a total scholarship of \$2,500 will be available for school tuition and computer.

Please join us in recognizing Yana Shabanov as the 2018 Bellevue Boys & Girls Club "Youth of the Year".