



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

**Whereas:** Paul Allen changed the world through his innovation and vision, ushering in the era of the personal computing revolution as the founder of Microsoft; and

**Whereas:** Paul Allen's generosity was as far-reaching as his passions; Allen gave more than \$2 billion to nonprofits organizations dedicated to science, technology, education, the environment and the arts, forever touching the landscape and soul of communities around the world; and

**Whereas:** He was a renaissance man who made the Seattle region a cultural destination and supported a vast array of arts organizations, and founded the Museum of Pop Culture, originally known as the Experience Music Project; and

**Whereas:** Paul Allen supported major strides in medical research, technology and aerospace through research organizations such as the Allen Institute for Brain Science and Cell Science and the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence; and

**Whereas:** Allen, a life-long learner whose mother read to him when he was just three months old, was an advocate for education, investing millions into the University of Washington and Washington State University to foster the curiosity of future generations; and

**Whereas:** He had lifelong love of sports and filled our community with hope after his purchase of the Seattle Seahawks, who went on to appear in three Super Bowls and even brought home a Vince Lombardi championship trophy in 2014;

**Whereas:** Allen founded Vulcan, a multifaceted company whose real estate arm transformed South Lake Union, owns properties in Bellevue, invests in local companies and has generously donated to many social services agencies.

**Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, in the year 2018, hereby commend:**

**Paul G. Allen**

for his passionate pursuit of innovation, unwavering support of the Seattle region, and his far-reaching vision as a technologist, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue