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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: First Place Digital Cities Award

The City of Bellevue received first place honors by the Center for Digital Government for its work as a digital city.

The City topped its fourth-place finish last year in the 125,000-249,999 population category. Now in its 18th year, the Digital Survey focuses on the work of cities in the areas of open government, mobility, stakeholder engagement, collaboration initiatives, cybersecurity measures, hiring and retaining competent information technology personnel, broadband/wireless connectivity infrastructure, efficient, budget/cost control/performance measures, disaster recovery, and use of innovation and best practices in information technology and communications disciplines.

Bellevue emphasized collaborative work across the City in the award application, including the Council's Vision for a smart, connected City and the Enterprise Technology Strategic Plan. Additional digital growth areas for the City this year included:

- Increased outreach through Instagram, YouTube and Nextdoor, including original video content across platforms.
- Development of a Smart Mobility Plan that emphasizes public-private partnerships and lays the groundwork for autonomous vehicle exploration.
- Interactive story maps to support Citywide policy conversations.
- A new "permit fee estimator" for people considering remodels or other projects.
- An improved web platform for City codes that tracks changes.
- A major upgrade for the search engine on the city website BellevueWA.gov.
- Development of interactive story maps to support City wide policy conversations.
- Strong regional technology partnerships including the eCityGov Alliance and Community Connectivity Consortium.

Councilmembers Lee and Zahn were in attendance during a dinner at the recent National League of Cities conference to accept the award for Bellevue. Additional information, including a list of this year's winners, is available at the Center for Digital Government.