

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

***COMMENDATION***

- Whereas:*** Tonight, we honor Ernie Simas for his years of service to Bellevue, including the last eight months on the City Council, and as a Civil Service Commissioner from 2014 through 2016, and as a Transportation Commissioner from 2008 through 2016 including serving as Chair from 2012 through 2014; and as Co-Chair of the Bellevue Downtown Livability Committee from 2013 through 2014; and
- Whereas:*** Ernie Simas has dedicated the past 20 years to making Bellevue the place where you want to be; and
- Whereas:*** Ernie, recognizing that an effective transportation system is at the heart of all great cities, made a conscious decision to learn as much as possible and get involved with transportation-related matters in the city he cherishes; and
- Whereas:*** Ernie made a pledge to serve his community, giving of his time on various Bellevue Chamber committees including as a long-time chair of the Bellevue Chamber Transportation Committee, and becoming a part of the Bellevue Transportation Commission for eight years; and
- Whereas:*** Ernie came forward without hesitation when an unexpected vacancy opened a position on the City Council, and graciously accepted the opportunity to serve our community; and
- Whereas:*** Councilmember Simas is a solutions-driven leader, taking the time to listen and understand the needs of our thriving city, and during these months on the City Council, has contributed to Bellevue's success as an economic, transportation, and cultural center on the greater Eastside.

***Now, therefore, we,*** the Mayor and City Councilmembers of Bellevue, do this **27<sup>th</sup>** day of **November**, in the year **2017**, hereby commend:

**ERNIE SIMAS**

for his devotion to the City of Bellevue. His leadership and dedication to public service provides examples for others to emulate and demonstrate the difference that one leader can make.

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John Stokes  
Mayor

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John Chelminiak  
Deputy Mayor

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Conrad Lee  
Councilmember

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Jennifer Robertson  
Councilmember

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Lynne Robinson  
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Kevin Wallace  
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