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TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: 2017 Digital City Awards

The City of Bellevue was recently recognized by the Center for Digital Government for its work as a digital city. Bellevue received fourth place honors in the category for 125,000 – 249,999 population.

Councilmember Lee was in attendance during a dinner at the recent National League of Cities conference to accept the award for Bellevue.

Now in its 17th 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 highlighted collaborative work across IT, communications and multiple departments in the survey including:

- Developing a Smart City plan that will help shape government services and investments
- Increasing data available on the City's open data portal
- Building a robust social media program that includes Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Nextdoor
- Launching an updated, responsive website that meets AA-level accessibility standards
- Creating a Wi-Fi implementation plan with priority given to parks and housing properties to better serve all residents
- Continuing partnerships that expand the regional fiber network to reach more schools, medical clinics and government facilities through the Community Connectivity Consortium
- Enhancing mobile workforce initiatives with mobile maps and applications for field crews
- Providing regional technology services to the eCityGov Alliance with MyBuildingPermit and GovJobsToday