

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

COMMENDATION

Whereas: Tonight, we honor Kevin Wallace for his many years of service to Bellevue, including the last eight years on the City Council, and serving as the deputy mayor in 2014 and 2015, and representing the City Council on the Eastside Transportation Partnership Steering Committee, the Puget Sound Regional Council – Transportation Policy Board, and the Issaquah School Board, and serving as the council liaison to the city’s Transportation Commission; and

Whereas: Kevin Wallace has left a lasting mark on our city by addressing complex transportation issues, both locally and regionally, as he led the charge in reaching a mutually beneficial agreement with Sound Transit in bringing light rail service to the region while protecting Bellevue’s neighborhoods; and

Whereas: Wallace was instrumental in the award of a \$99.6 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Loan, known as TIFIA, that’s administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Build America Bureau. Thanks to Wallace’s work in helping the city secure this federal loan, major transportation projects are now underway that will support key mobility efforts in the growing BelRed, Downtown and Wilburton areas; and

Whereas: This fifth generation Bellevue resident demonstrated astute fiscal leadership as the city weathered the Great Recession, and embodied a pro-business, pro-neighborhood, beliefs in his actions as a councilmember; and

Whereas: Wallace’s unique perspective and talent for working with various stakeholders has resulted in the best policy outcomes for Bellevue’s residents, such as the adoption of an Affordable Housing Strategy; and

Whereas: Councilmember Wallace is a thoughtful, pragmatic leader and tireless advocate for Bellevue, and during his years on the City Council, has shepherded a bright outlook for current and future generations as Bellevue continues to thrive as a growing urban epicenter in the greater Eastside.

Now, therefore, we, the Mayor and City Councilmembers of Bellevue, do this 11th day of **December**, in the year **2017**, hereby commend:

KEVIN WALLACE

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

John Stokes
Mayor

John Chelminiak
Deputy Mayor

Conrad Lee
Councilmember

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Lynne Robinson
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