



DATE: February 19, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Brad Miyake, City Manager, 452-7228
City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: (Item 6a) Introduction of City Attorney Kathy Gerla

I am pleased to formally introduce the new City Attorney, Kathy Gerla. Kathy was selected for the role as a result of a nationwide recruitment process, and in the two weeks since joining us has demonstrated the attributes revealed through the process. Her reputation of public service, collaboration, and leadership as a municipal attorney made her a great fit for the role.

Prior to joining the organization, Kathy spent the last seven years as a Senior Deputy in the County Prosecutor's Office. Previously she worked in the Seattle City Attorney's Office and served for 17 years in the Washington State Attorney General's Office, representing the Governor's Office and the departments of Natural Resources and Ecology. She has also enjoyed several years in private practice, as a member of Foster Pepper, a regional law firm based in Seattle.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our Deputy City Attorney, Nicholas Melissinos for serving as Interim City Attorney during the transition. We are fortunate to have an exceptional staff in the City Attorney's Office who have benefited from Nick's leadership.