



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

**Whereas:** Parks & Community Services Director Patrick Foran began his career at the City of Bellevue in 2000; and

**Whereas:** After 19 years of dedicated service to the City of Bellevue, and 43 total years of public service in the midwestern and western United States, Patrick will be leaving to pursue other passions including spending time outdoors and traveling; and

**Whereas:** During the course of his career in Bellevue, Patrick worked with three different city managers and many councils to help navigate the city through a variety of parks and human services issues; and

**Whereas:** In his role as a director, Patrick championed equity, inclusion and opportunity for all, receiving this year the MLK City Manager's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**Whereas:** Among the many accomplishments during his tenure as director include:

- voter approval of the 2008 Parks Levy;
- completion of Downtown Park, nearly 35 years in the making;
- completion of Meydenbauer Bay Park, a 32-year process;
- working tirelessly on building a healthy community through exceptional parks, open space, recreation, cultural arts and human services; and

**Whereas:** Patrick has left the city greater and more beautiful than when he first arrived nearly two decades ago; and

**Whereas:** Patrick has been a valued colleague to countless staff and Leadership Team members, and a mentor to people working on a collective impact model. His wisdom, dedication and creativity in advocating for Bellevue residents cannot be replicated.

**Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 22nd day of April, in the year 2019, hereby commend:**

## **Patrick Foran**

for his professionalism, dedication and long-standing services to the greater Bellevue community.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue