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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Digital Cities Award

The City of Bellevue recently won third place from the Center for Digital Government in the 125,000 - 249,999 population category. Now in its 19th 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 emphasized collaborative work across the City in the award application, including the Council's Vision for a smart, connected City and the Enterprise Technology Strategic Plan. In its application, Bellevue highlighted the milestone transition to 100 percent paperless permitting as well as a master license agreement for small cell, to facilitate increased connectivity in the City and pave the way for the future of 5G.

Additionally, the award also recognized Bellevue for digital work across City services including the following accomplishments:

- Online fee calculator to support paperless permitting
- Website migration to Drupal to increase accessibility
- Illegal fireworks reporting application
- Plans supporting autonomous, electric and shared vehicle technologies
- Expanding wireless services in parks and King County Housing Authority locations to help bridge the digital divide

Councilmembers Conrad Lee and Janice Zahn accepted Bellevue's award at a ceremony at the National League of Cities annual conference in San Antonio on Thursday, Nov. 21.