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To: Mayor Linda Robinson
Bellevue, Washington

Subj: Bellevue parks and trails

Dear Madam Mayor,

We are blessed to live in Bellevue, in no small part because of our visionary city government and the work of our outstanding police and fire departments.

But what I notice most of all is the beauty of our many parks and trails and the pride and diligence with which they are maintained. It would be hard to imagine another city so successful in integrating urban and suburban living spaces with the natural treasures that surround us.

Of course, the jewel in the crown is the downtown Bellevue park. As fall arrives and leaves of the plane trees change color, I suggest you visit the park at sunset and watch them ring the park in a golden glow as the sun reaches the horizon.

In addition, there are hidden gems all around Bellevue, and I have discovered many of them while out for peaceful walks in the intact forest preserved among the housing tracts. One of my latest discoveries is a trail along Squibbs Creek near Lattawood Park.

The path is always groomed and cleared. Foot bridges transit the stream. The light filtering through the forest and the babbling sound of the brook offers a peaceful, soul-restoring park experience nothing short of amazing. Where else but Bellevue?

Please send on my thanks and admiration for all you do in City government. Our parks put us high on the list for the best city in the world.

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