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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

FROM: Kathy Gerla, City Attorney, 452-7220
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SUBJECT: Outstanding Service Award for Domestic Violence Prosecutor Brie Hopkins

The City of Bellevue's Domestic Violence Prosecuting Attorney, Brie Hopkins, recently received an Outstanding Service Award by the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys (WSAMA). WSAMA is a professional organization that represents over 400 Washington municipal attorneys and prosecutors. WSAMA's annual Outstanding Service Award honors municipal lawyers for their dedicated efforts to individual municipalities and their significant contributions to the work of WSAMA and the solution of municipal legal problems throughout Washington State.

Ms. Hopkins has devoted her professional career to domestic violence causes, cases and issues. For the past seven years, she has served as the City of Bellevue's Domestic Violence Prosecutor, and previously held that role for the City of Everett. Ms. Hopkins is recognized for her dedicated service in seeking fair and just resolutions to complex and difficult domestic violence cases. She serves as a member of Bellevue's Domestic Violence Taskforce, a group that also includes representatives from Bellevue police and probation, a victim advocate, and LifeWire. The Taskforce works to formulate and implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

Ms. Hopkins is also recognized for her work on domestic violence issues for the region and the state. She serves as a member of the King County Regional Domestic Violence Taskforce. Ms. Hopkins has also assisted in developing an annual Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, in conjunction with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The symposium is designed to educate attorneys, police, victim advocates, medical professionals, social workers and others who deal with domestic violence issues. Ms. Hopkins also served on a task force established by the state legislature to look at state-wide domestic violence issues.

Ms. Hopkins has been an active member of WSAMA, serving as a member of the Board and providing numerous presentations on domestic violence topics to help educate municipal attorneys throughout the state.