



DATE: March 18, 2013
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Conrad Lee, Mayor
SUBJECT: **Appointment of Downtown Livability Advisory Committee**

Per Council direction on January 22 of this year, an Advisory Committee will be established to provide guidance over the Downtown Livability Initiative. The structure approved by Council entails a 14-member group. Seven would be drawn from City boards and commissions; the balance would be other community representatives. Tonight I am bringing forward my slate of candidates for Council confirmation.

I have previously solicited Council input into these nominations. For the commission slots (Planning, Transportation, Parks, Environmental Services, Human Services, and Arts), the names are those I have received from the Council liaisons. For the BDA and Chamber, I have included nominations that have come from the Boards of those organizations. For the other positions, I have selected my nominations with consideration of the input provided by Councilmembers.

My slate of candidates includes one additional position, for an individual representing Downtown employees. Given the importance of the Livability work in attracting employees and their firms to Downtown, I feel this is a very important perspective that needs to be included on the committee, and ask that the Council agree to add this position.

All of these individuals have agreed to serve, subject to final confirmation by Council. The CAC would be co-chaired by Aaron Laing (Planning Commissioner) and Ernie Simas (Transportation Commissioner). I believe this group of committee members will provide for a balanced and thorough review of work done on this project, and I urge Council's approval of these appointments.

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| 1. Planning Commission | Aaron Laing (co-chair) |
| 2. Planning Commission | Hal Ferris |
| 3. Transportation Commission | Ernie Simas (co-chair) |
| 4. Parks Board | Erin Powell |
| 5. Human Services | Jan Stout |
| 6. Environmental Services Commission | Brad Helland |
| 7. Arts Commission | Tracy Cole |
| 8. Bellevue Downtown Association | Patrick Bannon |
| 9. Bellevue Chamber | Gary Guenther |
| 10. Small business representative | Ming Zhang |
| 11. Architect | Michael Chapin |
| 12. Downtown resident | Mark D'Amato |
| 13. Resident from nearby neighborhoods | Lee Maxwell |
| 14. City-wide representative | Loretta Lopez |
| 15. Downtown employer | David Sutherland |

Suggested Motion

I propose that Council establishes the Downtown Livability Advisory Committee and confirms the proposed slate of members as set forth above.

