

ORIGINAL LETTER

City of Bellevue
450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue WA 980112

To Whom It May Concern:

June 12, 2012

I am writing this letter to recognize the recent annexation of our home in Eastgate to the City of Bellevue. We have been residents of Issaquah for over 24 years, and had no real desire to be annexed; however, there are two important features of Bellevue which I would like to acknowledge. The primary reason I wanted to write this letter is to recognize the South Bellevue Community Center, located a bit west of our longtime home. Enhanced recycling resources are a secondary benefit.

The South Bellevue Community Center (SBCC) is a well-designed and beautifully managed facility which has afforded me some wonderful opportunities. I have met the managers including Brad and Joan who have employed a friendly and high functioning staff. The programs I use include: membership in the gym, use of Jazz and Zumba and personal trainer contracts, and so on. I have taken Jazz dance for many years from CoCo Valle (Kathy Bradshaw, Meg, and others)... this is an excellent use of the facility and has kept me at SBCC. I have had a personal trainer Mike Hass who has made all the difference in my health and access to resources since joining the gym. Furthermore Karie Underwood has made Zumba classes at the gym a positive reality. Many of the staff who make the gym functional, friendly- a place I (and many) utilize often include: Kristina O, Robyn, Dot, Melissa, Andres, and so on.

As I am very busy in July (birthday of a family elder) when the 7/26 event is scheduled, I chose to write this note to make sure that the City of Bellevue leadership, managers, City Council, and so on are fully aware of the importance of maintaining and staffing this facility at its current level. This has been a vital resource to me for my health and fitness and I look forward to the benefits it offers.

Sincerely, Carol Ann Reich, Bellevue resident (careich@hotmail.com; 425-747-0163).

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June 19, 2012

Dear Carol,

On behalf of the Bellevue City Council and staff at South Bellevue Community Center (SBCC), I would like to thank you for your letter of support, and congratulations on your new status as a resident within the City of Bellevue! I appreciate hearing about your support for annexation into the City and the benefit that SBCC has provided you.

When SBCC opened in December 2006, our vision was a place where residents in and around the center could gather for health and wellness activities, recreation classes, and neighborhood and community events. Its success in providing the services is recognized through comments received by residents. We are happy to have our new residents.

I'm sorry to hear you will be unable to attend the new resident celebration planned for July 26. Check-in periodically with staff regarding other events that are in the planning stage or have recently been added to the upcoming schedule.

Sincerely,

Terry Smith
Assistant Director
Bellevue Parks & Community Services

cc: Bellevue City Council
City Manager's Office
Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board
Nicholas Matz, Planning & Community Development

Attachment
Original Letter