City of Bellevue
Parks & Community Services Department

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 15, 2015

To: Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers

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Subject: Presentation of Check to Council from Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

Gary McGough and Molly van der Burch, Co-Presidents of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, and Denise Lane, "Growing a Living Legacy" Capital Campaign Chair, will present the City Council a check for $500,000 as part of the Society's funding commitment to the recent Botanical Garden improvements.

In 2008, voters approved the Parks & Natural Areas Levy, which included improvements to the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society has supported the Bellevue Botanical Garden through programming, funding and advocacy since the garden opened in June of 1992. As part of the Society's "Growing a Living Legacy" private fundraising campaign, the Society committed $5,000,000 towards the overall Botanical Garden improvement project which included the Ravine Experience, The Aaron Education Center, and the Visitor Center.

The new buildings opened in June of last year. Since then, both garden visitations and attendance in new education programs for youth and adults has significantly increased. The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society has played a critical role in the overall success of the garden, and we look forward to many more years of serving the public in partnership.