

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

COMMENDATION

- Whereas:** Steve Sarkozy was appointed city manager in 2000 and served as the City of Bellevue's chief executive for the past 12 years, one of the longest tenures of city managers in the state; and
- Whereas:** Steve helped engineer the city's acquisition of a downtown building and its renovation in 2006 into an award-winning City Hall that is a community centerpiece; and
- Whereas:** Steve oversaw the development of an ambitious plan for transformation of the Bel-Red corridor from an underused light industrial sprawl into a bustling space with mixed uses, including retail, housing, offices, arts and parks; and
- Whereas:** As an advocate for performance measurement, Steve oversaw the accreditation of Bellevue's operating departments and annual resident surveys, in which the city received high marks year after year; and
- Whereas:** Steve pushed for regional collaboration among public organizations, supporting the development of NORCOM and the eCityGov Alliance; and
- Whereas:** Steve helped the City Council collaborate with Sound Transit to develop an affordable alignment for light rail through Bellevue that limited neighborhood impacts and included an essential downtown tunnel; and
- Whereas:** Steve guided the city through two economic downturns with minimal impact to employees or services, facilitating developments that proved key to recovery; and
- Whereas:** He promoted environmental stewardship and volunteerism, while upgrading customer service dramatically with one-stop permitting through the Development Services Initiative; and
- Whereas:** Working closely with the City Council, Steve Sarkozy helped drive the city property tax rate down to be the lowest in the entire state for any major city;

Now, therefore, I, Conrad Lee, Mayor of Bellevue, do, this 17nd day of June, in the year 2013, hereby commend

STEVEN R. SARKOZY

for his leadership and devotion to the City of Bellevue and for the contributions he has made to making it a world-class community and a national leader in municipal management. He has helped drive the city toward excellence and furthered a culture of outstanding customer service and innovation. Steve's dedication to public service is an example for others to emulate, and demonstrates the difference one individual can make.

Conrad S. Lee
Mayor