



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2012

TO: Mayor Conrad Lee and City Councilmembers

FROM: Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager  
*Planning & Community Development Department*

SUBJECT: Recognition of South Bellevue annexation leaders and volunteers

On June 1, 2012, the unincorporated communities of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View officially became part of Bellevue. The annexation of these three communities followed a successful citizen-led effort to inform neighbors of the benefits of annexation, and to obtain the required number of property owner petitions.

Tonight's reception and proclamation are intended to recognize these citizen efforts, to demonstrate the City's appreciation for a successful outcome, and to welcome the residents of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon view into the City of Bellevue. Leaders and volunteers from each of the three annexation areas have been invited to join City staff for cake and coffee at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Concourse. Council has been asked to join the reception at 7:45 to greet the annexation leaders. King County elected officials may also be present at the reception. The reading of the proclamation is scheduled to follow, when the Council reconvenes for its 8:00 Regular Session.

Other steps to welcome Bellevue's newest residents include:

- A welcome letter sent from the City Council, along with a list of frequently requested numbers;
- An online and hardcopy FAQ for day-of-annexation issues, including a link and reference to the City's one-stop Report/Request/Ask Customer Assistance link;
- An information packet distributed door to door by enumerators hired to conduct the annexation area census;
- A series of drop-in meetings on June 19, 20 and 21 for residents needing information and/or assistance;
- A community-wide celebration and open house on July 26 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center.

We look forward to having the City Council join staff and residents for tonight's reception and the July 26 celebration. Questions about the outreach events can be directed to Cheryl Kuhn, ext. 4089, or Patricia Knight, ext. 7917.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas:** The property owners within three previously unincorporated communities – Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View – have chosen to join the City of Bellevue; and

**Whereas:** The property owners within Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View conducted a successful petition-gathering effort in which they obtained approval for annexation from owners representing more than 50 percent of the area’s property value; and

**Whereas:** All requirements for annexation by petition have been met, including approval by the Bellevue City Council on May 21, 2012; and

**Whereas:** The annexation of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View became official on June 1, 2012; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is now providing urban services to the over 5,400 residents of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View; and

**Whereas:** The Bellevue City Council wishes to welcome the residents of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View and recognize the outstanding efforts of community leaders and volunteers in completing a successful outreach and petition-gathering drive;

**Now, therefore, I, Conrad Lee, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim June 18, 2012 as:**

**Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View Appreciation Day**

in Bellevue, and call on staff, residents, and the entire community to join us in this special observance.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Conrad Lee", written over a horizontal line.

Conrad Lee  
Mayor