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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

**Date:** February 28, 2012

**Subject:** Bill Vadino Proclamation

### RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Proclamation honoring Bill Vadino, former Executive Director of the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and Kirkland Downtown Association.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Bill Vadino has served as the Executive Director of the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce for seven years, and more recently as the Executive Director of the Kirkland Downtown Association for three years. In these roles, Bill Vadino has built strong relations between the City of Kirkland and the Kirkland business community while building membership and a strong foundation in both organizations, coordinating business networking events, and supporting community events.

In September 2011, Bill Vadino announced that he accepted the position of "Show Director" the Concours d'Elegance event which will be moved from Kirkland to Tacoma. During his tenure Bill Vadino has dedicated himself tirelessly to the economic well being and quality of life of the City of Kirkland and has been a key player in the success of Kirkland's downtown.



# A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## Honoring Bill Vadino as a Business Advocate, Community Liaison, and Tourism Promoter for Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino has guided the Kirkland business community as Executive Director of both the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and the Kirkland Downtown Association for over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino has worked tirelessly to make sure Kirkland's small, medium, and large businesses had a strong voice in City decision making including project design and construction, policy development and implementation; and new program ideas that promote tourism and economic development for Kirkland; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino worked closely with the City Council, City staff, and City advisory boards and commissions to build strong relations between the City and the business community, particularly through the Kirkland Economic Partnership, Kirkland Business Roundtable, and Green Business Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino helped to create "*KirklandFirst*" an online business directory that is now 800-member strong and showcases sales and other promotions of Kirkland businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino raised Kirkland's stature with his coordination of and passion for first class and first rate events including the annual Kirkland Concours d'Elegance, Celebrate Kirkland/4<sup>th</sup> of July, Holiday Tree Lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Vadino's Executive Director talents, energy, and love of premier cars will be focused on transitioning the Concours d'Elegance from Kirkland to Tacoma, Washington;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby honor Bill Vadino as a strong business advocate, a positive influence as a community liaison, and a tireless tourism promoter for Kirkland, Washington and, on behalf of the Kirkland City Council, extend the greatest of gratitude to Bill Vadino for his leadership, partnership, and friendship.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

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Joan McBride, Mayor