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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Tracey Dunlap, Director of Finance & Administration
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Date: September 5, 2013

Subject: PRESENTATION OF WASHINGTON COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT
(WCOG) KEY AWARD

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council accepts the Key Award presented by Washington Coalition for Open Government.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At its July 16, 2013 meeting, the Kirkland City Council adopted a Public Disclosure Ordinance and approved updated Public Records Act Rules to further define the City's process to help ensure compliance with the Public Records Act and to prevent excessive interference with other essential functions of the agency. The Washington Coalition for Open Government (WCOG), at the most recent meeting of its board of directors, voted unanimously to present its "Key Award" to the City of Kirkland in recognition of adoption of the City's comprehensive and innovative new public records ordinance and rules. The Key Award is presented by WCOG to recognize individuals or organizations that have made a notable contribution for the cause of open government. The award is presented to the entire city rather than any individual or group, because of the large number of people involved in the project. WCOG will issue a news release announcing the award, distribute it to news media statewide, and include it on the Awards page of the WCOG web site.

WCOG is an independent non-partisan non-profit organization founded in 2002 by a group of individuals representing organizations with a broad spectrum of opinions and backgrounds, all dedicated to the principles of strengthening the state's open government laws and protecting the public's access to government at all levels.