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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Tracey Dunlap, Director of Finance and Administration

**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Subject:** Lori Bennett and Mike Reardon 30 Year Service Awards

We would like to honor and appreciate two members of the Finance and Administration team with a 30 Year Service Award. Both Lori Bennett and Mike Reardon joined the City of Kirkland in 1980 and have served in a variety of locations and capacities. They currently share their dedication and wealth of City knowledge in the accounting division.

Lori started her career as the cashier for the City following her graduation from Juanita High School. Additionally, Lori has handled millions of dollars of City funds as she paid all City invoices for over 9 years. More recently, she has taken on the treasury and banking functions, ensuring that the City always has funds to pay the vendors and, more importantly, the payroll. Lori is a pleasure to work with and as a lifetime resident of Kirkland she always has the inside scoop on what's happening in the City. She embraces the "Kirkland First" initiative and is often found shopping and playing in Kirkland. We appreciate her sense of humor, dedication, and willingness to take on new challenges within the department.

Mike started his career as the Senior Accountant in the Public Works department. After 27 years and four Directors, he physically relocated to the Finance and Administration Department, but continued his oversight of utilities accounting. When initially hired, City Hall was located on Central Way. When a desk was not available, Mike's first workspace was located inside the unused bank vault. Although Mike has only been with our department a few years, we have truly enjoyed having him as part of our team. He has been devoted to the City utilities and Public Works financial oversight for all of the 30 years he has been at the City. He has been integral to all aspects of financial reporting, audits, and budgeting for the Public Works Department. With the completion of his 30 years of service, Mike is retiring on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for Mike as he transitions to something other than "bean counting". He is looking forward to spending time with his lovely wife, Sherry and taking on projects on their farm. We wish Mike all the best as we extend a heartfelt "thanks" to him as he retires. He will be missed.