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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Michael Olson, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration

**Date:** April 23, 2009

**Subject:** Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

At the May 5, 2009 Council Meeting, we would like the Mayor to present the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to the City of Kirkland Accounting Staff led by the Accounting Manager Teresa Levine. The award is for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. Attachment A contains a brief description of the award which the City has received since 2004.



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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **City of Kirkland** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

**Department of Finance and Administration, City of Kirkland**

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.