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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay
From: Eric Shields, Planning Director
Date: October 8, 2009
Subject: PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

RECOMMENDATION

Recognize Kirkland's citizen and professional planners as part of National Community Planning month.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

October is National Community Planning month. Each year, the American Planning Association and its members, chapters, divisions, and professional institute (AICP) sponsor National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of planning efforts in communities across the U.S. The recognition also spotlights the many residents, leaders, officials, and professionals who contribute to making great communities. The purpose of the proclamation is to advance public and professional interest in the contributions that these individuals have made to the quality of life in communities across the nation. Members of the Planning Commission and Department of Planning and Community Development will be in attendance to receive the proclamation.

cc: Planning Commission



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating October 2009 as “Community Planning Month”

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our built and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by planning commissioners, members of volunteer advisory committees, and land use professionals of the City of Kirkland and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim October as “*Community Planning Month*” in the City of Kirkland in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2009

James L. Lauinger, Mayor