

RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA RYAN FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Council Member Barbara Ryan was first elected to serve as Bellingham City Council Representative for the 6th ward in 1998. Re-elected twice, she served the citizens of Bellingham for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has served on numerous Council committees over the years. She served as Council President in 2002 and 2008. She chairs the Parks & Recreation Committee, serves on the Lake Whatcom Reservoir, Planning and Community Development, Transportation, and Waterfront Development Committees for the 2009 legislative term. Council Member Ryan was also elected by the Council to serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2009, responsible for acting in place of Mayor Dan Pike in his absence. She was also appointed as the liaison to the Museum Society Board, Sister Cities Association, Council of Governments, and the Whatcom Transportation Authority Board, having served as Chair of the WTA for several years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has advocated responsible development and growth management. She chaired the Growth Forum in 2004, a citywide planning effort which identified 28 potential Urban Village areas and became the basis for the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. She made it a priority to connect downtown to the waterfront and has been vigilant and outspoken in protecting the values of this community in the process; and

WHEREAS, Barbara dedicated herself to the protection of public health, safety and welfare and took a leading role in environmental issues specifically regarding the protection of the City's source of drinking water, the Lake Whatcom Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was a champion of taking every opportunity to provide for transportation alternatives that would encourage the public to reduce car trips to increase livability and quality of life for the community in the long term. She co-chaired the Northsound Connecting Communities Project, known as the "Farmhouse Gang", a four-county transportation planning effort. The Farmhouse Gang promoted transportation choices such as rail, transit, and ferry to connect our region together. They also contributed to gaining a second run of Amtrak service between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., and helped to establish transit service across county lines between Bellingham and Everett.

WHEREAS, Barbara is known for her political courage and her willingness to challenge the status quo and ask tough questions; and

WHEREAS, Barbara's term will expire on December 31st,

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council hereby expresses its appreciation and honors Barbara Ryan for her public service and dedication to the City of Bellingham and to our wider community.

PASSED by the Council this 7th day of December, 2009.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 10th day of December, 2009.

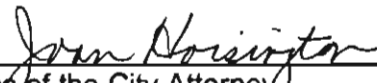


Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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