



PROCLAMATION

Honoring and Thanking Stephen Bennett City of Lake Forest Park Planning Director

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2023, after spending more than 19 years serving the Citizens of Lake Forest Park, Planning Director Stephen Bennett will retire; and

WHEREAS, Director Bennett has worked at Lake Forest Park with three mayors, four city administrators, two interim city administrators, numerous council members, planning commissioners, and tree board members; and

WHEREAS, Director Bennett has been involved in numerous large scale planning efforts, including, but not limited to; Legacy 100-Year Vision, Tree Ordinance, Southern Gateway, Big Five, Cottage Housing, Town Center, Shoreline Master Program Updates, Comprehensive Plan Updates, ADU/DADU Code, and Stride BRT; and

WHEREAS, Director Bennett has witnessed the city-wide tree canopy increase from 43% in 2008 to 49% in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Director Bennett was a yearly participant in Bike Everywhere month and a competitive member of the LFP team "The Wheel Thing"; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the City, Director Bennett was known for being knowledgeable, competent, professional, conscientious, and dependable; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Director Bennett constantly demonstrated that his priority was always the success of our organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, do hereby thank and congratulate,

Stephen Bennett City of Lake Forest Park Planning Director on his Retirement from Public Service

And wish him all the best for a very happy retirement.

Signed this 27th day of July, 2023.

Jeff Johnson, Mayor
City of Lake Forest Park