

## Proclamation

Whereas, Doug Levy of Outcomes by Levy began his illustrious career with the City of Renton in 1999, being recruited by then CAO Jay Covington and then Economic Administrator Sue Carlson over lunch at Armondo's Cafe Italiano; and

Whereas, Doug initially was contracted to work on the Port Quendall project—and we all know how that turned out—but the City of Renton decided to take him on for more regular legislative consulting; and

Whereas, Doug's tenacity and thorough knowledge of the legislative process helped make simple ideas become impactful realities for our city; such as Sunset Park where \$5.3 million in federal, state and county funding was secured with his assistance, \$500,000 in funding towards gateway features at Exit 7 on I-405 (perhaps the public art could be a statue of Doug), and other projects and funding that assisted the city in ways too numerous to count; and

Whereas, Doug has never been shy about communicating his ideas, opinions, or professional guidance; loves to use the word "persnickety" in said communications; and has sent 62,337 emails to city staff since 2007 (we don't have records before that so the true count could be closer to 100,000); and

Whereas, Doug never encountered a challenge he wasn't up for—whether reaching out to WSDOT, Dept of Commerce, Dept of Ecology, and other agencies for transportation measures, utility issues, and airport measures, or securing \$250 million in the state budget for construction of the 8th Street Direct Access Ramp in the Move Forward WA bill or assisting on a funding initiative for affordable housing utility infrastructure; and

Whereas, Doug is highly respected by all our elected officials at the federal, state, county, and city levels of government and also by his peers; and that respect is a byproduct of his integrity, knowledge, work ethic, and commitment to others; and



Whereas, no matter how big or small the issue was, Doug always made us feel like our needs were a priority and his number one focus, and always made the success of the Renton community his goal; and

Whereas, Doug demonstrated impeccable style in his sweater and sock choices, always sent out the most fantastic Christmas letter, and could be counted on for a 4:30 a.m. email followed by a 20-minute deadline; and

Whereas, we now must hire two people to fill the Honey Badger's shoes; and

Whereas, the City of Renton is a great place to work, live and play due in large part to Doug's commitment and hard work, always advocating for the city to get the best for its residents;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2022, to be

## Doug Levy Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all residents to join me in this special observance and send Doug Levy an email of congratulations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 12th day of December, 2022.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington