



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Remembering Renton icon King Parker two years after his death

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE that it's been two years this week since Renton's most dedicated public servant passed away. King Parker was the best ambassador this city has ever had, helping to lead Renton through several decades of positive growth.

King was known throughout the region for promoting King & Bunny's Appliances as "the home of the whammer deal!" He never missed an opportunity to promote his business or his city. I had the opportunity to serve with him on many boards and organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Renton Community Foundation, Communities In Schools, Renton Marketing Campaign and the Renton Blue Ribbon Committee.

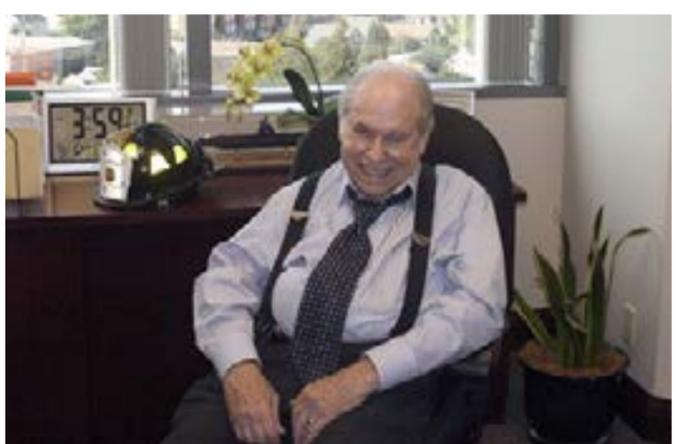
As a valued and effective member of the Renton City Council for three consecutive terms, King ran for mayor the year I ran for city council. He would have been a great mayor for this city! Four years later, I ran for mayor and King ran to regain his seat on the city council. We both won our races and were, at last, given the opportunity to work together on critical city issues.

King played a role in many of the positive changes we've seen in Renton over the past 20 years. He genuinely cared about our residents and worked hard to address any concerns raised by the public. Nearly every local organization benefitted from the generosity of King and his business.

I miss having King Parker at City Hall as we confront current challenges and opportunities, and celebrate the positive growth we're experiencing today. He would be so proud to see the redevelopment taking place in the Sunset community and downtown. There is no doubt King would have been front and center in our efforts to build the [Family First Community Center](#), to provide vital services to families in the Cascade/Benson neighborhood.

The fact that King continues to be frequently mentioned today, two years after his death, is a testament to how much he was valued for his many years of commitment and service to this community. We truly miss him.

King Parker never took himself too seriously. He saved that side for promoting his beloved Renton.



King with Patty Law and in his City Hall office, where he served three terms on the city council.

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