We have accomplished a lot over the past decade. The city doubled in size to a population of over 104,000 people. We survived the Great Recession and came out of it financially strong.

We changed how we conduct business, focusing on improving efficiencies and overall productivity with fewer resources. A good deal of effort was placed in changing the workforce culture, emphasizing the importance of having quality management and leadership principles that value employees for their hard work and service. At times, the journey was difficult and painful, but in the end, we developed a workplace environment where providing quality service to our customers has become routine.

I made a commitment to become an inclusive city, breaking down racial and cultural barriers and creating a welcoming community for everybody. Renton has been a leader in this region in establishing a culture where we embrace and celebrate our diversity. There is a lot more to do, but our accomplishments to date have been impressive.

Renton became a leader in providing police services, addressing crime issues and building positive relationships between our residents and our police officers. We made a major commitment to enhancing code enforcement throughout the city and experienced great success. These efforts were supported by multiple departments working together to solve issues that were affecting the community.

We strengthened our enforcement tactics and developed new ordinances to address chronic issues. We targeted and shut down a number of dangerous, nuisance properties that were creating a hazard to the public, including drug houses, local bars and rental properties that fostered drug activity. In addition, we launched a successful anti-graffiti initiative.

We have improved our major roadways, updated utilities and other infrastructure, and are in the process of making significant improvements to our parks and trail system. We instituted new community activities to a list of already popular events that help make Renton a fun place to live and work.

In partnership with seven other cities in south King County, we built a new, state-of-the-art jail that incorporates a medical and dental wing to assist prisoners with issues, as well as a drug treatment program to support inmates while in custody and when released to corrections staff, this jail incorporated a medical and dental wing to assist prisoners with issues, as well as a drug treatment program to support inmates while in custody and when released. The city doubled in size to a population of over 104,000 people. We survived the Great Recession and came out of it financially strong.

Developers have invested billions of dollars in Renton, and hundreds of millions in new projects are on the drawing board. In addition to adding thousands of new jobs, Renton is now headquarters to the largest healthcare providers in the nation. Redevelopment of the downtown and the Sunset Neighborhood are well underway and in addition to The Landing, new Hyatt Hotel and Southport office campus, Top Golf is poised to build a facility in the same area along with another hotel. There are other exciting projects on the drawing board that we cannot disclose at this time.

Our city still faces some significant regional challenges including affordable housing for middle class families, transportation issues that take a heavy toll on the quality of life for daily commuters, and act as a barrier for new residents. It is clear that our transportation issues that take a heavy toll on the quality of life for daily commuters, and act as a barrier for new residents. It is clear that our transportation issues.