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**ROBERTSON RE-ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL THEN ELECTED DEPUTY  
MAYOR OF BELLEVUE**

Jennifer (Simpson) Robertson (WUCL '93) was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor of Bellevue by her fellow Councilmembers on January 3, 2012. "I'm humbled to be chosen deputy mayor," Robertson said. "I'm looking forward to the council working together to keep Bellevue a wonderful place to live, raise a family and grow a business."

Robertson was first elected to the City Council in 2009 to complete the two remaining years of an unexpired term. She was re-elected last November for a 4-year term and was the only council member to run unopposed this last year. Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington and has

the second largest economy in the state. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are chosen every two years by the council.

Last year, Robertson was successful in helping to craft a city budget that maintained essential services while resetting spending levels to help Bellevue “live within its means.” Robertson said, “The budgeting process last year was a challenge, but we were successful in crafting a budget with no property tax increases that protected our funding of public safety and other essential services, maintained funding for crucial neighborhood and regional capital projects and held human services harmless. ”

Robertson was a key player as part of the Bellevue light rail negotiating team that secured a \$160 million agreement with Sound Transit to bring light rail via a grade-separated and underground route to Bellevue’s vital downtown. She currently holds positions on King County Growth Management Planning Council Executive Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Planning Board, and Transportation Policy Board Prioritization Working Group. She is also City Council Liaison to the Parks & Community Services Board, Library Board, Bellevue School Board and I-90/Eastgate Citizen’s Advisory Committee. Additionally, she served the Bellevue School Board as a member of the Fiscal Advisory Committee in 2010.

“I’ve been fortunate to work with other elected leaders on regional land use and transportation planning,” said Robertson. “Maintaining Bellevue’s regional presence is vital to increasing our share of regional transportation funding and I look forward to continuing my representation of the citizens of Bellevue on a regional level in the years to come.”

Robertson is a life-long Eastside resident who moved to Bellevue in 2002. She is a land use and municipal attorney with Morris Law, P.C. and specializes in representing small cities and towns. Robertson has been long-active in community affairs. She served as a member of the Bellevue Philharmonic Board of Directors and has been an active Girl Scout Volunteer for eight years, including currently serving as a troop leader. Robertson also is an active member of St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church in Factoria where she and her husband spearheaded an affordable housing project on church property to provide housing for homeless veterans. This project, known as “Andrew’s Glen” opened in late 2011.

Robertson and her husband Scott, live in the Somerset neighborhood. They have three school-aged children – Kate, Maddy and Abby.

More information is available at Robertson’s website: [www.RobertsonForCouncil.com](http://www.RobertsonForCouncil.com)

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