


PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. 12-0927

In recognition of Ellen Ittelson and her 20 years of contributions to Denver with the Department of Community Planning & Development

WHEREAS, Ellen Ittelson, a Wisconsin native, earned her Masters of Art History with emphasis on American Architecture & Town Planning History at the University of New Mexico, was hired by Jennifer Moulton to join Denver's Community Planning & Development Office in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Ellen was already laying the groundwork for what she calls her proudest accomplishment, designation of the Downtown Denver Historic District, as a consultant with Hammer Siler George, and she continued the decade-long effort working with the City to create what is affectionately known as the Chocolate Chip Cookie District, a first-of-its-kind district comprised of several historic gems (chocolate chips) within the Downtown area (the undesignated cookie); and

WHEREAS, she utilized her many skills planning for the redevelopment of Denver Union Station, which she calls a "fascinating project with all its twists and turns", and she is now rewarded as it becomes a reality; and

WHEREAS, Ellen also had pivotal roles in writing the Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000; the innovative Blueprint Denver Plan; the Downtown Area Plan; and the Cherry Creek Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ellen views every situation with a balance of neighborhood, business, historic preservation and economic perspectives, a highly valuable asset for an urban planning professional; and

WHEREAS, Ellen is known by her colleagues for not only her professional, calm manner, wealth of planning knowledge, meticulous attention to detail and artistic sensibilities, but also her sense of humor and ready laugh and her unflinching dedication to fitness, which sometimes made her work space a bit like a locker room with running shoes and gym bags; and

WHEREAS, while planning for Denver, she and her husband, Lane, were also busy raising their daughter, Margaret, and Ellen demonstrated her artistic and fashion flair designing and tailoring much of her own wardrobe.

**NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

Section 1. That Denver City Council designates Ellen Ittelson as an Honorary Denver Landmark, thanks her for her many contributions to Denver's urban fabric, and wishes her well as she embarks on a new adventure with her own consulting company.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Ellen Ittelson.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 17, 2012

PRESIDENT