



Proclamation No. 26-0014
Honoring Steve Ellington on his 37 years of service to the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, Steve Ellington started his career with the city on Dec. 5, 1988, as a junior property tax auditor in the Assessment Division, and after several promotions and transfers between Department of Finance divisions (and before the existence of the Department of Finance) over the next 19 years, he was promoted in 2007 to the position of City Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Steve was tapped to lead the Motor Vehicle Division in addition to the Treasury Division, making these combined divisions the largest in the Department of Finance with the responsibility of billing, collecting, processing, and auditing approximately 70% of the city's general fund revenue as well as \$1.2 billion in tax revenues for Denver Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Steve has many accolades in his field, including serving as a past president of the Colorado County Treasurer Association, chair or co-chair of the association's legislative committee and continuing education committee, and chair of the Colorado Municipal League Sales Tax Administrators group; and

WHEREAS, Steve was appointed and reappointed by the Colorado Municipal League, the Governor's Office, and the Colorado General Assembly to represent home rule municipalities on tax simplification and tax policy task forces multiple times from 2017 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, when the Treasury team members were asked to provide feedback on the characteristics of a future leader, many responses asked that the next City Treasurer be just like Steve for his approachability, his genuine care for team members, and his calm in the eye of the storm; and

WHEREAS, Steve has proven to be highly responsive to City Council offices and to constituents with concerns, either having a team member make direct contact or personally reaching out to those with issues and finding prompt resolution; and

WHEREAS, Steve has stepped up to support all of the Department of Finance in many ways including through the highs and lows of challenging economic conditions, including the unprecedented pandemic, and has always provided a steady hand and reassuring smile; and

WHEREAS, county treasurers are renown for counting in their heads and with their fingers before eventually asking for help, and for rounding up in every situation even if rounding principles suggest downward, and for desiring the coolest pocket protector at the treasurer conferences, and for quoting statutes and ordinances in every conversation at a cocktail party; and

WHEREAS, Steve and his wife Kim are in need of a little more time to continue their quest to visit every craft brewery in the state of Colorado and have already visited 308 of the 440 in our state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes Steve Ellington for his 37 years of service to the people of Denver and congratulates him on his retirement.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Steve Ellington.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 12, 2026

Signed by:

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PRESIDENT

