

**TITLE:** Presentation of "Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence"

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Operational Excellence

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2016

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services - Planning Department

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## RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

Acceptance of the award

## **ITEM SUMMARY:**

- The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) has presented the "Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence" to the City of McKinney.
- This award recognizes the professional planning standards demonstrated by our planning staff and the support exhibited by the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.
- In order to receive this award, a city must meet the APA Chapter goals for:
  - · Increasing awareness of professional planning;
  - Enhancing neighborhood and citizen recognition of planning efforts;
  - Encouraging the funding of professional training for commissioners and staff; and
  - Aiding economic development and community image.
- The City of McKinney has received this recognition fifteen (15) of the past sixteen (16) years.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

• Each year about 10-15 communities receive this award.

## **SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

Planning Excellence Award 2016

Award Letter

Award Certificate