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**TITLE:** Presentation of “Certificate of Achievement for Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Program for Planning Excellence”

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Operational Excellence  
(2C: Identify opportunities for internal efficiencies and continuous improvement to effect a high performing organizational culture)

**MEETING DATE:** January 5, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services - Planning Department

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**RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

- Staff recommends that City Council accept the Certificate of Achievement for Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Program for Planning Excellence received from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

**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 nineteen (19) of the past twenty (20) years.
  - This year, 35 communities in Texas received this award.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- N/A

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

- Letter from Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association for Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Program for Planning Excellence
- Certificate of Achievement for Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Program for Planning Excellence

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[Planning Excellence Letter](#)

[Planning Excellence Certificate](#)