

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5959 October 19, 2021 Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION TITLE: AB 5959: US Climate Mayors initiative Discussion Only \boxtimes Action Needed: RECOMMENDED Authorize Mayor Wong to Sign-on to the US Climate ⊠ Motion ACTION: Mayors initiative. □ Ordinance □ Resolution **DEPARTMENT: Public Works** Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations STAFF: Ross Freeman, Sustainability Analyst **COUNCIL LIAISON: Benson Wong** Choose an item. Choose an item. **EXHIBITS:** 1. n/a 1. Prepare for the impacts of growth and change with a continued consideration on **CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:** environmental sustainability.

SUMMARY

Recently, the City was approached about joining the **US Climate Mayors** initiative. This voluntary, nonpartisan network representing more than 470 communities nationwide aims to demonstrate climate leadership through meaningful local action. In the past, the City has endorsed similar measures that align with the City's goals. See: <u>https://www.wearestillin.com/signatories</u>.

The positions advocated by this organization align with the City's sustainability goals, and the initial commitments required reflect work the City does already, or work that is currently underway. See: https://climatemayors.org/join-us.

At this time, a number of the City's regional partners have joined the initiative, such as Kirkland, Redmond, Snoqualmie, Seattle, as well as several other cities in Washington (see: <u>https://climatemayors.org/member-cities</u>). Mayor Wong would like to join the initiative and has received the support of the Sustainability Committee in taking this proposed action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize Mayor Wong to Sign-on to the US Climate Mayors initiative.