

RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND COMMENDATION FOR BENSON WONG'S SERVICE TO THE MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Benson Wong has served the citizens of Mercer Island with distinction in public office as a member of the Mercer Island City Council since January 2014, specifically as a Councilmember from 2014 to 2019 and Mayor from 2020 to present.

During Mayor Wong's two terms in office, the City Council has met 274 times, adopted 186 Ordinances and 132 Resolutions, and reviewed over 1,000 agenda bills on a wide variety of topics. These are a few highlights from Mayor Wong's tenure on the City Council:

- Served as Mayor during the Global COVID-19 Pandemic, including holding nearly all of the City Council meetings during his tenure virtually
- Established a full-time Sustainability Analyst and Sustainability Program
- Established a full-time Economic Development Coordinator
- Adoption of Code of Ethics for Officials
- Adoption of Transportation Impact Fees
- Adoption of Town Center Vision & Development and Design Standards
- Construction of Fire Station 92
- Adoption of Residential Development Standards and Tree Code Update
- Implementation of First/Last Mile Solutions – Lyft, Uber, and LimeBike Pilot Projects
- Implementation of Metro's Route 630
- Critical Areas Ordinance Update
- Code Compliance Program Update
- Adoption of the Solid Waste Contract with Recology
- Creation of the Parks & Recreation Commission
- Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan Adoption
- Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Tully's/BP ARCO Site
- Represented the City at the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship between the City and Thonon les Bains, France

Mayor Wong has served as a City Council liaison for the:

- Sustainability Committee (2014-2021)
- MISD Superintendent's Equity Advisory Council (and its predecessor) (2018-2021)
- Boards & Commissions Committee (2018)
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2016-2018)
- Financial Challenges Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee (2018)
- Community Services Board (2016-2018)
- YFS Healthy Youth Initiative (2018-2021)

- Public Safety Committee (2014-2017)
- Maintenance Department Audit Committee (2016)
- Capital Levy Committee (2016)
- Disability Board (2014-2015)
- Town Center Visioning Committee (2014-2015)
- MICA Committee (2014)
- KCLS-MI Library Remodel Committee (2014)

Regionally, Mayor Wong has served on the King County Regional Water Quality Committee (2016-2021), SCA Public Issues Committee (2016-2020), PSRC Transportation Policy Board (2016-2018), and as representative to ARCH (2017).

With his newfound freedom, Mayor Wong is sure to enjoy more time with his family, particularly his grandchildren.

Mayor Wong will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to ending discrimination and promoting diversity and inclusion, his joy in celebrating grassroots community efforts and events, and fulfilling his mayoral duties with passion and grace.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, on behalf of its citizens, the City Council commends Benson Wong for his long-tenured and distinguished public service and extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation for his time and many significant contributions to Mercer Island over the past eight years.

APPROVED this 7th day of December 2021.

Wendy Weiker
Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Larson
City Clerk