



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5892  
July 6, 2021  
Regular Business

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 5892: 2020 Community Member of the Year Nomination	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Receive nominations for the 2020 Community Member of the Year award and select a nominee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Benson Wong, Mayor Deborah Estrada, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Community Member of the Year Recipient History
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

### SUMMARY

This agenda bill is to receive nominations from City Councilmembers and to select a nominee for the 2020 Community Member of the Year award.

#### BACKGROUND

Each year at the end of the City Council's annual Planning Session, Councilmembers nominate and select a Mercer Island resident to honor as the Community Member of the Year for the previous year. The selected nominee is honored at a City Council meeting and a framed photo of the honoree is hung in the Council Chambers lobby to commemorate this distinction.

Due to the Pandemic, the 2021 Planning Session was shortened as it was held remotely, and the City Council did not have the opportunity to discuss the 2020 Community Member of the Year award. At Tuesday's meeting the City Council will make nominations for the award and vote to select one nominee to honor at a future Council meeting.

#### COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR POLICY

The past recipients of the award are listed in Exhibit 1. The City Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted May 18, outline the current criteria for nomination and selection of the Community Member of the Year as follows:

- The Community Member of the Year is an annual tradition of recognizing an individual or group ("honoree") who is otherwise unrecognized for his/her/their contributions to making the Mercer Island community a great place to live and work. The honoree shall be selected based on the following criteria:

- Significant service accomplishments within the past year;
- The quality, scale, and duration of the benefits to the community resulting from the accomplishments;
- The amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond the scope of normal responsibilities;
- The nature of the challenges faced and overcome by the honoree; and
- The extent of previous recognition received by the honoree (e.g., the nominee is an “unsung hero”).

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Following the City Council’s selection of a nominee, staff will invite the nominee to an upcoming City Council meeting so the City Council may formally recognize their contributions to the Mercer Island community.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive nominations for the 2020 Community Member of the Year and vote to select one nominee for the award.