



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6625
February 4, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6625: Ratification of a Joint Letter to Governor Ferguson seeking support for the Washington State Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 bomb cyclone.	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Ratify the Joint Letter to Governor Ferguson, signed by Mayor Nice and other King County Mayors on February 3, 2025, seeking support for the Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 bomb cyclone.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Jessi Bon, City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Letter to Governor Ferguson
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to ratify the Joint Letter (Exhibit 1) to Governor Ferguson, signed by Mayor Nice and other King County Mayors on February 3, 2025, seeking Governor Ferguson's support of the Washington State Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 bomb cyclone.

BACKGROUND

Communities in Western Washington continue to recover from the November 2024 bomb cyclone event. While Governor Inslee made the request for a Major Disaster Declaration, it has not been approved.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The City of Mercer Island was asked to sign on to a Joint Letter (Exhibit 1) urging Governor Ferguson to advocate for a federal Major Disaster Declaration following the November 2024 bomb cyclone event. Mayor Nice added his signature to the letter on February 3, 2025 along with Mayors from Sammamish, Issaquah, and

Bellevue. At the time the City Council packet was amended, other signatures were still being gathered and the final version of the letter was not yet available. A final copy of the letter will be provided to the City Council as soon as it is available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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