



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6689
May 6, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6689: Joint Letter to FEMA in Support of the Appeal of the Denial of 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:	Authorize Mayor Nice to sign the Joint Letter to FEMA, in support of an appeal of the denial 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 authorize Mayor Nice to sign the Joint Letter (Exhibit 1) to FEMA, seeking support of the appeal of the denial 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 FEMA to support to the appeal of the denial of the federal Major Disaster Declaration following the November 2024 bomb cyclone event. Mayor Nice will add his signature to the letter on May 7, 2025 along with Mayors from other Eastside cities. 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

Authorize Mayor Nice to sign the Joint Letter to FEMA in support of the appeal of the denial for the Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 bomb cyclone.