



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6842  
January 16, 2026  
PLANNING SESSION

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6842: 2025 Community Member of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Receive nominations for the 2025 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>	Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Community Member of the Year History
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to receive nominations from City Councilmembers and select a nominee for the 2025 Community Member of the Year award.

### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Each year, at 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 future City Council meeting. Past recipients of the award are listed in Exhibit 1.

[Section 3.3\(F\)\(3\) of the City Council Rules of Procedure](#) 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:

- a. Significant service accomplishments within the past year,
- b. The quality, scale, and duration of the benefits to the community resulting from the accomplishments,

- c. The amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond the scope of normal responsibilities,
- d. The nature of the challenges faced and overcome by the honoree, and
- e. 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 for formal recognition.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive nominations for the 2025 Community Member of the Year and vote to select one nominee for the award.