



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6842
January 16, 2026
PLANNING SESSION

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6842: 2025 Community Member of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	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

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Community Member of the Year History
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 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.