



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6125  
July 19, 2022  
Special Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6125: 2021 Community Member of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Proclaim Avi Schiffmann as the 2021 Community Member of the Year.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council		
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Salim Nice Andrea Larson, City Clerk		
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a		
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 291		
<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**

Proclaim Avi Schiffmann as the 2021 Community Member of the Year (see Exhibit 1).

**BACKGROUND**

The Community Member of the Year is an annual tradition of the Mercer Island City Council to recognize an individual or group (“honoree”) for their contributions to making the Mercer Island community a great place to live and work. The honoree is 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
- The extent of previous recognition received by the honoree (e.g., the nominee is an “unsung hero”)

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

At the March 26, 2022, City Council Planning Session, the City Council selected Avi Schiffman as the 2021 Community Member of the Year.

Avi built the [nCoV2019.live](https://nCoV2019.live) website in December 2019 while he was a student at Mercer Island High School. Avi's website tracks COVID-19 data around the globe and he received international recognition for his work.

Avi will be honored at the July 19, 2022, City Council meeting as the 2021 Community Member of the year (see Proclamation No. 291 – Exhibit 1) and presented with a plaque from the Council.

The past recipients of the Community Member of the Year award are listed on the City's website at [www.mercerisland.gov/CommunityMember](http://www.mercerisland.gov/CommunityMember).

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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