



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

**AB 6483  
June 18, 2024  
Special Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6483: 2023 Community Member of the Year (Proclamations Nos. 336 and 337)	<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>	Approve Proclamation Nos. 336 and 337 proclaiming Doris and James Cassan and Cantor Bradlee Kurland as the 2023 Community Members of the Year.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 336 2. Proclamation No. 337
<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 proclaim Doris and James Cassan (see Exhibit 1) and Cantor Bradlee Kurland (see Exhibit 2) as the 2023 Community Members of the Year.

**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 1, 2024 City Council Planning Session, the City Council selected Doris and James Cassan and Cantor Bradlee Kurland as the 2023 Community Members of the Year.

Doris and James Cassan are long-time residents and have been involved in numerous service and philanthropic efforts on the Island. Cantor Kurland served as cantor and music director at Herzl-Ner Tamid since 1984.

Both James Cassan and Cantor Bradlee Kurland passed away in 2023. Doris Cassan and her family and the Kurland family will be at the June 18, 2024 City Council meeting to receive the 2023 Community Members of the year award posthumously for Mr. Cassan and Cantor Kurland

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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