



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, in 1990, the City Council began recognizing outstanding contributions of Mercer Island community members and the City has continued this tradition for more than 30 years.

During the January 16, 2026 City Council Planning Session, the City Council selected Fan Yuan as the 2025 Community Member of the Year for her contributions to the Mercer Island community.

Fan has served as the President of the Mercer Island Chinese Association (MICA) since November 2023. Through her leadership on the MICA and other local organizations, she has continually shown her dedication to the Mercer Island Community.

Fan has played an instrumental role in strengthening the partnership between the MICA and Parks & Recreation through the development and support of multiple major community events, including the Lunar New Year Celebration and Mid-Autumn Festival Carnival, each hosting thousands of attendees at the Community Center.

Through this collaboration, MICA has been able to expand opportunities for residents to engage with and celebrate Chinese culture through inclusive, family-friendly events and activities. These events have included cultural celebrations, performances, workshops, and community gatherings that highlight traditions, heritage, and shared experiences for residents of all backgrounds.

Outside of MICA, Fan has been a passionate advocate for children in our library system and schools. She runs a weekly Mandarin Story Time at the Mercer Island Library, and is on the KCLS Foundation Board; and she has actively supported our school system as a board member for MIPA and the Northwood PTA.

Through thoughtful planning and strong community partnerships, Fan has helped foster a vibrant and inclusive environment that reflects Mercer Island's commitment to cultural diversity and community connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim Fan Yuan as the

2025 COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

APPROVED, this 19th day of May 2026.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum

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