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City Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran awarded Certificate of Municipal Leadership

RENTON, WA – Renton City Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran recently received a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

"Congratulations to Councilmember O'Halloran for earning this certification," said Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone. "I'm incredibly impressed she completed this training during her first year on the council and also with the challenges of COVID-19."

AWC's Certificate of Municipal Leadership program recognizes city and town elected officials for accomplishing training in four core areas:

- Roles, responsibilities and legal requirements
- Public sector resource management
- Community planning and development
- Effective local leadership



Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran

Councilmember O'Halloran completed more than 30 hours of training credits to earn this distinction.

"Cities and towns around the state are continually transforming in light of changing laws and the need to meet new challenges and opportunities," said AWC Chief Executive Officer Peter B. King.

"Our Certificate of Municipal Leadership program helps mayors and councilmembers sharpen the tools they need today to understand the legal landscape, plan for the future, manage their resources, and foster strong relationships. The elected officials who earn this certificate demonstrate a commitment to continuous learning and a desire to bring new ideas back to their community."

Councilmember O'Halloran is in her first year on the Renton City Council, winning election in November 2019. She chairs the Utilities Committee, is vice-chair of the Public Safety Committee and is a Finance Committee member. She joins fellow councilmembers Ed Prince (Certificate in 2015) and Ruth Pérez (Advanced Certificate in 2019) in earning this distinction.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 105,500 (2020), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families an

outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our [website](#), [news releases](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

About AWC

AWC serves its members through advocacy, education and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation representing Washington's 281 cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch, and regulatory agencies. AWC also provides training, data and publications, and programs such as the AWC Employee Benefit Trust, AWC Risk Management Service Agency, AWC Workers' Comp Retro, AWC Drug and Alcohol Consortium, and AWC GIS Consortium.

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