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**Renton City Councilmember Kim-Khánh Văn awarded a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities**



*Mayor Armondo Pavone presents City Councilmember Kim Kim-Khánh Văn with her Certificate of Municipal Leadership at Monday night’s council meeting. Councilmembers James Alberson, Jr., Ruth Pérez, Valerie O’Halloran, Ryan McIrvine, Ed Prince, and Carmen Rivera join them for the presentation.*

**RENTON, WA** – Renton City Councilmember Kim-Khánh Văn has earned a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

“Congratulations to Councilmember Vǎn on this achievement,” said Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone. “I commend her dedication to our residents and her focus on learning and leadership.”

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

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



**Councilmember Kim-Khánh Vǎn**

"Thank you for your confidence and trust in me to serve our community," said Councilmember Vǎn. "My priority has always been to learn as much as possible to better serve and advocate for Renton.

"I am grateful to learn from experts through the Certificate of Municipal Leadership program. From effective local leadership to addressing homelessness, climate resilience, accessing American Rescue Plan Act funds, public safety, and community development, among other topics, I am equipped with the knowledge to be an effective councilmember. With this additional knowledge coupled with my lived and professional experiences as a former Vietnamese refugee, mom, daughter, small business owner, volunteer JAG, Rotarian, RTC Foundation board member, and an attorney, I'm able to have a holistic approach to governing and to better advocate for our Renton community to the best that I can. It's an honor to receive this certificate."

In earning the Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Councilmember Vǎn completed more than 30 hours of training.

“Being a city leader in Washington is a complex job,” said Deanna Dawson, Association of Washington Cities CEO. “Our CML program provides elected officials the knowledge they need to operate within the law effectively, plan for the future, secure and manage funds, foster strong relationships, and build more equitable communities.”






Councilmember Vǎn is in her first term on the city council, winning the election in November 2019.

She chairs the Transportation Committee, is vice-chair of the Public Safety Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. She also serves on the South County Area Transportation Board, Eastside Transportation Partnership, Regional Law Safety & Justice Committee, Cedar River Council, Mayor’s Inclusion Task Force, and the Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services, amongst others.

She joins fellow Councilmember Ed Prince (2015) in earning a Certificate of Municipal Leadership. In addition, Councilmembers Ruth Pérez (2019) and Valerie O’Halloran (2022) have earned an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

### **City of Renton**

*The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 107,500 (2022), 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 wishing to provide employees and their families with*

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*an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Super Bowl Champion (2014) Seattle Seahawks, two-time (2016 & 2019) MLS champion and CONCACAF Champion (2022) Seattle Sounders FC (in 2024), and the eternal resting place of rock icon Jimi Hendrix. You can find more information on our [website](#), [news releases](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.*

**Association of Washington Cities**

*The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) serves its members through advocacy, education, and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, non-profit, nonpartisan corporation representing Washington's 281 cities and towns before the state legislature, executive branch, and regulatory agencies. AWC 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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