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Councilmember Garcia awarded with Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Dg Garcia, Councilmember, City of Liberty Lake recently received a Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

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

"Being a city leader in Washington is a complex job," said AWC Interim CEO Alicia Seegers Martinelli. "Through our CML program we are helping mayors and councilmembers better understand and address the challenges of effective and equitable leadership, including understanding the legal landscape, budget and resource management, planning and development, and more."

Councilmember Garcia completed more than 30 hours of training credits to earn this distinction.

Councilmember Garcia was appointed to the Liberty Lake City Council on July 13, 2021. She has continued her role as a voice for the people, and she strives to enhance their quality of life and general health and welfare.

She contributed to the city, long before her appointment, by developing and promoting the city's Guide to Acronyms and Abbreviations, which the City Council accepted in July 2017 as a tool for the constituents to better understand the jargon used during public hearings and when engaging in deliberative discussions.

In January 2018, Liberty Lake City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-233, which led to the adoption of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance representing Garcia's efforts to promote the city's inclusion in the National Flood Insurance Program. Councilmember Garcia says that being awarded the Certificate of Municipal Leadership demonstrates that her work has just begun.

AWC serves its members through advocacy, education and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's 281 cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch, and with 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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