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### ***Mayor Gailey Awarded Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership***

OLYMPIA, WA- Mayor, Brett Gailey recently earned an Advanced 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 five core areas:

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

Those who earn the advanced certificate have continued to strive for excellence by attending conferences and trainings, serving their community, and further developing leadership skills.

"Being a city leader in Washington is a complex job," said AWC CEO Deanna Dawson. "Through our Advanced CML program we are providing our elected officials with the knowledge they need to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds, foster strong relationships, and work to build more equitable communities."

In 2022, Mayor Gailey earned his Certificate of Municipal Leadership through AWC. To earn the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Mayor Gailey completed more than 60 hours of training and demonstrated local community service.

"Civic service is one of my passions and advancing my municipal leadership skills is a proud accomplishment. I'm grateful for the opportunity to expand my knowledge and I look forward to using what I learned to continue to improve Lake Stevens," said Mayor Gailey.

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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*The city of Lake Stevens, Wash. (pop. 41,260) is located 36 miles north of Seattle in Snohomish County. The city shares the name of the lake it surrounds and is nestled between the beautiful Cascade Range and Puget Sound. The city's vision is to be "one community around the lake" with a vibrant economy, modern infrastructure, and exceptional quality of life for residents and businesses alike. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov).*