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### **City of Lake Stevens Seeks Members for Community Advisory Council**

*Purpose Is to Improve Diversity and Inclusion in Decision-Making*

Lake Stevens, Wash. – At the May 25 Council Meeting, Mayor Gailey implemented a new Community Advisory Council (CAC). The majority of the Council supported the CAC and the purpose will be to help the City strengthen its relationship with diverse community groups and be more inclusive in policy decisions.

“We are looking for committee members who will lead the City Council, staff, and our community in conversations that generate policy ideas to support cultural understanding, mutual respect and inclusivity,” said Mayor Brett Gailey.

The City is looking for individuals with diverse backgrounds including work experience, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, gender, physical and mental abilities, national origin, minimal English language proficiency, age, and neighborhood residency. Interested parties will be able to apply through an application on the City’s website at [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov). The application will be available on the City’s website by Tuesday, June 1. An interview may be required in addition to the application. The deadline for applications will be Friday, June 30.

The CAC will meet monthly and its first assignment is to develop an annual work plan. Members will be appointed for a two-year term.

“We don’t have all the answers, but we can start the conversation,” said Mayor Gailey. “We’re looking forward to strengthening relationships and creating greater understanding between city residents.”

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*Lake Stevens (pop. 33,000) is a city in Snohomish County, Washington, named for the lake that it surrounds. The City’s vision is to be “one community around the lake” with a vibrant economy and unsurpassed infrastructure that provides residents an exceptional quality of life. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov).*