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PRESS RELEASE

Councilmember Ryan Walters awarded with Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership

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OLYMPIA, WA – Anacortes City Councilmember Ryan Walters recently received 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 four core areas:

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

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

“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 Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership recognizes mayors and councilmembers who continue to enhance 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.”

To earn the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Walters completed more than 60 hours of training credits and demonstrated community service.

Ryan Walters was elected to the Anacortes City Council in 2011 and has served as mayor pro-tem and as a longtime member of the Council Planning, Finance, Fiber, and Public Works committees. A fifth-generation resident of Anacortes, Walters has leveraged his background as an attorney and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners to complete rewrites of the City's land use, contracts, and civil enforcement codes, as well as the Council's rules of procedure.



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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.