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OLYMPIA, WA –Mount Vernon City Councilmember Mark Hulst recently earned 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

“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 Certificate of Municipal Leadership program helps mayors and councilmembers sharpen 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.”



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

A lifelong Skagit County resident, and a Mount Vernon resident for the past two decades; Hulst has served the City of Mount Vernon as a council member since 2012, following four years of service on the MV Planning Commission, and six years on the MV Chamber of Commerce Board.

“As city leaders, we owe it to our residents to stay up-to-date on everything from resource management, to discovering new ways of effectively developing and improving the assets that we have here in Mount Vernon,” Hulst said. “This certification was a great way to do just that.”

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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