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*******NEWS RELEASE*******

**James T. Irish is Awarded with an Advanced
Certificate of Municipal Leadership**

Olympia, WA, April 1, 2011. James T. Irish, Mayor for City of La Center recently received an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Mayor Irish completed over 60 hours of training credits to earn this distinction and demonstrated valuable service to their community.

The CML program is designed to enhance the ability of elected municipal officials by providing knowledge and skills to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds and foster community and staff relationships. To earn this certificate, the official attends a variety of AWC sponsored municipal workshops. The courses help the mayors and councilmembers learn the essentials of municipal service and improve their ability to work with council colleagues, city staff and citizens.

AWC is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation that represents Washington's agencies. Membership is voluntary; however AWC maintains 100% participation from Washington's 281 cities and towns. The goal is to create and maintain livable cities and towns throughout the state.

