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**Municipal League Names 2009 Civic Awards Winners**

SEATTLE – The Municipal League of King County today named eight individuals and three organizations to receive its 50th annual Civic Awards for outstanding contributions to the community.

A ceremony will be held at the Seattle Art Museum's Downtown location on the evening of Wednesday, March 25. The following will be honored at the event:

- Cary Moon (People's Waterfront Coalition) – Citizen of the Year
- Ava Frisinger (Mayor, City of Issaquah) – Public Official of the Year
- Allen Church (Fire Chief/Administrator, South King Fire & Rescue) – Public Employee of the Year
- Force 10 Hoops LLC – Business of the Year
- Seattle Works – Organization of the Year
- Joni Earl (CEO, Sound Transit) and Mayor Greg Nickels (Chair, Sound Transit Board of Directors) – James R. Ellis Regional Leadership
- Brice Maryman (Open Space Seattle 2100) – Doug Mason Memorial
- The Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington – Warren G. Magnuson Memorial
- Bruce D. Carter and Norma Jean Hanson – Mary Skelton Memorial Volunteer

"These citizens, officials and organizations embody the mission of the Municipal League by promoting effective government and providing visionary leadership," said Brad Meacham, Municipal League chairman. "They provide an inspirational example that we're pleased to honor with the 50th annual Civic Awards."

The awardees were nominated by the public, evaluated by the League's Civic Awards Committee and approved by the League's trustees. In addition, a local high school student will be named as a Civic Scholar and will receive a partial college scholarship.

The Municipal League created the Civic Awards in 1960 to honor a diverse array of community leadership. For more information and to purchase tickets for the awards ceremony see [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).

Here is a description of the awards:

The Citizen of the Year Award: A private citizen who has made the most outstanding contribution to the cause of good government or civic betterment.

Public Official of the Year: A public official or department head who, in addition to routine service, has brought to the office outstanding innovations or contributions.

Public Employee of the Year: An employee of a public body who has brought to the particular service outstanding innovations or constructive programs.

Business of the Year Award: The business that has made the most outstanding contribution to the community.

Organization of the Year Award: The organization that has made the most outstanding contribution to the community.

James R. Ellis Regional Leadership Award: The individual or organization that has contributed significant leadership to the region in the examination of regional public policy problems and solutions.

Doug Mason Memorial: A person, age 35 or under, who made a special contribution to the people of King County in any of the following areas: environmental protection and preservation, agricultural preservation, transportation, human services, housing, good government, ethics in politics, or effective government administration.

Warren G. Magnuson Memorial: An individual or organization that, while outside local government, has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of local government.

Mary Skelton Memorial Volunteer Award: A Municipal League volunteer who has made an exemplary contribution to the community.

#### *About the Municipal League*

The Municipal League of King County is a nonpartisan volunteer organization that has worked to ensure good government that is open, effective and accountable since 1910. The Municipal League is dedicated to improving the caliber of public officials and the quality of public decisions. For more information see [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).

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