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MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES

HONOREES IN 52ND ANNUAL CIVIC AWARDS

SEATTLE, JANUARY 27, 2011 – Government and local non-profit leaders are among those slated for recognition by the Municipal League at its 52nd Annual Civic Awards Celebration Dinner to be held March 31, 2011 at Herban Feast in SODO. The Civic Awards honor the accomplishments of elected officials, public employees, other citizen groups, the news media, and individual citizens who make outstanding contributions to the community and to better government.

This year's winners are: Citizen of the Year, Paola Maranan, Executive Director of the Children's Alliance since 2003; Public Official of the Year, Sue Rahr, King County Sheriff and a 28 year veteran of law enforcement; Business of the Year, Boeing Employees Credit Union, the fourth largest cooperatively owned bank in the US, and founder of the "Pay it Forward" grants program to fund local communities and non-profits; Organization of the Year, the Washington News Council, a promoter of ethics and accountability within the media; Public Employee of the Year, Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, a Seattle native whose been with Parks for 28 years; Government News Reporting of the Year, Susannah Frame of KING-5, for her reporting on the Washington State Ferries; and the James R. Ellis Regional Leadership Award, the Regional Transit Task Force, for its work to clarify and organize the priorities and implementation processes for local transit during a time of budget reductions.

The Civic Awards is a well-attended event by public officials, business leaders, and philanthropists from all over King County. Sponsors for this year's event include Boeing, CH2MHill, Comcast, and a host of other organizations.

"The Municipal League has honored the best in local government and public service for 52 years" said Lauri Hennessey, Executive Director. "These honorees are all great examples of improving our local community through service."

Tickets for the 2011 Civic Awards Celebration Dinner will go on sale February 1, and can be purchased through the Municipal League website, www.munileague.org, or by contacting Marlana Crandall at marlena@munileague.org, or by calling the Municipal League office at (206) 622-8333. The Municipal League will be selling tables seating eight guests. Individual tickets will also be available.

The Municipal League is a volunteer-driven, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works toward better government in King County, Washington. The League's mission is to promote government that is open, effective and accountable, and to improve the caliber of public officials and the quality of public decisions.

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