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James C. Richards Award Goes to Salem Councilor Brad Nanke

SALEM, Ore. – The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented Wednesday to Salem City Councilor Brad Nanke during the League of Oregon Cities' 95th Annual Conference, which was held virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through an exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

For more than 20 years, Councilor Nanke has dedicated his time, talents, and wisdom to the city of Salem as an elected official and valued volunteer. Throughout his time on the city council, he has shown a strong sense of civic duty, a pragmatic and consistent approach to policymaking, and an openness to other points of view. Nanke served as the LOC president in 2016 and has been a board member for the LOC Foundation since 2014. He has also served on several LOC legislative policy committees.

A dedicated member of the Salem Community Emergency Response Team and local volunteer, Nanke also serves on the Salem area's public access television board, the Mid-Willamette Valley Cable Regulatory Commission, and the North Santiam Watershed Council.

Earlier this year, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments recognized Councilor Nanke for his outstanding leadership in regional and intergovernmental affairs. His contributions as a public servant range from developing policy of regional and state importance to getting his hands dirty pulling invasive plants from the North Santiam River watershed.

About the James C. Richards Memorial Award

James C. Richards was a city councilor for Bay City and was the administrative officer for Tillamook County. His many years of involvement in intergovernmental affairs serve as a model for others and is the standard by which nominees are evaluated.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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