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Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway Recognized with James C. Richards Award

BEND, Ore. – The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented to Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway during the League of Oregon Cities’ 99th Annual Conference in Bend. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through an exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

Before joining the city council in 2011 then becoming mayor in 2016, Mayor Callaway served on the Hillsboro Budget Committee, 2020 Vision Committee, Planning Commission, Library Foundation, the Oregon International Air Show, and the Hillsboro Schools Foundation. In leading a community where people of color represent more than 40% of the population, Mayor Callaway has been a strong advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). His efforts have been recognized by The League of Minority Voters and Centro Cultural. Under his leadership, Hillsboro has earned consistent national recognition as a “best place” to live and work. In 2022, the city was named Public Employer of the Year by the Oregon Resource Association for creating an inviting and equitable work environment for employees with disabilities. Mayor Callaway’s positive impact has reached communities throughout Oregon, where he’s helped countless elected leaders while serving on the board of directors and as president of both the Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities.

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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