

June 4, 2015

Dear Councilmember Botero,

We are pleased to inform you that you were nominated and selected as one of the first recipients of our AWC Advocacy All-Star Award. This new award recognizes and celebrates actions in the past year by Washington elected city officials who have demonstrated commitment to advocating for cities – not just your own, but the interests of cities around this great state.

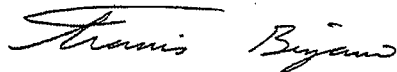
As AWC's President and Government Relations Director, we would like to thank you for your efforts. You have been a strong and steady advocate for the needs of Longview, as well as cities across the state and have gone out of your way to educate community members on these needs. You are one of nine individual recipients of this award, in addition to two regional city associations. Individually and taken together, these efforts are making a difference in how city issues are prioritized in Olympia.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the opening program luncheon at Annual Conference in Wenatchee on June 24 to accept your award and be recognized. We have a small token of appreciation we'd like to give you. We'd also like to have you join an hour-long interactive discussion following the luncheon that will be moderated by Tim Ceis, who has helped us implement elements of our Operation: Strong Cities campaign. Hearing a brief discussion of your approach to advocacy – what worked well or didn't, would help stimulate discussion and enhanced advocacy among workshop participants.

AWC's Operation: Strong Cities will continue to evolve over the coming years. It relies on a small and committed army of city officials willing to speak and act on behalf of their communities, at home, in their regions, and Olympia. AWC will soon announce that we're accepting more nominations with hope that others doing great things will also be recognized, celebrated, and emulated!

Again – congratulations and thank you so much. We look forward to seeing you in Wenatchee!

Appreciatively,



Francis Benjamin, AWC President and Pullman City Councilor



David Williams, AWC Government Relations Director