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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF EVERETT AWARDED THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The GFOA has encouraged and recognized exemplary budgeting practices among governmental entities in the United States and Canada since 1984.

The GFOA reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City of Everett had to satisfy four nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management.

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Looking to the future, Mayor DeMaria and his administration look to continue to be recognized as a leading community in public financial management by practice and policy development. As an administration it is the Mayor's goal to enhance and promote quality government management for the benefit of the residents and businesses in the City of Everett.

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