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Renton volunteers honored as Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Citizens

2006 Citizen of the Year - Bob McBeth
Outstanding Citizens - Roxanne Hanson and Jay Covington

RENTON: The City of Renton, Renton Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Renton will honor Bob McBeth as the 2006 Citizen of the Year and Roxanne Hanson and Jay Covington as Outstanding Citizens. This award recognizes their dedication and exceptional contributions to the Renton community. The award ceremony will take place at the annual Citizen of the Year Banquet on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 5 p.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center.

“Our community has a rich heritage of service and volunteerism,” said Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker. “It is our privilege to honor Bob McBeth as the 2006 Citizen of the Year and Roxanne Hanson and Jay Covington as Outstanding Citizens. Thank you, to all of you who have worked so hard and have served Renton beyond the call of duty. Your dedication and efforts have contributed to the strong fabric of our city and help create a sense of community.”

“I wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to these individuals who have set an example for all of us through their unmatched dedication to the betterment of our community,” said Bill Taylor, President of the Renton Chamber of Commerce.

Several different organizations and thousands of individuals benefit from the combined volunteer efforts of Bob McBeth, Roxanne Hanson, and Jay Covington. Their volunteer service focuses on a variety of areas, including health and human services, education, community involvement, business, arts, and human services.

“Congratulations to all those being honored today,” said Jim Baker, President of the Rotary Club of Renton. “Their leadership inspires all the volunteers throughout our community who donate their time and effort to important causes, thereby improving the quality of life for all of us in Renton.”

2006 Citizen of the Year Bob McBeth has worked tirelessly to serve hundreds of local residents. The founder and driving force behind Rotacare Clinic, it is through his hard work and dedication that hundreds of local, low-income residents have received medical care. He has been involved with the annual CAPER auction by the Rotary Club of Renton and has been responsible for

raising thousands of dollars for charitable purposes. He has served as a past president of the Rotary Club of Renton and has held various leadership positions with the Salvation Army, Renton Community Center and Renton Technical College.

2006 Outstanding Citizen Roxanne Hanson is truly dedicated to improving Renton's community and has the gift of bringing people together for a common cause. She is a board member of the Renton Chamber of Commerce, past president and board member of the Kiwanis Club of Renton, vice-chair of the RHS Excellence in Education board of directors, Lindbergh High School and Renton High School Key Club advisor, Renton School District mentor, and serves on the advisory board of Renton Communities in Schools. She is currently the Chairman of the Renton Chamber of Commerce Total Resource Campaign, Renton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Auction, and co-chair of the Renton River Day's Kick-off Banquet. Roxanne Hanson is the City Relations Director for Freddie's Club Casino in Renton.

2006 Outstanding Citizen, Jay Covington is the City of Renton's Chief Administrative Officer and has provided overall management, strategic leadership, and direction to the City. His leadership accomplishments range from salmon habitat restoration, to community-based partnerships, to opportunities for at-risk youth, to community philanthropy, and to regional jail issues. Jay serves as a board member of the Renton Community Foundation and is a founding member of Communities in Schools of Renton. Jay feels strongly that helping our rising generation become successful, productive adults is as important as ensuring that traditional City services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

All of the deserving individuals nominated in 2006 deserve to be honored for their contributions. Representatives of the sponsoring organizations and past Citizen of the Year award winners selected the winners of this year's award. This year's winners will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year banquet at the Renton Senior Activity Center on October 19, 2006 starting at 5:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$25 and reservations can be made on-line at www.Gorenton.com or by calling the Renton Chamber of Commerce at 425-226-4560. Reservations are requested by October 13."

