



Announcing: The Mike Sells Labor Champion Award

Prestigious award to honor retiring Washington State legislator Rep. Mike Sells

Everett, WA, Sept. 29, 2022 — The Snohomish & Island County Labor Council is proud to announce the creation of a permanent award to honor retiring Washington State legislator Rep. Mike Sells (D-LD 38). The award will be given annually to a deserving recipient who has championed the cause of organized labor and public service here in Western Washington.



Rep. Mike Sells

The inaugural award ceremony is set for Oct. 25, 2022, at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Council's Hardship Fund to support union families hit by layoffs, medical costs or other hardships.

"Mike Sells is truly a distinguished leader and legislator," said Dan Murphy, Snohomish & Island County Labor Council vice president. "He has dedicated his life and his career to public service, to advancing the labor movement and to bettering the lives of Washington's working families, and we're honored to create this award in recognition of his legacy."

The trophy will be awarded to a community leader each year, Murphy noted, but then brought back the next year. "It's like the Stanley Cup," he said. "The winner displays the trophy for a year, then brings it back to present it to the following year's winner." The trophy will have each recipient's name, affiliation and the date inscribed on the pedestal and recipients will receive a commemorative model as a keepsake.

The ceremony will begin at 5 pm with a reception and will include a buffet-style banquet featuring award-winning Northwest-themed entrées, full beverage service and a cash bar. Parking for the event is available on nearby streets surrounding the Conference Center.

"We're excited to be able to honor Rep. Sells as we present this unique award that we hope will capture Mike's spirit," Murphy said. "He dedicated his career was to serving Washington's working families and devoted his talents to improving life for everyone in our Washington communities." □

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ABOUT MIKE SELLS

Mike Sells served more than 30 years as a teacher in the Everett School District. From 1976 to 2014 he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Snohomish County Labor Council. Elected in 2004 to the Washington House from the 38th Legislative District, he served 18 years until retiring in 2022.

ABOUT THE SNOHOMISH & ISLAND COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL

The Snohomish and Island County Labor Council is an AFL-CIO-affiliated federation of 64 public- and private-sector unions representing 42,000 working families. The Council is dedicated to ensuring fair wages and benefits for all workers and strives to ensure economic justice and workplace safety.

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