



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6778  
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Regular Business

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6778: Naming the Pickleball Courts at Luther Burbank Park as the “Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts”	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Adopt Resolution No. 1682 naming the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the “Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts.”	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Salim Nice Jessi Bon, City Manager Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst II
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Resolution No. 1682 2. Park Area Naming Policy
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ 3,000
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to recognize former City Councilmember Daniel “Jake” Jacobson’s dedication to the Mercer Island community by naming the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the “Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts” in his honor.

### BACKGROUND

City Councilmember Daniel “Jake” Jacobson, a distinguished Navy veteran, attorney, and longtime civic leader passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on March 30, 2025, following a medical emergency. Known for his unwavering dedication to public service, he left behind a legacy of leadership, integrity, and heartfelt commitment to Mercer Island.

Jake graduated from Princeton University in 1965 with a degree in Politics. From 1965 to 1974, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, including active duty in Vietnam, and later became the commanding officer of the USS Umpqua (ATA-209). In that role, he held the distinction of being the youngest and most junior commanding officer in the U.S. Navy at the time.

Following his military service, Jake earned his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School in 1977 and began practicing civil law in Seattle. He specialized in construction, government contracts, and public procurement law, handling cases across Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Hawaii, and beyond. He earned the highest rating for legal competence and ethical standards from Martindale-Hubbell.

Since 1995, Jake served as Executive Vice President and Director of Osborne Construction Company, where he oversaw risk management, owner relations, regulatory compliance, human resources, insurance, and claims, among many other responsibilities.

Jake was also a passionate advocate for Mercer Island. In 2013–14, he served on the Mercer Island Schools Committee, helping lead the successful bond campaign that funded the construction of Northwood Elementary and expanded both the middle and high schools. He was first elected to the Mercer Island City Council in 2019 and re-elected in 2023.

Jake brought his deep expertise in construction and project management to his work on the Council. He played a central role in shaping local policy, supporting Youth and Family Services, and advancing critical infrastructure projects. He was a hands-on leader who visited project sites, engaged directly with City staff, and made time to connect with residents and businesses.

He was a proud supporter of numerous capital projects, including the Mercerdale Park playground renovation, the new pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park, and essential utility and road improvements across the Island. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jake worked tirelessly to support businesses and residents, contributing to Mercer Island's recovery and personally donating to help restart beloved community events like Summer Celebration.

Jake's presence extended well beyond City Hall. He was often seen walking the trails of Homestead Field with his beloved terriers, Nemesis and Jasper, and he found joy in tending his garden - especially his prized dahlias. Many friends and neighbors remember receiving bouquets from Jake, a symbol of his generosity, warmth, and thoughtful nature.

Jake's legacy will live on in the policies he shaped, the projects he brought to life, and the countless lives he touched with his kindness, leadership, and service.

On April 15, 2025, the City Council adopted [Resolution No. 1673](#) acknowledging and commending Councilmember Jacobson's service to the Mercer Island Community.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

In honor of Jake Jacobson's service, Resolution No. 1682 (see Exhibit 1) is proposed for City Council consideration and approval. The Resolution, if adopted, will name the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the "Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts," serving as a lasting tribute to Jake Jacobson.

In March 2024, the City Council adopted the [Park Area Naming Policy](#) (see Exhibit 2). The Park Area Naming Policy establishes the criteria for the naming of City of Mercer Island owned park and recreation facilities, parks, park features, trails, open space areas, and select right-of-way spaces. If the Council finds that the proposed name is consistent with the adopted policy and wishes to name the pickleball courts, the Council may adopt Resolution No. 1682.

If Resolution No. 1682 is adopted, new signage is also proposed to be added to the pickleball courts to acknowledge the new name and provide information about Jake and his legacy. The estimated cost is \$3,000 for the design, fabrication, and installation of the dedication sign and replacement of existing signs to include the new name. Previously appropriated funds in the Capital Improvement Fund are proposed to be used for this project.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If Resolution No. 1682 is adopted, staff will design and procure the new signage. A dedication ceremony will be announced after a timeline is established for the lead time and installation of the new signage.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution No. 1682 acknowledging and commanding Jake Jacobson's service to the Mercer Island community by naming the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the "Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts."