

## **CITY OF MERCER ISLAND RESOLUTION NO. 1673**

### **RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND COMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBER JAKE JACOBSON'S SERVICE TO THE MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS,** Jake Jacobson served the citizens of Mercer Island with distinction in public office as a member of the Mercer Island City Council from January 2020 until his passing on March 30, 2025.

During Councilmember Jacobson's one and a half terms in office, the City Council met 144 times, adopted 128 Ordinances and 94 Resolutions, and reviewed over 1,000 agenda bills on a wide variety of topics. These are a few highlights from Councilmember Jacobson's tenure on the City Council:

- Served as a Councilmember during the COVID-19 Pandemic, just two and a half months after taking office.
- During the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic Councilmember Jacobson worked tirelessly to support businesses and residents, contributing to Mercer Island's recovery.
- Jake personally donated to help restart beloved community events like Summer Celebration after the pandemic.
- Served on the Mercer Island Schools Committee in 2013-2014 helping lead the successful bond campaign that funded the construction of Northwood Elementary and expanded both the middle and high schools.
- Jake was involved in the Recreation Recovery Plan after the pandemic, restoring access to treasured programs and public spaces.
- Appointment of City Manager Jessi Bon.
- Adoption of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan in 2022.
- Adoption of the ADA Transition Plan in 2022.
- Adoption of the Climate Action Plan in 2023.
- Adoption of Town Center Parking Plan in 2023
- Adoption of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan in 2024.
- Interlocal agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue for regional fire services.
- 2023 Parks Levy.
- The permanent closure of City Hall in October 2023.
- Amendments to the Shoreline Master Program in 2023.
- Attended facility tours in 2024, during the design phase of the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility.
- April 2023 Water Emergency.
- April 2024 Water Pipeline Emergency.
- Support of Youth and Family Services.
- Support of capital projects including Mercerdale Park Playground renovation, new pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park, and utility and road improvements across the Island.

Councilmember Jacobson served as a City Council liaison for the:

- Sustainability Committee (2022-2023)
- Disability Board (2020-2022)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (2020-2021)
- Utility Board (2023-2025)
- Open Space Conservancy Trust (2024-2025)
- King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2024-2025)
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (2020-2023)

Councilmember Jacobson will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to public service. He leaves behind a legacy of leadership, integrity, and a heartfelt commitment to Mercer Island.

Thank you for everything, Jake. You will be dearly missed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, on behalf of its community, the City Council commends City Councilmember Jake Jacobson on his distinguished public service and extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation for his time and many significant contributions to the Mercer Island community over the past five years.

**APPROVED** this 15th day of April 2025.

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Salim Nice  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Larson  
City Clerk