



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6667
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Special Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6667: Acknowledgement and Commendation for City Councilmember Jake Jacobson's Service to the Mercer Island Community (Resolution No. 1673)	<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
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Resolution No. 1673 acknowledging and commending City Councilmember Jake Jacobson's service to the Mercer Island Community.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Resolution No. 1673
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to recognize City Councilmember Jake Jacobson for his service on the City Council and to the Mercer Island Community.

BACKGROUND

Citywide Message Published on Monday, March 31, 2025:

Jake Jacobson, Respected Community Leader and Navy Veteran, Passes Away

MERCER ISLAND, WA – The Mercer Island community is mourning the loss of City Councilmember Daniel “Jake” Jacobson, a distinguished Navy veteran, attorney, and longtime civic leader. Jake 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 leaves 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, 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 had a remarkable way of making people feel seen and valued," said Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum. "He would go out of his way to bring a smile to someone's face, to show them they were special, or to reach out in support. His spirit of caring and his devotion to his moral compass were evident in public, but even more so in private. The true test of public people is how they treat others when no one is watching - and Jake consistently showed just how deeply he loved those around him."

"Jake was a force for good," added Mayor Salim Nice. "He faced everything with extraordinary courage and immense passion. His years of service on the City Council were marked by a deep commitment to the people he represented and a genuine desire to make our city a better place for all. He's been a true warrior and a great friend, and he will be dearly missed."

As Mercer Island bids farewell to one of its most devoted public servants, 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.

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

In honor of Councilmember Jake Jacobson's service and lasting impact on the community, Mayor Salim Nice and City Manager Jessi Bon have ordered that flags be flown at half-staff for one week.

Opportunities to remember and celebrate Jake's life will be shared as more information becomes available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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