

**BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER  
FOR THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

In the Matter of	)	No. HEA-001
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<b>December 7, 2023, Ethics Complaint Against Councilmember Jake Jacobson</b>	)	<b>COUNCILMEMBER JACOBSON'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT</b>
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**TO:** Hearing Examiner Sorter via email to Clerk to the Hearing Examiner Andrea Larson at [Andrea.Larson@mercergov.org](mailto:Andrea.Larson@mercergov.org)  
**AND TO:** Complainant Richard D. Erwin, Jr., via email to [palamedes61@proton.me](mailto:palamedes61@proton.me)

COMES NOW Daniel C. ("Jake") Jacobson, by and through his undersigned counsel, and Answers the Complaint as follows.

1. The Complaint asserts that in violation of Mercer Island's ethics code Councilmember Jacobson included in his signature block for government emails a url link to his reelection campaign website.
2. The Complaint's assertion is false. Councilman Jacobson denies it, and looks forward to further addressing it at the Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2024.

DATED this 18th day of January, 2024

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