

## **Washington State Senate**

July 19, 2019

Dear King County Council,

I was thrilled to hear that you are giving a public hearing to an ordinance that would rename Sixty Acres Park in honor of former Sen. Andy Hill. Sen. Hill was a close friend of mine. I admired him very much and I am honored to express my support.

Andy was a truly dedicated husband, father and legislator. He was brilliant and served the state of Washington and his constituents with honor, wisdom and enthusiasm. He also had a passion for soccer and the role the sport played in the lives of his children and the youth in his community. He worked very hard on behalf of Sixty Acres Park and I can't think of a better way for King County to thank him for the impact he made on the people of Washington than to name after him the place where Lake Washington Youth Soccer calls home.

Andy would never have sought such acknowledgment. He was humble and did not chase praise, which makes the idea of naming the park in his honor a special gift in his memory.

You probably already know that Andy became a legislator after battling lung cancer. He was active and healthy and never smoked a day in his life, but that wasn't enough to save him from the disease. When Andy died, I lost someone I cared about and greatly respected, and his community lost a leader, an advocate, and a friend. Please vote in favor of passing this ordinance and allow Sen. Andy Hill's name to represent a place that was so important to him and remains important to the people of Redmond.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Randi Becker