

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31560

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A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of 4th Avenue North from Mercer Street to Republican Street as "Speight Jenkins Way."

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is fortunate to be home to many outstanding artists and arts organizations that enrich our quality of life, including Speight Jenkins, who fostered Seattle Opera's legacy of excellence for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Opera celebrates its fiftieth anniversary as a highly respected professional opera company recognized for its international reputation of excellence and its significant contributions to our region's culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, Speight Jenkins produced 1,227 performances of 92 operas as General Director of the Seattle Opera; hosted live broadcasts on Classical KING FM radio of every production since 1989; and has advanced the art form by bringing opera-goers from all over the world to attend his renowned productions of Ring of the Nibelung, Orpheus and Eurydice, Tristan and Isolde, Parsifal, and many others; and

WHEREAS, gifted with the ability to hear the potential in a young singer, Speight Jenkins has played an important role in developing the artistry and careers of many of today's greatest opera singers, nurturing talent through Seattle Opera's Young Artists Program and the International Wagner Competition; and

WHEREAS, Speight Jenkin's work has been celebrated by a National Endowment for the Arts Opera Honors Award, an Entertainment Design Magazine EDDY award, a Wagner Society of New York Anton Seidl Award, and a Seattle Mayor's Arts Award; and Speight has been declared one of the 25 "most powerful" names in American opera by Opera News and one of the 55 most influential people in the Seattle music scene by Sound Magazine; and

WHEREAS, after years of devotion to Seattle Opera and to advancing opera as a welcoming art form for all, the City of Seattle proclaimed Speight Jenkin's last day as General Director on August 9, 2014, to be "Speight Jenkins Day;" NOW THEREFORE,



**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The portion of 4th Avenue North between Mercer Street and
Republican Street shall have an honorary designation as "Speight Jenkins Way."

Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation
place signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Speight
Jenkins Way" honorary designation.

Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or
future signage that reflects the honorary designation of "Speight Jenkins Way," with the
exception of the signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of
_____, 2014.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Ed Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of 4th Avenue North from Mercer Street to Republican Street as "Speight Jenkins Way."

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation requests the Seattle Department of Transportation to manufacture, install, and maintain memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations out of existing departmental budget for the honorary naming designation of "Speight Jenkins Way" for 4th Avenue North from Mercer Street to Republican Street.

Background: Speight Jenkins has been the General Director of Seattle Opera for 31 years, making it one of the most respected opera companies in the world. His devotion to advancing opera as a welcoming art form for all, combined with his award-winning productions, has been an outstanding contribution to the City of Seattle. The short non-arterial road to be designated in his honor is near Seattle Opera's performance center.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

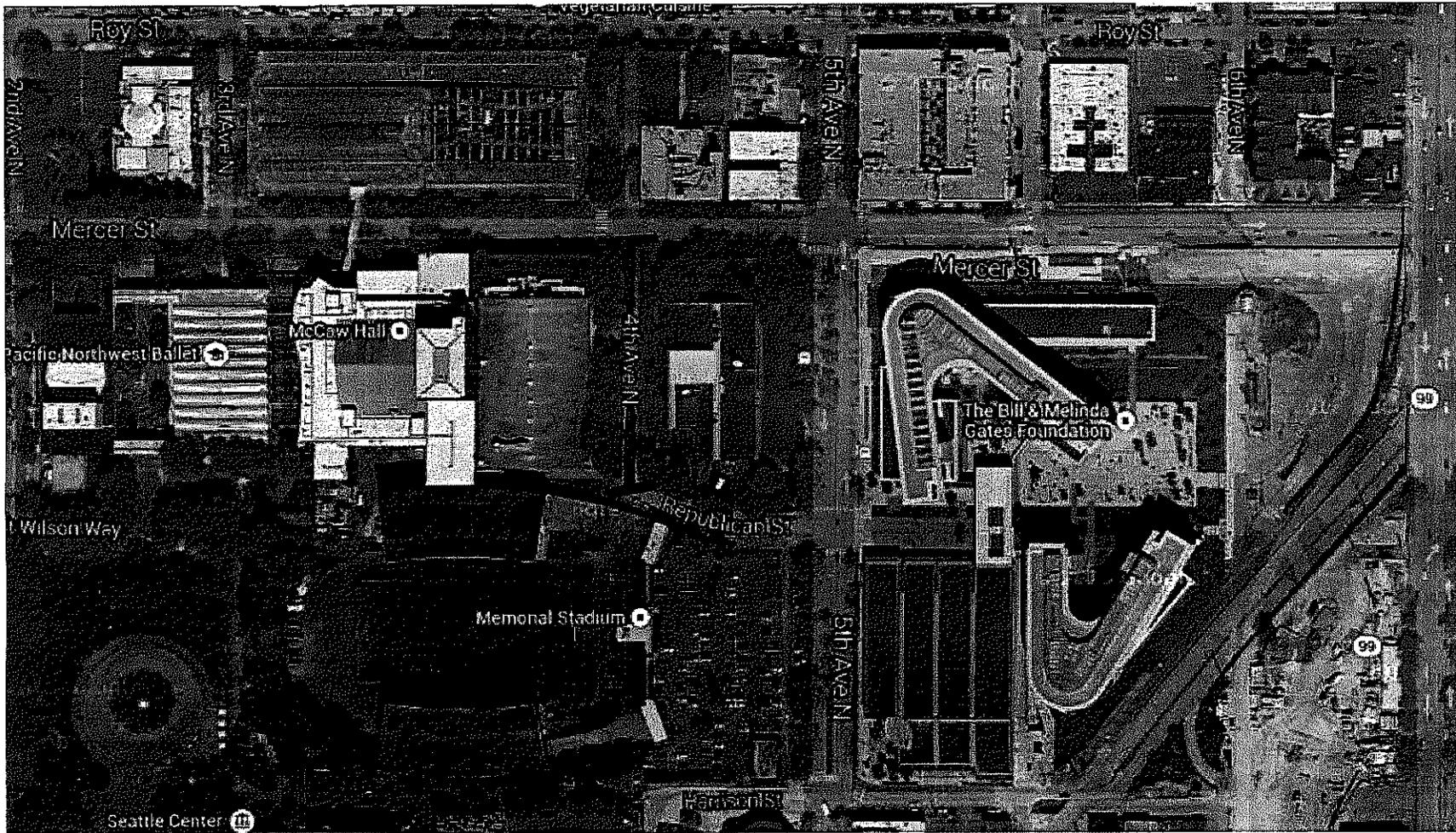
This legislation has financial implications.
(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A: Map



Proposed Honorary Designation of "Speight Jenkins Way"



Attachment A to Fiscal Note

