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From: Allison Hughes <allison@miderm.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2026 6:06 PM
To: Council
Subject: Mercer Island Resident Support For Proposed SJCC Zoning Change

Dear Members of the Mercer Island City Council:

I ask for your leadership and support in amending the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan to update the land use designation of the Stroum Jewish Community Center (SJCC) property from single-family residential to commercial/community facility use.

We joined the SJCC shortly after my daughter was born. The SJCC Aquatics Team has taught my daughter to swim and be safe in the water since she was 5 months old. We have regularly attended swim lessons twice weekly, year-round, for the last 3 years. My family also relies on the SJCC for the diverse cultural programs, children's festivals and activities, fitness facilities, & senior services for my parents.

The SJCC is a vital hub that enriches the entire Mercer Island community. For over 55 years, this property has served as a public gathering space rather than a single-family home. Because the current residential zoning does not match its actual use, please update the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect this reality and ensure the SJCC can continue to serve the public.

Correcting this designation is a logical step that allows the SJCC to properly maintain and modernize its aging facilities. Updating the land use designation will help the center build critical infrastructure upgrades, ensure modern ADA accessibility, and continue serving Mercer Island residents and nonresidents for generations to come.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your continued consideration of this community-focused amendment.

Sincerely,
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