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From: Brian Lurie <brianlurie@hotmail.com>
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To: cil@merceraisland.gov; Council
Subject: Urging you to support to amend the Comprehensive Plan to the zoning on the SJCC property to commercial.

Hi folks, for over 50 years my family and my wife's family have supported and been supported by the SJCC. Everyone, and I mean everyone, has always been welcomed to the center. Any color, and race, any religion - Welcomed. My wife and I played in the softball league, me for over 30 years. Everyone is welcome to any and all events. My kid grew up there from three months of age and has lifelong friends. She is now 21 and has thrived as has her friends. Very probably from the educational foundation provided by the center.

Education, athletics, cultural events, and community inclusiveness, sharing, and giving are all part of the programs. Drop in and see a play, do some yoga, participate in pickle ball if you aren't too old like me, swim some laps. Take your pick of activities, bring your friends, and or make new friends. Everyone is welcome. It's really a no brainer, and the zoning change appears to be a logical, and proper move.

The J is a vital part of the character of the city, and the new and improved property will be a fabulous addition to the city in so many ways.

Thanks for your consideration. I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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