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To: Council
Subject: JCC zoning change

Hello,

We are Jeff Kanter and Susan Kleiner, long-time MI residents at 9355 SE 47th street.

Our family has been JCC members for over 32 years, starting with preschool for the kids and now Susan and I exercise there daily.

I observe MI community members of all races and religions using the JCC daily. I can attest that in my morning and evening exercise classes the majority of participants are Asian, Indian, or non-Jewish. In other words, the JCC is a vital Island resource for ALL community members from all corners of Mercer Island. The diversity and number of members also highlights how the JCC adds value to our investment in our homes and community.

Since we take East Mercer Way to leave the Island, we experience the traffic around the JCC and French American school at certain times of day. It is a transient inconvenience that pales in comparison to the value the JCC adds to our community experience and property value.

I am very hopeful that you will approve the zoning change necessary for the JCC to remain a viable resource for ALL Mercer Island residents.

Thank you,

Jeff Kanter and Susan Kleiner