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Before the City Council acts on the zoning change request for the JCC, I want to highlight a few concerns. Most of these may have been mentioned by other residents.

1. As you know, there are only two east bound on-ramps to I-90, and there are only two west bound off-ramps from I-90.

The JCC and the upcoming Jewish Day Care will both add traffic to the on and off ramps at Exit 8.

2. What exactly are the intentions of the JCC with regard to remodeling?

Are they going to substantially increase the size with the intention of drawing a regional membership rather than an island community center membership?

The same could be asked of the Jewish Day Care.

Is it a good idea to concentrate even more off-island traffic on Exit 8?

3. The JCC is an excellent community organization.

I believe the Jewish Day Care will be, as well.

But I think the goal should be to serve the residents on Mercer Island, and not the entire greater Seattle area.

Would it not be possible to make a firm commitment as to the number of families that the JCC will serve?

There is a limit to how much traffic can be handled at Exit 8 without creating extensive traffic backups.

4. Speaking of traffic, the entrances to both the JCC and the Jewish Day Care are already problematic in the mornings and afternoons.

I hope the plan to mitigate the traffic congestion does not include routing traffic through other residential streets.

Those are just a few concerns that I have.

I am a near neighbor to the JCC, and a regular walker on East Mercer Way.

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