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From: Perry Drapekin <perrydrapekin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 10:25 AM
To: Council
Subject: Support for the SJCC Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone

Dear Mayor and Members of the Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to urge your support for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and rezone request to change the designation of the Stroum Jewish Community Center property from single-family to commercial.

My children have attended the J's Early Childhood School since 2021, and our family has become deeply connected to the J through its programs and community. I am actively involved with the Early Childhood School Parent Teacher Committee, and over the years my children have attended camp, taken swim lessons, and participated in youth basketball at the J. Three generations of my family have benefited from the J—from my young children to my elderly mother, who recently moved here from California and has found friendship and belonging through the J's mahjong group. It is so much more than an early childhood school or a fitness center—it is a true community center that brings people together across generations and is an invaluable asset to Mercer Island.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community as a community center for more than 55 years. It is where children learn, families build lifelong friendships, neighbors connect, and traditions are celebrated. The J has enriched my family's life in countless ways, and I hope it will continue to do the same for future generations.

Please align the Comprehensive Plan and land use maps with the longstanding reality of how this property has served Mercer Island. Approving this amendment will help ensure the J can continue to thrive and serve Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Perry Drapekin