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To the Members of the Planning Commission:

My name is Randy Koehler. I've been an Island resident for 55 years and a member of the JCC for 50 years. I have operated a home building here for 50 years. I'm writing to urge your support to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single-family to commercial.

The JCC is a valuable asset for our family as we have sent our kids and Grandkids there for their outstanding early childhood school and they have attended summer camps there as well. My wife and I have used the work out facilities over the years and I have competed in the their Basketball and Softball leagues for many years. The J is very convenient facility and is open to anyone regardless of any faith and ethnicity .Many of our Fire and Police Departments have made use of these facilities .

To me this rezoning request is a no brainer. Even though the current zoning is single family , the J (a commercial building) has been operating and serving this community for 55 years , this redone is well overdue. It's time that you clean up this issue with this rezone and let the JCC update their facilities just like other commercial buildings without being "out of zone". This facility is an important part of our City and should have an opportunity to update their building the proper way so they may be able to serve the Island for many years to come. I know there are Nay Sayers that will tell you otherwise but at some point you just have to do what's right. Just use your common sense which often gets forgotten these days. Like I said , "this is a no brainer".

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