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As long-time residents of Mercer Island (44 years), my husband and I have enjoyed and appreciated everything the island has to offer, including the excellent schools our kids attended, the beautiful parks and walking trails, and the community events and programs that offer something for everyone.

When I retired a few years ago, I started looking for a place to work out. I had heard good things about the SJCC from several patients and acquaintances, so I decided to check it out. From the minute I walked in, I felt welcome, and after a quick but thorough tour, I was sold on joining. I had no idea that beyond state-of-the-art fitness equipment, the SJCC offers a wide range of free classes for all fitness and ability levels, along with child care, summer camps, volunteer opportunities for youth and adults, and regularly scheduled lectures on interesting and relevant topics. Importantly for many people who live on the island, the SJCC is also very affordable.

All of this is a lead-in to urge your support for amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the SJCC property's designation from single-family to commercial. This change would allow the club to make the structural and property improvements needed to stay up to code, modernize its facilities, and optimize traffic flow, so it can continue to thrive.

The SJCC is about community, inclusivity, affordability, and support for a healthy lifestyle. This amendment is essential to helping it continue serving the community in the best way possible. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue for our community. Sharon Kelly