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To: Council
Subject: The Comprehensive Plan Changes Are Necessary

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. Having grown up on Mercer Island, I was at the groundbreaking many years ago. Our family was active at the JCC--my dad swam laps every morning before going to work, my mom took classes (and taught them after being inspired by the staff and community she met there), my brother and I learned to swim and spent summers at camp, and attended youth group meetings and events at the JCC. The "J" was truly our home away from home--an integral part of our family with two full time working parents. Over the years I was always amazed at how it was not just the Jewish community that relied on the JCC, but the entire Mercer Island community.

I hope that we as a community can find the best way to allow the SJCC grow and thrive to continue its important work of supporting Mercer Island families. To do this, we need to allow them to update the facility and create space that is safe and practical for everyone.

Thank you for your support,
Susan Solomon, MI resident for over 40 years