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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

To the Members of the Planning Commission:

The other day I went to the JCC for the first time in a few years to enjoy my new hobby, Mah Jongg. It was not a particularly warm day but the room we were in was stuffy, hot, and humid. It struck me as the building has not changed since I went to preschool there 40+ years ago.

The SJCC and its facilities serve a wide range of Mercer Island residents and provide tremendous educational, recreational, cultural, and community services. To ensure that the organization can continue meeting the needs of our community, I strongly urge you to support amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single-family residential to commercial.

Please align the Comprehensive Plan and land-use maps with the property's longstanding use and current reality. Doing so will help ensure that the J can continue to improve its facilities, serve our community, and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration.

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