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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:

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.

As a Mercer Island resident and a member of the J community, I have seen how important the Stroum Jewish Community Center is to our island. The J is much more than a building—it is a place where families connect, children grow, seniors stay active, and people from all backgrounds come together through recreation, education, wellness, and community events.

The J has long been an important part of Mercer Island and has served generations of families as a true community gathering place. Updating the Comprehensive Plan and land use designation to reflect its long-standing role is a practical and forward-looking decision that will allow the J to continue serving our community for generations to come.

Please support this amendment and help ensure the J remains a vibrant part of Mercer Island's future.

Thanks,
Ava