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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Amend JCC property to commercial

Hello.

My Name is Cindy Stratiner. I grew up in Bellevue and went to the JCC regularly with my family. We played and participated in sports, we participated in all kinds of classes, including art, music, theater, and I learned to swim at the JCC. We also came for community. When I married and moved to Issaquah, we chose to send our 3 boys to preschool at the JCC. They also did camps of all kinds and many sporting activities. We also participated in community activities especially the Purim Carnival every year.

Now they bring their children (our grandchildren) to the JCC.

I urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial. The J has been serving the Mercer Island community — as a community center — for over 55 years. My hope is it will be here for another 55. I am not a land-use expert, but I know for certain the J has always served the community as a gathering space, an activity center, a school, and as a place for reflection and community — it has never been in single family use. As such, the city should align the comprehensive plan and land use maps with the longstanding use of this property. More importantly, it will allow the J to continue to serve the Mercer Island community without hindrance.

I strongly recommend and hope that you will approve this comprehensive plan amendment.

Sincerely,

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