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From: Deb Estrada
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:03 AM
To: Daniel Kezner
Subject: RE: Support the SJCC Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Staff recognizes and appreciates your public comment on the SJCC's Comprehensive Plan Amendment application. Your comment has been saved in the project record, and you are now a Party of Record.

If you would like to know more about the Stroum Jewish Community Center Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Rezone Project, please see the Project Website (<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/sjcc-cpa-rezone-project>) for more information and supporting documents.

Best,

Deb

Deborah Estrada, MMC

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From: Daniel Kezner <dan@keznerconsulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 1:39 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Alison Van Gorp <alison.vangorp@mercergov.org>; Deb Estrada <Deborah.Estrada@mercerisland.gov>; Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Support the SJCC Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dan Kezner
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I am writing to urge your support for amending the Comprehensive Plan and changing the designation of the Stroum Jewish Community Center property from single family to commercial.

I have lived on Mercer Island for most of my life, and the JCC has been one of the most important and frequently used community assets in my experience. In high school, I attended youth group meetings there and formed friendships that have lasted a lifetime. I worked out at the JCC for more than 20 years, and both of my children attended preschool there for five years each. Today, my sons attend the same youth group meetings that I attended when I was their age.

For more than 55 years, the JCC has served as a true community center for Mercer Island. It is part of the identity and fabric of the Island, supporting children, families, adults, and seniors in countless ways. The proposed improvements are necessary to ensure that the JCC can continue meeting the needs of our community for generations to come.

Please align the Comprehensive Plan and land use maps with the reality of how this property has long been used. Updating the designation will help the JCC remain on Mercer Island, make needed improvements, and continue serving the community for the next 55 years and beyond. These improvements will provide significant benefits to the entire Island, and it would be a great loss if they were unable to move forward.

Sincerely,

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