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From: Deborah Urman <dburman319@aol.com>
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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

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Dear Planning Committee Representative,

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 homeowner on Mercer Island, parent and career educator, the JCC created a familiar home away from home, a learning community and safe place for my children when they were very young. As they grew up, they continued to frequent the JCC as a camper and exercise enthusiast. As parents, we continued to support the JCC by attending many evening programs, cooking classes and exercise classes.

Fact is, the JCC has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center – for over 55 years. It has not been updated to meet current standards in all the years my family has used it. My family and many, many others have moved to this area because it has a local JCC. Where else, other than the schools, can you see generation after generation, grow and continue to learn?

I urge you to please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect the current reality and ensure the JCC can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

Thank you,
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