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From: Dina Holan <dinafes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 2:38 PM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support for Rezoning of the JCC to Commercial Use

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission and City Council Members,

As a resident of Mercer Island and a member of the JCC, I enthusiastically support the rezoning of the JCC property to Commercial. The J facility has never been in single family use in its 55+ years of existence on Mercer Island. The city should align the comprehensive plan and land use maps with the longstanding use of this property.

Through supporting those living on Mercer Island, the JCC supports Mercer Island's stated goal of being a premier residential community. Such support includes providing parents with high-quality childcare and camps, thus enabling families to be able to afford living on MI. The J beautifully serves our MI intergenerational population - teaching our youngest Islanders, and engaging our eldest through thoughtful programming, aquatics classes, and programs like Rock Steady Boxing for people with Parkinson's.

The JCC enriches our lives as Islanders through art exhibits, live performances, and the annual Seattle Jewish Film Festival, while also serving as a third space for us to meet and socialize.

The JCC welcomes all, and likewise WE should welcome its rejuvenation and its ability to make needed repairs and improvements thus enabling it to continue to serve OUR community for the next 55+ years.

Personally, my children attended early childhood school and afterschool care and learned to swim at the J. We have attended cultural events and amazing performances, having a night out all on MI. I want for these resources to be available to current and future MI residents.

With warm regards,
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