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From: Doron Holan <doron_holan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:59 AM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support for the SJCC Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Planning Commission and City Council,

I am writing to urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial. This change is needed to accurately reflect its current use and use for the past 55 years.

My family and I have been Mercer Island residents for the past 15 years. My first introduction to the J was when I moved to Seattle in 1997. I volunteered at the SJCC advising teens. I served as a volunteer for over a decade.

Years later, my wife and I sent our children to the JCC's early childhood school. We regularly frequented Mercer Island retail, supermarkets, and restaurants during this time. While our children made friends in preschool, we too, made friends and built a community. So much so, that in 2028 we moved to Mercer Island for the Mercer Island School District and the JCC, as well as the community we had forged there. The JCC supports our family and other MI families alike in all life stages. It serves the Mercer Island intergenerational community.

My hope is that the SJCC will continue to be a resource for all of Mercer Island. Recognizing and rectifying the inaccurate zoning designation will allow a revitalization of facilities that are up to code and ADA accessible. These changes will better enable the SJCC to continue to serve our community, Mercer Islanders, and future Mercer Islanders to come for the next 55 years.

Sincerely,
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