

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 9:12 AM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Please support the rezone for the SJCC on Aug. 5

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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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: Please support the rezone for the SJCC on Aug. 5

I was on hand when the SJCC was officially opened in 1969. It was a gem for the island. Since then, my grandmother, great aunt, parents, husband and I, brothers, children and grandchildren have used it in so very many ways. Sports, culture, day care, preschool, after school, camps and I came backyard later to learn bridge -- meeting a whole new group of Island residents. It is a remarkable place. It must continue to serve that purpose.

But today the building desperately needs your help. It has no HVAC, no elevator and is held together with duct tape! It may be in a residential area but it and has been for almost 60 years a commercial facility serving hundreds of thousands of people.

It should be zoned as such, consistent with its decades old use

Over the years of discussion, J leaders have heard the neighbors and addressed their concerns. No showy building is planned. Buffers, traffic, etc. have all been carefully considered. A revitalized J is needed, and it would be as much a part of the neighborhood as the current J has been. And it would be there for everyone with open doors.

From someone born and raised on the island, to you who are now stewards of the island, I urge you to support the proposed rezone for the SJCC.

Thank you for your consideration

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