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From: Emmi Kearns <kearnsemmi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:02 PM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

To the Members of the Planning Commission:

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.

I attend the SJCC several times weekly to use the fitness facilities and attend other events such as classes and lectures. My daughter teaches in the preschool. The current building is inadequate to serve the widespread use of the facility. The building is used extensively by Mercer Island residents and folks throughout the Seattle metropolitan area. It is a jewel for the entire city to utilize. The parking area is frequently filled to capacity. As a former Mercer Island resident and MIHS graduate and now Bellevue resident, please comply with updating the property status so we all can continue to use our Community Center and give it the facelift it deserves.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center for all - for over 55 years. Please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect that reality and ensure the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

Sincerely,

Emma Kearns