

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 4:32 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: SJCC rezoning

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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Subject: SJCC rezoning

To Members of the Mercer Island Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to amend the land use maps and Comprehensive Plan to change the erroneous designation of the JCC from single family property to its real use - a community center that benefits a significant proportion of Mercer Island residents.

I have been a Mercer Island resident for more than 30 years. We've raised 4 children who currently are all Mercer Island residents. They all attended JCC preschool, camps, sports, and holiday activities. They made lasting friendships. It truly has been a community center for them. The next generation is now also embedded with the JCC - the 5 grandkids enjoy the preschool and facilities. In addition, I make regular use of the JCC classes, gym, and cultural activities.

It is time to correct an obvious mischaracterization - the JCC has been a commercial property and community center for more than 50 years. Please amend the Comprehensive plan to reflect reality and allow this facility to continue to serve Mercer Island residents and families in the years ahead.

I'm writing to you, because I'm unable to attend the planning meeting in person. Yet, this issue is incredibly important to me, my family, and to the greater Mercer Island community Jews and non-Jews alike. It is a place to be with neighbors, it is a place that creates the environment that Mercer Island residents come here for.

Thank you for your attention,
Fredric Tobis
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