

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 8:47 AM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Commercial Zoning for the J!

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

[Andrea Larson, CMC](#)

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To: Alison Van Gorp <alison.vangorp@mercergov.org>; Council <council@mercergov.org>; Deb Estrada <Deborah.Estrada@mercerisland.gov>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; City Clerk <cityclerk@mercerisland.gov>
Subject: Commercial Zoning for the J!

Dear Mercer Island City Council and 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. The J is what drew my family to live within easy access to Mercer Island. I sent my kids to the preschool there, we participated in basketball and swimming, the gym, evening classes, lectures and the library. My kids had their first jobs as camp counselors and lifeguards at the J. We come to the J for community events and holiday events. We met our first and lasting friends at the J. It's the heartbeat of Mercer Island and unequivocally deserves your support! The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center – for over 55 years. Enough of the bureaucratic runaround. Please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect the reality of the J as a commercial entity that is integral to the success of Mercer Island.

Sincerely,
Gina Gonchar
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