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From: Ian Morris <ianmorris@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:05 PM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Counting on Your Support

Members of the Planning Commission,

The Jewish Community Center has been serving Mercer Island families for decades. It is a cherished institution that has been invaluable to my family and was central to our decision to relocate from Kirkland to Mercer Island after our children were born. The JCC is a core part of what makes Mercer Island such a great community, not just for Jewish families but for local families of all faiths. It is a safe and welcoming place for our children to receive early childhood education, attend arts and cultural events, swim, exercise, and be made to feel a part of a very welcoming community.

At a time when third spaces are so important and often lacking, the JCC is a vital resource and one that needs our continued and ongoing support. It is my sincere hope that you will support amending the comprehensive plan to change the designation of the JCC property from a single family to commercial so that the JCC can continue to serve Mercer Islanders for decades more to come.

Thank you in advance for your support and for your service to our community.

Ian Morris