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From: Jamie Kezner <jamiekezner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 3:48 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Support of the SJCC

Dear 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 am a born and raised Islander. My husband and I, who also grew up here, chose to come back to raise our family here. There are so many reasons why we chose to come back but one of them is the support of this community and what it has done for us. A large piece of that community comes from the J. I went to preschool there, worked out there, hung out there and we chose to send our children to pre-school there. It is hard to put into words what one place can be to someone let alone an entire community. I only hope it can be the same to my children, and their children and beyond.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center – 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.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE understand how important the J is and know how much more it can be with this comprehensive plan.

Thank you,
Jamie Kezner