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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support for Revising SJCC Zoning

Good morning,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the SJCC and to encourage the City to revise its zoning so the J can (a) continue serving our community with updated facilities and (b) move forward with a plan that minimizes the impact on neighboring residents.

My family has lived on Mercer Island for 16 years, and the J has been an important part of our lives. Our child attended summer camp there for several years, making lasting friendships and wonderful memories. I use the J regularly for fitness and have met an incredible community of people through its programs.

We live on East Mercer Way, so I frequently use Exit 8. In all these years, I have rarely experienced any significant traffic issues related to the J or the French School. The tremendous value these organizations bring to Mercer Island far outweighs the occasional, brief inconvenience when traveling to and from I-90.

I'm also willing to tolerate the temporary inconvenience of construction, knowing it will result in lasting benefits for our community—just as many of us have done during the Light Rail project.

The SJCC is an exceptionally welcoming and inclusive place that enriches the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds. It provides invaluable recreational, educational, and community programming that makes Mercer Island a better place to live. I hope you'll support its efforts to improve its facilities while balancing the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Landauer and Peter Hundrieser