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

To the Members of the 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.

My family has been a part of the SJCC since our children were small and their experiences in J Camp have been an essential component of their lives. The community offered through the SJCC is a historically significant part of Mercer Island and the surrounding areas for many years and deserves protecting especially in this time of hideous and unmitigated slander and violence against the Jewish community here and around the world. Mercer Island has always been seen as a safe haven for this community and it is paramount that this safety remains through institutions like the SJCC.

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

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