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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 very first memories in life were at the SJCC. This place is so vital for our community and has been a place to connect with the Jewish Community and the Mercer Island community as well. This is a multi-generational asset and needs to be updated. I'm 50 years old and much of the structure hasn't been changed since I was a preschool but the community is nearly 3x the size.

We need a welcoming, safe and modern space to welcome the Jewish Community and the greater community as a whole!

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.

Thanks for your consideration!

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