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From: ronjuliess@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 9:12 PM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

Dear 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.

I've been a member of the SJCC for at least 10 years and have found the center to be truly inclusive of our community. I participate in fitness and various other activities and feel that I am part of a very supportive community that includes all races & religions. I especially enjoy seeing the pre-school and camp children in the pool, garden, hallways and gym.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center for all - for over 55 years. Like any property of that age, it is in sore need of updating, especially for ADA, and that apparently requires this change in zoning. It only makes sense to align that reality and ensure the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

I am frustrated that this item has been on the docket for almost two years and public consideration has been expected and anticipated. Council and the City guaranteed immediate consideration as soon as other State growth management matters were addressed, and that time is now. Please support the change from single family to commercial zoning.

Thank you,

Julie Sarkissian