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**From:** Laura Senft <laura\_senft@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2026 12:40 PM  
**To:** Council; Planning Commission; allison.vangorp@mercerisland.gov; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** Please support the JCC

Dear Commission,

As a community member who benefits greatly from the JCC, 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.

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.

These improvements will not only benefit current residents, but future as well, as people from all ages and demographics use the JCC. I am a Bellevue resident. It's worth noting that when I come to MI, I often shop or eat on MI. The only reason I am on MI is the JCC. Not improving the JCC would discourage membership and also have a deleterious effect on the community as a whole. I would imagine that others patronize local businesses as well when they come over to work out or drop off a child at camp. While I know some congestion is not desirable, it also results in increased revenue and positive activity on the Island.

The JCC an organization that encourages community and productive activity for people of all ages. At a time when people need connection more than ever, making places like the JCC as functional, safe, and accessible as possible should be the priority of any group looking to improve and sustain their community.

Many thanks for your consideration,  
Laura Senft

Sent from my iPad