

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 3:00 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Support to amend comprehensive plan re: the SJCC

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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Cc: Linda Bookey <linda@bookeygroup.com>
Subject: Support to amend comprehensive plan re: the SJCC

As a long time member of 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. In 1962, my family moved to Shorewood Apartments from Butte, MT. We belonged to the J in Seattle before the MI facility even opened. Having a brand-new building 55 years ago was exciting, and the community has changed significantly since then. I learned to swim at the J, went to classes there, attended day camp, and then became a daycamp counselor. My children went to daycare, camps and learned to swim there. Now as a senior, I take fitness classes there. I love how the J serves the entire MI and West Bellevue community.

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. As a West Bellevue resident, when I come to the J, I do my food, book and gift shopping on the Island. The J matters to me and many others as a place for fitness, connection and community.

Thanks,
Linda

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