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**From:** Linda Schwaber <linda.schwaber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2026 10:20 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council  
**Subject:** Support for SJCC Comprehensive plan and rezone request

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

My name is Linda Schwaber and I am a resident of Burien, but have benefitted from the service of SJCC like so many of my neighbors around the Mercer Island and Seattle community.

The SJCC provides invaluable services to the community, drawing people to Mercer Island in a positive way that fosters community building and inclusion. It is a pillar of Mercer Island, and offers so much to residents and visitors - safe childcare, fitness and aquatics, cultural programming, community outreach and so much more. It is surprising that it has been zoned as a single family property to date.

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.

Thank you,  
Linda Schwaber