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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: SJCC

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I'm writing to urge your support to amend the Comprehensive Plan and change the designation of the SJCC property from single-family to commercial.

I've been a member of the J for over 30 years. I played basketball there as a kid growing up on Mercer Island. Years later I walked my own children through those same doors, first to preschool and then through kindergarten. That full circle means everything to me.

What makes the J so special is how it serves everyone, from the very young to the very old. Youth programs, fitness, community events, preschool, and yes, a basketball court that has seen generations come through. It is a place that grows with you and your family over a lifetime, and that is rare.

The J has been at the center of Mercer Island community life for over 55 years. I want my kids to bring their kids there someday. For that to happen, we need the Comprehensive Plan to reflect what the J has always been, a true community center, not a single family home.

Please update the land use maps to match that reality and give the J the foundation it needs to serve our community for the next 55 years.

All the best,

Marc Rousso