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

To the Planning Commission, Alison, Deb, and City Council

I'm reaching out to ask you to support updating the Comprehensive Plan to designate the SJCC property as commercial rather than single-family residential.

My husband grew up at the J, and both my kids went to preschool and summer camps at the J. The community and all that the J has to offer have been a big part of all of their childhoods. And it still is a source of community and connection as we have moved through our adult lives.

For more than 55 years, the J has been an important part of Mercer Island, serving as a community gathering place and providing programs, resources, and connections for people of all ages. Its current use clearly reflects its role as a community center, and the Comprehensive Plan should recognize that reality.

I hope you will support bringing the Comprehensive Plan and land use maps into alignment with the J's longstanding use and purpose. Doing so will help ensure that the J can continue to be a vibrant and valuable part of Mercer Island for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting the future of our community.

Warmly,

Melissa Benaroya



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