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To: Planning Commission
Cc: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: SJCC and Comprehensive Plan

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

Please vote for amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the Stroum Jewish Community Center (SJCC) property from single family to commercial. The SJCC has been serving the **entire** Mercer Island community, not just the Jewish community, for more than a half century. Citizens of all backgrounds use the community center and send their children to the SJCC's early education school and summer programs. In short, the SJCC has always served the entire community as a gathering space, an activity center, and school — **it has never been in single family use.** The zoning should align the comprehensive plan and land use maps with the actual use of this property and its service to the entire Mercer Island community

I have been a Mercer Island resident for more than 40 years and, in that time, I and my wife, children and grandchildren have joined with others in benefiting from this community resource that is the SJCC. I urge you to preserve this resource for generations to come by changing its designation from single family to commercial.

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