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From: Alan Tesler <atesler3@comcast.net>
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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Please Support the Proposed Zoning Change for the Stroum Jewish Community Center

To the Members of the Planning Commission:

As Mercer Island residents for over 40 years, and members and frequent users of the Stroum Jewish Community Center for the entire time our family has lived here, we're writing today to urge your support to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single-family to commercial.

We joined the JCC right after moving to Seattle in 1984, and that connection eased our move to the new community. The services we've received and the friends we've made through the JCC have been a vital enriching part of our lives. We use the gym almost daily, and we enjoy the cultural arts programs that are offered as well.

The JCC has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center for all - for over 55 years. Many of the users, including the people we see every day in the gym, are not Jewish, but the JCC is welcoming to everyone.

The JCC is clearly not a single family residence. Please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect that reality and ensure the JCC can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for at least another 55 years.

Thank you!

-Michele and Alan Tesler
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