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From: Michelle Shleifer <Michelle@speventsllc.com>
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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support for designation change for SJCC property from single family to commercial

Hello,

My name is Michelle Shleifer and I grew up on Mercer Island, attended preschool at the SJCC, sent my own kids to preschool at the SJCC and am emailing to urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial.

The JCC has been serving our Mercer Island and greater Seattle communities for my entire life. It's a preschool, a sports and activities center, a camp, a gathering place, a workout facility and so much more – it's most definitely not a single family home. I firmly believe the city should align the comprehensive plan and land use maps with the way the SJCC property has been used for decades.

The J is home to everyone. There are no barriers to the walls there, and it serves the community beyond the “gym”, “preschool”, “swimming facility”, etc labels. Amending the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial will most importantly allow the J to continue to grow with and serve the community the way it has for 55 years.

I cannot attend the planning commission meeting tomorrow because I am out of town, but if I could, I would urge you whole heartedly to amend the designation to commercial property for the SJCC.

Thank you for your consideration and for listening to our community.

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