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From: Pamela Lavitt <Pamelal@Sjcc.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:15 PM
To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

To the Members of the Planning Commission:

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

I am both a member of the J and have worked at the J on Mercer Island for 15 years, producing cultural programming and a film festival for everyone in the Puget Sound region and collaborating closely with Mercer Island's arts and arts-loving community including many artists, businesses, nonprofits and community members.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center for all – for over 55 years. Please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect that reality and ensure the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

The future of our vital community building work depends on it!

Thank you,

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