

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 8:56 AM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the SJCC

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Alison Van Gorp <alison.vangorp@mercergov.org>; Deb Estrada <Deborah.Estrada@mercerisland.gov>; Council <council@mercergov.org>
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My name is Richard Fruchter and I've lived on Mercer Island for 20 years. My wife and I are members of the SJCC and our grandchild attended its preschool. I was the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle (now retired), the umbrella agency for the Jewish community.

The SJCC brings the Jewish and non Jewish community together in a way no other institution can. Whether through its exercise facilities, pool, preschool, cultural events, family activities, summer camps, sports camps, basketball leagues, garden, film festival, speaker series, the SJCC offers a place for families and individuals to feel a part of a giving and supportive community. It is truly a jewel in the crown of Mercer Island.

I urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation fo the SJCC property from single family to commercial, more in keeping with its historical use as a community center. Please align the the comprehensive plan with the longstanding and future use of this facility and property. I know the SjCC is embarking on a needed upgrade of their facility and the designation as a commercial property will allow them to continue to serve the community for an additional 55 years.

Please approve this plan amendment.

Sincerely,

Richard Fruchter