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To: Planning Commission; Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada; Council
Cc: Sandy Glass
Subject: Support for Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

To the Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to redesignate the Stroum Jewish Community Center (SJCC) property from single-family to commercial.

The SJCC is a true community hub—a welcoming place where people come together and lifelong friendships begin. Although I’ve lived on Mercer Island for over 28 years, I still remember what it felt like to be new to the Pacific Northwest. The SJCC immediately gave me a place to belong. Years later, when my in-laws moved here to be near us, the SJCC offered them that exact same warmth and connection. Today, when I teach mosaic classes at the J, I see firsthand how inclusive and supportive this space continues to be for everyone who walks through its doors.

For over 55 years, the SJCC has served the entire Mercer Island community as an open, vibrant gathering place. Updating the comprehensive plan and land use maps simply aligns the official designation with the reality of how the site functions today. Most importantly, it ensures the J can continue to thrive and serve our community..

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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