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To the Members of the Planning Commission and City Council-

I encourage you to support amending the Comprehensive Plan to redesignate the SJCC property from single-family to commercial.

For my family, the J has been much more than a building. All three of my children attended preschool there, and as they grew, they participated in camps and other programs that helped make the J a central part of their childhood. Today, it continues to be a place where adults gather, families connect, and our community comes together.

That experience isn't unique to my family. For more than 55 years, the J has been a cornerstone of Mercer Island—a place that serves young families, children, teens, older adults, and people from every corner of our community. It has long functioned as a true community center, and its land use designation should reflect that reality.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan and land use maps is a practical, common-sense step that recognizes how the property has served Mercer Island for decades. More importantly, it will help ensure the J can continue to evolve, serve future generations, and remain a vibrant community asset for the next 55 years and beyond.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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