

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 8:57 AM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Public hearing for CPA25-002

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

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From: Stacey Parson <stacey.j.parson@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2026 10:32 AM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@mercerisland.gov>
Subject: Public hearing for CPA25-002

Hello,

As a newer resident of Mercer Island I support the rezoning of the JCC property to a commercial zone. Reading through numerous e-mails and reviewing the JCC's website it appears that the JCC offers numerous enrichment programs. For Mercer Island to be a premier residential community the Island needs organizations like the JCC to attract and support families.

A conditional use permit is not intended for long-term use. The JCC has existed for decades so it makes logical sense to convert the property so the City can enforce applicable regulations instead of this perpetual grey area the JCC exists in now.

Residents who express concern that the JCC is acquiring additional residential properties for club use would actually benefit from the re-zoning. The CUP provides precedence for using residential properties for commercial purposes. Rezoning would pull it out of the grey and provide clear direction that residential for residential purposes only and commercial for commercial purposes only. Rezoning would allow the City to provide clear guidance and enforcement on lighting, parking, ADA requirements, and operating hours.

Please do not reschedule the hearing. Delaying it further will not change the circumstances. It has been nine years since the 2017 proposal; the City of Mercer Island needs to either rezone the property or enforce the CUP. Seeing as nothing has changed in nine years continuing the CUP likely will provide the same results as the prior years where no one is happy. Now is the time for momentum, not delaying until October.

Change is always hard, but it should not be avoided.

Sincerely,

