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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 am writing to strongly support amending the Comprehensive Plan to reclassify the SJCC property from single-family to commercial use. My family has been part of the J community since 2009, when my daughter began preschool there. She attended for three years and also took swimming lessons at the J. I have observed children from the French American School frequently using the J's pool and gymnasium.

My family has participated in numerous events at the J, including carnivals, educational programs, lectures, and religious gatherings. The J has been a vital part of the Mercer Island community—serving as a community center for over 55 years. I urge you to update the Comprehensive Plan and land-use maps to accurately reflect this reality, ensuring that the J can continue to serve and thrive on Mercer Island for many more years. It is essential that the city align land-use policies with the property's long-standing community use so the J can operate without impediments. I recommend you approve this Comprehensive Plan amendment.

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