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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 urge your support in amending the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial. The J has been serving the entire Mercer Island community (NOT ONLY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY BUT THE ENTIRE MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY) — as a community center — for over 55 years. My wife and I have been Mercer Island residents and members for all of those 55 years and we use it regularly. Now my Children and Grandchildren us it regularly. My hope is it will be here for another 55. I am not a land-use expert, but I know for certain the J has always served the community as a gathering space, an activity center, a school, and as a place for reflection and community — it has never been in single family use. As such, the city should align the comprehensive plan and land use maps with the longstanding use of this property. More importantly, it will allow the J to continue to serve the Mercer Island community without hindrance.
- I Recommend and urge your approval of this comprehensive plan amendment.

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