

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 1:32 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Designation of SJCC Property

Comment on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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Subject: Designation of SJCC Property

Dear Planning Commission, Council Members and Government Servants,

I'm writing to urge your support to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the designation of the SJCC property from single family to commercial. My family and I have been residents of Mercer Island for over 18 years and we've been members of the SJCC for almost the entire time we've lived on the island.

The SJCC has been so important to my family over the years. When we first moved to the Island from Austin, Texas in 2008, it is where we enrolled our daughters in pre-school, and it is where our family made lasting, foundational friendships that have provided us with tremendous joy and community throughout our time on Mercer Island.

As an empty nester, I now take Line Dancing lessons weekly, which I love and have at times relied on Aquafit classes when I've been unable to do weight bearing exercises. My husband and I will occasionally attend social or educational events or speakers which consistently enrich our lives. It is always nice to connect and see people we know when we visit the J. It is so familiar, that when we walk through the doors, it feels like a home away from home. We feel so fortunate to live in a community which has a vibrant and active JCC.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community - as a community center - for over 55 years. **Please align the comprehensive plan and land use maps to reflect that reality and ensure the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Szafir