

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 4:28 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: Public hearing for CPA25-002

Comment for CPA25-002.

Thank you,

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From: Sven Kratz <svenkratz@fastmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 4:27 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@mercerisland.gov>
Subject: Public hearing for CPA25-002

As a resident of Mercer Island, I am writing to object to the proposed rezone of the JCC property (CPA25-002) from residential to Commercial Office. A change of this kind sets a troubling precedent and moves the Island away from its stated goal of remaining a premier residential community.

My concern is heightened by the fact that the JCC appears to have unresolved code compliance issues on the two residential lots it purchased last year — including summer camp activities and overheight fencing that fall outside what residential zoning permits. It seems premature to expand the property's allowed uses through a rezone while existing residential conditions are not being met. Full compliance with the current zoning and the original Conditional Use Permit should be established before any rezone is even considered.

I also object to scheduling the hearing in the middle of summer, when many residents are traveling or preparing for the start of the school year and are far less able to follow or participate. Please reschedule this matter for a time when the community can meaningfully weigh in.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Sven Kratz