

Molly McGuire

From: Tanming Fong <tmfong@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 5:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Virginia Leong
Subject: Public hearing for CPA25-002

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed rezoning of the JCC property to Commercial Office. As a resident of Mercer Island, I believe this change would set a troubling precedent and move our community away from its stated vision of remaining a premier residential community.

The traffic impacts alone are reason for rejection. The JCC sits at Mercer Island's east side I-90 access point, and traffic already backs well off the property during peak times, sometimes extending to the I-90 off-ramps and limiting east side residents' timely access to and from their homes. Commercial zoning removes all regulatory limits on membership, events, and vehicle trips, leaving the city with no mechanism to require mitigation. This would permanently worsen an already critical choke point.

I further urge the Council to reconsider the hearing schedule. Holding this review during summer vacation—when residents are traveling and managing back-to-school logistics—severely limits meaningful community participation. A proposal of this significance deserves a hearing scheduled when the community can fully engage.

I respectfully ask that the council reject this rezoning proposal and reschedule the hearing to a date that allows for broader community engagement. Thank you for your time and for your service to Mercer Island.

Sincerely,

Tanming Fong