

Molly McGuire

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 3:02 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: FW: JCC Permit - Public Hearing

Comments on CPA25-002.

Thank you,

Andrea Larson, CMC

City Clerk

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From: Thuy Christina Seafort <tseafort@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 2:42 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@mercerisland.gov>
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Hello, I recently learned about the JCC seeking to rezone their property to a commercial office. I am a resident of Mercer Island and have owned several homes on the island. I currently own and reside in a home on Shoreclub Drive with my family. Our home is located near the JCC, and on a daily basis we drive, walk or bike near the JCC and East Mercer multiple times a day. In the past couple of years, we've experienced increased traffic, congestion and potential safety hazards with cars darting in and out of the JCC facilities and onto East Mercer Way. This is made worse with the nearly blind curve on that road and multiple streets converging into that area. We've also been experiencing various nuisance, inconvenience, and safety concerns with the ongoing construction as JCC expands its property and facilities.

We are deeply concerned about ongoing safety, traffic, congestion, nuisance, aesthetic, property values, and the overall well-being of our residential community. To be sure, we do support the JCC and its offerings on the island, and also encourage more downtown commercial development with respect to retail, restaurants, etc. to enhance our neighborhood and avoid having to drive off island for more retail and restaurant choices. However, we want to ensure that such commercially zoned areas remain in a central main corridor vs. expanding into residential zones with limited land and many families residing in a densely populated area, such as the area surrounding the JCC. It's already congested enough with the East Mercer Way I-90 ramp and on several occasions I've personally witnessed near accidents with cars and families/children crossing the stop sign near the JCC. Commercial expansion will only exacerbate this issue and I'm deeply concerned that we're not holding more public forums and assessments to determine the impact of such a commercial re-zoning request on our community. Safety and the well

being of our community should be paramount and as such, any hearing regarding the rezoning should be noticed well in advance to the community and certainly not rushed within the next couple months.

As part of this, MI should communicate more public notice of such hearing(s), invite more analysis and fact gathering on the impact of the request, and ensure this is completed in a manner where all information is readily available to the community before any decisions are made that significantly impact MI residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
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