

## Molly McGuire

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**From:** Sarah Fletcher <fletchsa1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 7:10 PM  
**To:** Molly McGuire; Anjali Grant; Ryan Harriman; Jeff Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: The Temple Herzl/JCC

And something doesn't seem right. Will you please verify with the applicant that this is for Bellevue K-8 school and are they honestly thinking that parents are going to be driving on the already packed freeway to bring their children to the school where traffic is already backed up, and then do the same trip in the afternoon back to Bellevue? And also, will you please ask the JCC and the Bellevue Private School whether Mercer Island kindergardeners will be able to attend the Bellevue School, albeit it is on Mercer Island property?

You don't suppose why they deliberately left the fact off that this is a Bellevue School that Mercer Island is accommodating in the narrative? Perhaps, you could point out where it says that this is a Bellevue private school.

Thanks.

Sarah

On Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 5:36 PM Sarah Fletcher <[fletchsa1@gmail.com](mailto:fletchsa1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello, I don't know if you had seen this and what the designation is for the Temple Herzl site.

I will be sending you my other email which I had sent to the Planning department, not to you. I hope you will have a response. Please include this.

Sarah Fletcher

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**From:** Sarah Fletcher <[fletchsa1@gmail.com](mailto:fletchsa1@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 5:35 PM

**Subject:** The Temple Herzl/JCC

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Hello, I have been emailing Carolyn Boatsman and she kindly explained the situation for the layman to understand.

With regard to the Temple Herzl, it seems like "Places of Worship" and "public and private schools" come under "Commercial Business" Is the Temple and JCC deemed "Business Commercial? I take it all the other places of worship even if they have a dayschool are deemed "Business Commercial." There is no mention of places of worship and public and private schools under "Business:" [Chapter 19.04 - COMMERCIAL | City Code | Mercer Island, WA | Municode Library](#)

So if they have the Temple and schools under "Commercial Business," then everything is correct. If they have it under "Business," then, that needs to be corrected and the Temple and schools should come under "Commercial Business."

Could someone please explain in simple terms what is wrong with the current zoning and why does the Temple Herzl want to change the "Business" to have places of worship and public and private schools when there is already a zone for it - "Commercial Business." Does the Temple Herzl want to change the definition of "Business" to include "places of worship" and "Schools," and if so, why? What can they not do under their current zone? I really do not understand what they are wanting. And I sincerely hope that you don't have staff spending a lot of time on this. That whole JCC/FASP business should have been nipped in the bud years ago.

Thanks.

Sarah Fletcher