Molly McGuire

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To: Molly McGuire
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

I'm writing to urge your support of the SJCC property rezone to Commercial Office.

I was born and raised on Mercer Island in 1951. My parents lived there until their passing a few years ago. They worked hard in the late 60s to create a Jewish center for their children and their grandchildren who they saw use it for daycare, preschool, camp, after school care, theater camp, sports and many youth activities. This summer great grandson, my grandson Adam, was a counselor in training at camp.

We love the J

I have been involved in pursuing this change for almost a decade. I've seen fits and starts; confusion, directions that went nowhere -- and yet today I am thrilled to see the path forward. I want to make sure there is a J that can serve my grandkids and theirs for the future.

The care and loving that you see everyday is the care and loving that will go into every step of designing, permitting, and creating a new JCC.

Your leadership can help turn this much beloved, very old building into a place for all for decades to come. An accessible facility whose doors are open to all. One third of your constituency regularly use this facility. I understand many of you do as well.

Please recommend approval of the rezone to ensure the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.