Molly McGuire

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

My name is Mark Clausen. I live at 6107 SE 32nd St. I have lived on Mercer Island since 1995. My wife and I have been members of the SJCC for more than a decade.

A rezone for the SJCC is long overdue. The J is central to the health, education and well-being of our community. It has been in its current location, performing the same functions as it is now, for decades. The rezone will ensure that the J continues to be part of our community for decades to come.

Supporters of the J have stated on the record over and over how central the J is to their lives. My wife and I use the J approx 8x/week to maintain our health and strength, which is vital now that we are elderly. It is also a place where I can connect with friends and catch up on community news.

The J could do even more for the community if it is allowed to upgrade and renovate the aging building and grounds. Future development also could mitigate the traffic issues raised by those opposing the rezone. In other words, allowing the rezone will help not only the J and its members, but also those who claim to be unhappy with the current operations.

Denying the rezone both ignores reality but freezes the J into the current outdated facility. It would be like insisting that a child wear shoes that are too small. It makes no sense. Now is the time to acknowledge reality and allow the J to serve the community more efficiently and effectively than it can now.

We are lucky to have the SJCC on our island. Let's not throw away our good fortune. Regards, Mark Clausen