Molly McGuire

From: Mitchell Buder <mitchell.buder@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2026 6:20 AM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

Dear Molly,

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

The J is a cornerstone of community engagement and it is time for an upgrade to facilities. It offers activities for children to grow, learn, and bond; it offers a place for Jewish people to celebrate their religion; and it offers region-wide events that bring people from all walks of life together. We need more spaces, more opportunities like this than ever, and we need a facility that supports it.

Personally, my children have gone to school and camp there. We have taken our boys to swim lessons there. We have attended various Jewish festivals and events, and brought our non-Jewish friends and neighbors to enjoy, as well.

The J has been serving the Mercer Island community – as a community center – for over 55 years.

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.

Thank you,
Mitch Buder
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