Molly McGuire

From: Karen Roberts <kroberts@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2026 1:57 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Cc: Council
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

I'm writing to urge your support of the Stroum Jewish Community Center (SJCC) property rezone from that of a single-family designation to Commercial Office, offering a path for the SJCC to modernize their facilities and address accessibility, safety, traffic, parking and their impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

My name is Karen Roberts, and I live at 7007 SE Maker Street in Mercer Island. I have owned my home since 2004, and my sons went to school in Mercer Island. I retired in 2023 and have chosen to remain in Mercer Island. Our community here in Mercer Island offers so much that I appreciate, but truly, one of the main reasons I remain here is the easy accessibility to the SJCC, located at 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island. This institution is such a gift to all of us here in the area and an extremely important resource to me and so many others, serving needs that are not met elsewhere in the Mercer Island community or the greater King County region.

The "J" has been serving the Mercer Island community for over 55 years as a supportive, inclusive, and welcoming gathering place for ALL people regardless of religion, race, age, and domicile. It is a gym facility, a school, an activity center, and a beloved gathering space for our entire Mercer Island community.

I strongly urge the Planning Commission to support the revision of the Mercer Island comprehensive plan and land use maps with the longstanding actual use of this property, removing any barriers due to zoning designation. 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.

Regards,
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