Molly McGuire

From: Fred Tobis <fredtobis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2026 7:37 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

Dear Mercer Island Senior Planner Molly McGuire
I'm writing to urge your support of the SJCC property rezone to Commercial Office. The SJCC is clearly a commercial property - serving as a community center for more than 50 years. The JCC has been an essential part of my life here on Mercer Island as well as those of my family. For 40 years, we have participated in JCC preschool, sports, camps, educational programs, gym classes and more. All of our children, now Mercer Island residents themselves, found community, friendship, and engagement growing up. They now have children of their own and thus my 5 grandchildren have continued to be a part of the JCC family - building lifelong friendships. The SJCC has not only enriched my life and those of my family, it is a resource for the broader Mercer Island community - including those who are not Jewish. Non-Jewish Mercer Islanders participate in all aspects of the community center from sending their children to school, using the facilities, and enjoying the programming.

It is clear however, that the JCC must have its property rezoned so that essential improvements to meet current building and safety standards can be done and upgraded facilities can enable the JCC to continue to serve the Mercer Island community for the next 50 years. We must lay the foundation for the future as those before us provided for us now.

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.

Sincerely,
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