Molly McGuire

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To: Molly McGuire
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This letter is in support of the SJCC property rezone to Commercial Office.

> The J has been a part of the Mercer Island community for over 55 years and has been a centerpoint of my life for almost 50 years. It's where I met my first group of close friends when our children were in preschool. And, as a "mature" adult, it's where I met my most recent group of good friends..in the J pool in Aquafit. These friends are women from all kinds of backgrounds and people I wouldn't have met without the JCC. We get together outside the J as well and utilize many of the Island's cafes, restaurants and other businesses.
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> The J has always been an open and very welcoming place for everyone and anyone, with friendly faces around every corner. Honestly, as a retiree, I would be at a loss of what to do and where to go if I didn't have the JCC. Also I can't tell you how many older women in the Aquafit classes have talked about finally finding real friends by joining the J.
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> We need the JCC and we need to be able to grow and welcome more people into its school, its camps, its arts/lecture programs and its pool and fitness center/classes. It is truly a community center. Please recommend approval of the rezone so that the J can continue to serve the community for many years to come.

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