Molly McGuire

From: Marla Goldberg <marla@marlagoldberg.com>
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To: Molly McGuire
Subject: Support Proposed Zoning Change for the SJCC

I'm writing once again to urge your support for the rezoning of the SJCC property to Commercial Office at the October 19 public hearing.

I've been coming to the J since 1969, when the doors first opened. I grew up in this building, my husband was in the very first preschool class, and both of our children grew up here as well. The friendships and connections they made at the J continue today. For our family, the J has always been a place to belong, feel welcome, and be part of a community.

For over 55 years, the J has served Mercer Island as a community center for all, Jewish or not. The proposed rezoning would reflect how the property has been used for decades and create a path to modernize aging facilities, improve accessibility, and better address safety, traffic, and parking.
It is especially frustrating that the current zoning has created obstacles to making much-needed accessibility improvements. After all these years, the building still doesn't have an elevator! These improvements should have been possible long ago.

The J has been an important part of Mercer Island for generations, and I want to see it continue for generations to come. The amount of good being done there, for so many people, is incredible.

Please recommend approval of the rezoning to Commercial Office so the J can continue to serve our community and thrive on Mercer Island for the next 55 years.

Thank you for your consideration.
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