Molly McGuire

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Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2026 7:55 PM
To: Molly McGuire
Cc: Mindy Landsman
Subject: Register to Speak at Hearing Examiner - RZN25-002

I would like to register to speak at the Hearing Examiner - RZN25-002 on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Molly,

I'd like to speak if the time allows. I may come in person but for sure I'll be on the Zoom. If I am too late with this submission, I hope you are able to enter the following statement into the written record. Regards, dave

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David and Mindy Landsman statement on the JCC re-zoning issue:

Hi,
I am David Landsman. My wife Mindy and I have been members of the JCC since we moved here in 1994. We've lived on Mercer Island since 1999. Our son (now 33 years old) was a lively student in the J's preschool. Mindy was a personal trainer at the J from 2003-2020 and has continued to take fitness classes and swim laps for over 30 years. These days she also volunteers as an instructor in the Rock Steady Boxing fitness classes for members who have Parkinson's disease, run by Susie Rosenstein. We both use the weight room and are active participants in the programs offered at the J, such as the Seattle Jewish Film Festival, cooking classes, musical performances, and more.

To us, the J is part of an extended family which enriches the quality of life for members of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and religions on Mercer Island. However, the infrastructure breakdowns over the years and the overall decline is there for all to see. Also, the lack of good Americans for Disability Act updates are a barrier for people with Parkinson's, for those who are recovering from surgery, for older members, and for any member who has a physical disability. This must change.

The J needs to be a modernized facility to truly serve and welcome **all** J members. And the fact that an archaic zoning designation is preventing these critical improvements from being done effectively is just plain wrong. While I understand the concerns that the JCC's neighbors express, I have seen, and see, no evidence that the J will not approach any development as a responsible neighbor. I am sure, for example, that issues such as traffic can not only be mitigated but quite possibly improved.

The alternative, maintaining the status quo and force fitting the J into the single-family administrative framework will add cost to any improvements or, worse, doom the J into a cycle of continuing infrastructure decline. The J can and should be a vibrant and modern community resource for Mercer Island. Please support the proposal to rezone the JCC site. Thank you.