

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City Council: Approve the SJCC rezone!  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:18:54 AM

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**From:** Jon Newman <jonn\_msft@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 10:09 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Cc:** Jon Newman <jonn\_msft@hotmail.com>; naomi.newman@live.com  
**Subject:** City Council: Approve the SJCC rezone!

To the Mercer Island City Council:

As a long-time resident of North Mercer Island, I ask that the Mercer Island City Council promptly add the Stroum Jewish Community Center's (SJCC) request to their 2024 docket, to rezone their land to Commercial Office status.

The SJCC is a long-time asset to Mercer Island, but its physical plant is outdated in several regards. The pool is past its lifetime, the HVAC needs an update, and multiple changes are required for ADA compliance. Substantial redevelopment is required, but this is not possible with residential zoning. Commercial Office status would enable this remodel, while protecting both the neighborhood and the neighbors.

Any city should be eager to protect and upgrade a key asset like the SJCC, especially with private funding. Note that this request only affects the SJCC, not other facilities on Mercer Island.

Thank you for your prompt action!

Jon and Naomi Newman  
9097 North Mercer Way

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:18 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: JCC mercer island

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**From:** aviva bomztyk <akaem@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** JCC mercer island

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

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Further, this request affects the SJCC ONLY, and will not have any impact on any other facility or institution on the Island.

The time to support the future of the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island is now.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Aviva and Karol Bomsztyk  
Resident  
5349 Lansdowne Lane 41 years

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2023 8:30 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: JCC

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**From:** Denise Joffe <manner5@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 9:37 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** JCC

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

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Thank you for your support.

Paul Manner, MD

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:55 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Re-Zoning JCC

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Wernick Newman <carrie@wernicknewman.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:47 PM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Council <council@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Re-Zoning JCC

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission & City Council Members,

Please recommend that the Mercer Island City Council & Planning Commission place the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with action taken in 2024.

The SJCC has served Mercer Island residents with programs for all ages and all are welcome. However, this building is old, is not ADA compliant, needs a working HVAC system and it features a swimming pool that is long past its usefulness. It would be a loss for the broad Mercer Island community to not support the modernization of this facility. Further, this request affects the SJCC ONLY, and will not have any impact on any other facility or institution on the Island.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Wernick  
3422 97th Ave. SE  
Mercer Island  
Resident since 2008 & live close to the JCC

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:16 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning of property occupied by the Stroum Jewish Community Center

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**From:** Edward Flash <edwardflash65@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:11 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Rezoning of property occupied by the Stroum Jewish Community Center

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

Growing up on Mercer Island I know the important role the SJCC plays in the community on Mercer Island and beyond with programs for all ages and all are welcome. However, this building is old, is not ADA compliant, needs a working HVAC system and it features a swimming pool that is long past its usefulness.

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The time to support the future of the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island is now.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Edward Flash

Attended East Seattle Elementary School, Mercer View Elementary School, North Mercer Junior High and Mercer Island High School (Class of 1983)



## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Sjcc

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**From:** Joey Swidler <[joeswid@gmail.com](mailto:joeswid@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Sjcc

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely  
Joey Orgel-Swidler

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC REZONE  
**Date:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 4:48:09 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Jason Koehler <jason@rkkconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** SJCC REZONE  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

This is VITAL to our community. I'd like to know where each one of you stand on this issue, not just those running, but all of you. We can't lead them to believe we don't want them. NO EXCUSES. Get this done.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jason Koehler, 46 year resident of MI

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 2:20 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC Rezoning Request

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**From:** Lesley Malakoti <[lmalakoti@gmail.com](mailto:lmalakoti@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 2:04 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC Rezoning Request

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Lesley Malakoti  
8885 SE 36th St., MI

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:26 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC zoning request

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**From:** Bryce Taylor <bryce.taylor@gly.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 22, 2023 5:57 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** SJCC zoning request

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

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**Bryce Taylor** [He/Him]

GLY | Director of BD / PX

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14432 SE Eastgate Way Suite 300, Bellevue, WA 98007



## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 4:32 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC and docket

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**From:** Jessica Prince <jgprince@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 3:32 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum JCC and docket

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I've been a member since 1993 and the place was tired even back then. We need this rezone now; it's critical to the future and best for the community.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Prince  
3940 96<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:28 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum Jewish Community Center

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**From:** Kayla Locke <kaylalocke17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:10 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kayla Locke, 4741 90th Ave SE Mercer Island WA 98040. Grew up on Mercer island and have owned for over 6 years

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Council  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 4:51 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Support for a Remodeled SJCC

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**From:** Karin Cole <[karin.alpert@gmail.com](mailto:karin.alpert@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 4:35 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Support for a Remodeled SJCC

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Karin Cole  
Mercer Island Resident

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Casey Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 3:35 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp  
**Cc:** Ali Spietz  
**Subject:** FW: Support for rezoning request for the SJCC

Alison,  
Sharing this with you, and I'll watch for any additional emails received and will forward right away.

Thanks,  
Casey

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**From:** Katharine Lamperti <klamperti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 11:13 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support for rezoning request for the SJCC

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For over 54 years, the SJCC has operated as a vital community asset. It would be a loss for the broad Mercer Island community to not support the modernization of this facility. Our family has benefited from programs at the SJCC since we moved to the Island more than a decade ago. Our kids attended summer camps, performed in theater in partnership with YTN, and most recently, our youngest had his first paying job as a summer camp counselor at the J.

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Thank you for your support.

Katharine and Thomas Lamperti  
Mercer Island, WA

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*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - Martin Luther King, Jr*

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**From:** Christine Louie Smith <[christine.louie@gmail.com](mailto:christine.louie@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:59 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Christine Smith  
7619 SE 40th St  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
\* 1st year as an MI Resident



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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:01 PM  
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**From:** Jamie Kezner <jamiekezner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 3:42 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support for the Stroum Jewish Community Center

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone their large residential land parcels to Commercial Office on the docket, with prioritization for action in 2024.

As a native of Mercer Island who chose to return to raise her family here, the SJCC was is a fixture in my childhood and is the same for my children. It is where I went to preschool, learned how to swim and do gymnastics, where I forged life-long friendships and thankfully I got to pass that down to my children, who are able to say the same. Mercer Island is a special community and the SJCC is one of things that makes it special, please do not rely on dated zoning decisions on a place that people feel at home and safe.

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Thank you for your support.

Jamie Kezner

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 4:48 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Support land rezoning for Stroum Jewish Community Center

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**From:** Yoela Zimberoff <yoelaz.h@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support land rezoning for Stroum Jewish Community Center

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Yoela Zimberoff

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:26 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC

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**From:** Carla Tobis <cjtobis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:13 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** SJCC

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Sincerely,  
Carla Tobis  
Mercer Island resident since 1986  
7411 SE 36th St

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:25 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum Jewish Community Center

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**From:** jgoldberg777@comcast.net <jgoldberg777@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 5:05 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Jack Goldberg  
713-962-0936



## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:28 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SJCC Proposal

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**From:** naaman heyman <naaman.hey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:33 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support for SJCC Proposal

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Sincerely,  
Naaman Heyman  
8275 Merrimount Dr, 2 years on MI

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:27 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Voice Your Support for the J's Revitalization

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**From:** Sarah Fletcher <fletchsa1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:22 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; amyl@jcc.org; Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Voice Your Support for the J's Revitalization

Hello, I just received this. I am sorry, I support the Stroum Jewish Community Center, but no way in the world do I support this massive project for that area. This is the size of a the whole of the south end Town Center. This is supposed to be a single-family residential neighborhood, not commercial and certainly not a whole change of a zone. People were bulking at the Legislature passing fourplexes and duplexes in single-zoned residential neighborhoods, but the JCC want to bring in a huge sportsfield and more buildings. And I would like to know, let's say, the City allows this, what is stopping someone else or a church group asking for the same thing? Can anyone ask for a rezone of a property from single-family residential to commercial? The one school on the island the School District is looking at closing, I would rather the JCC look at that property or even the Civic Center which is closed for asbestos. And I would like to know what the plan is for traffic? Everyone knows that it is a nightmare for traffic at the East Mercer Way intersection in the mornings. No-one seems to be doing anything about the traffic which already is a problem. And I don't know where they get "Revitalized" from. It is not a revitalization but the introduction of a whole other zone. I actually thought this JCC/Herzl was put to rest, I can't believe it is still ongoing. Please stop with this folly. Please make sure I am on record as opposing this massive development/city for a single-zoned residential neighborhood which the community I do not believe asked for and I am sure the neighbors do not want it and who should be consulted on as they are the ones whose neighborhood is going to be changed forever.

Sarah Fletcher

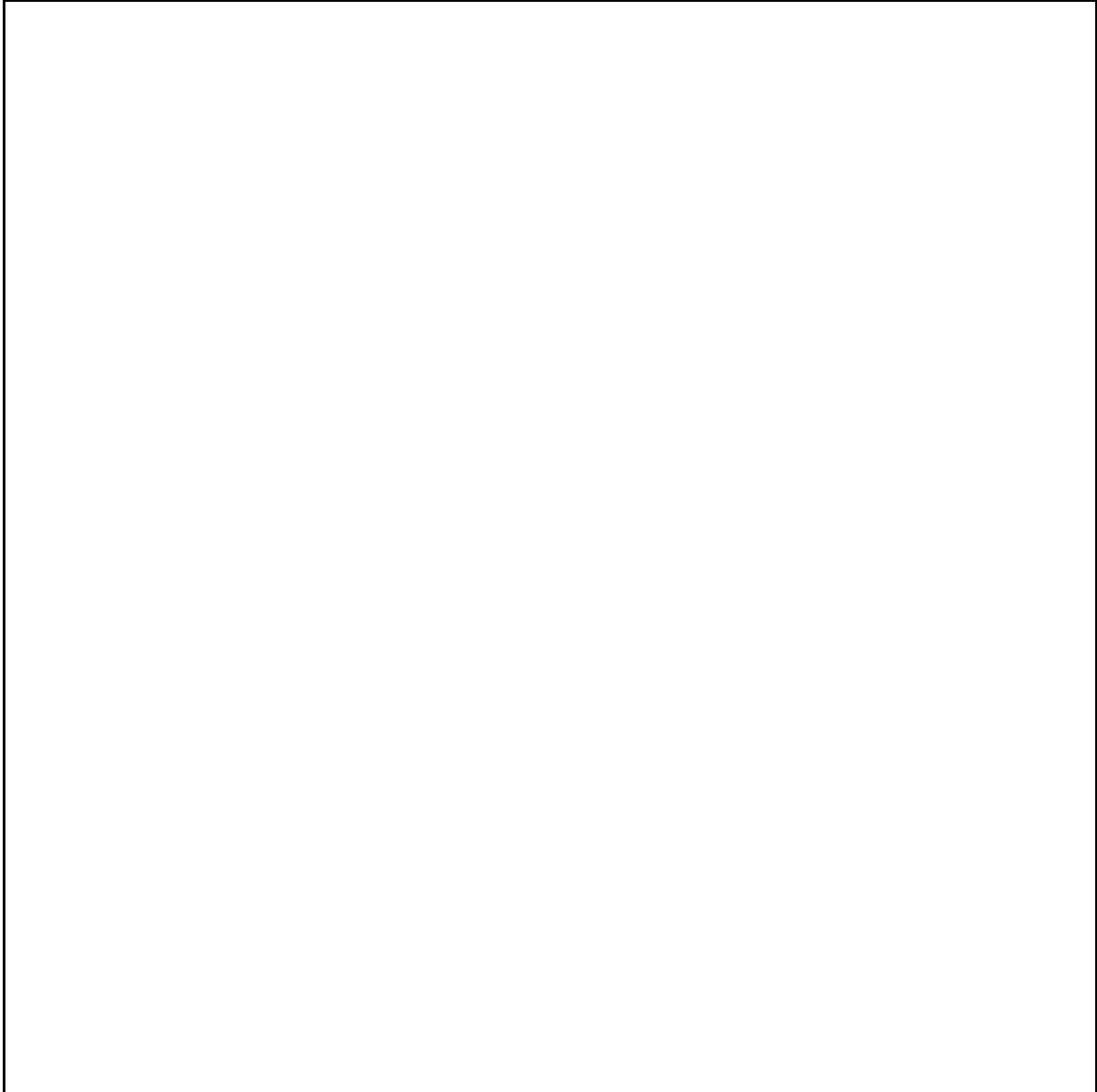
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**From:** **Stroum Jewish Community Center** <[enews@sjcc.org](mailto:enews@sjcc.org)>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 7:03 PM

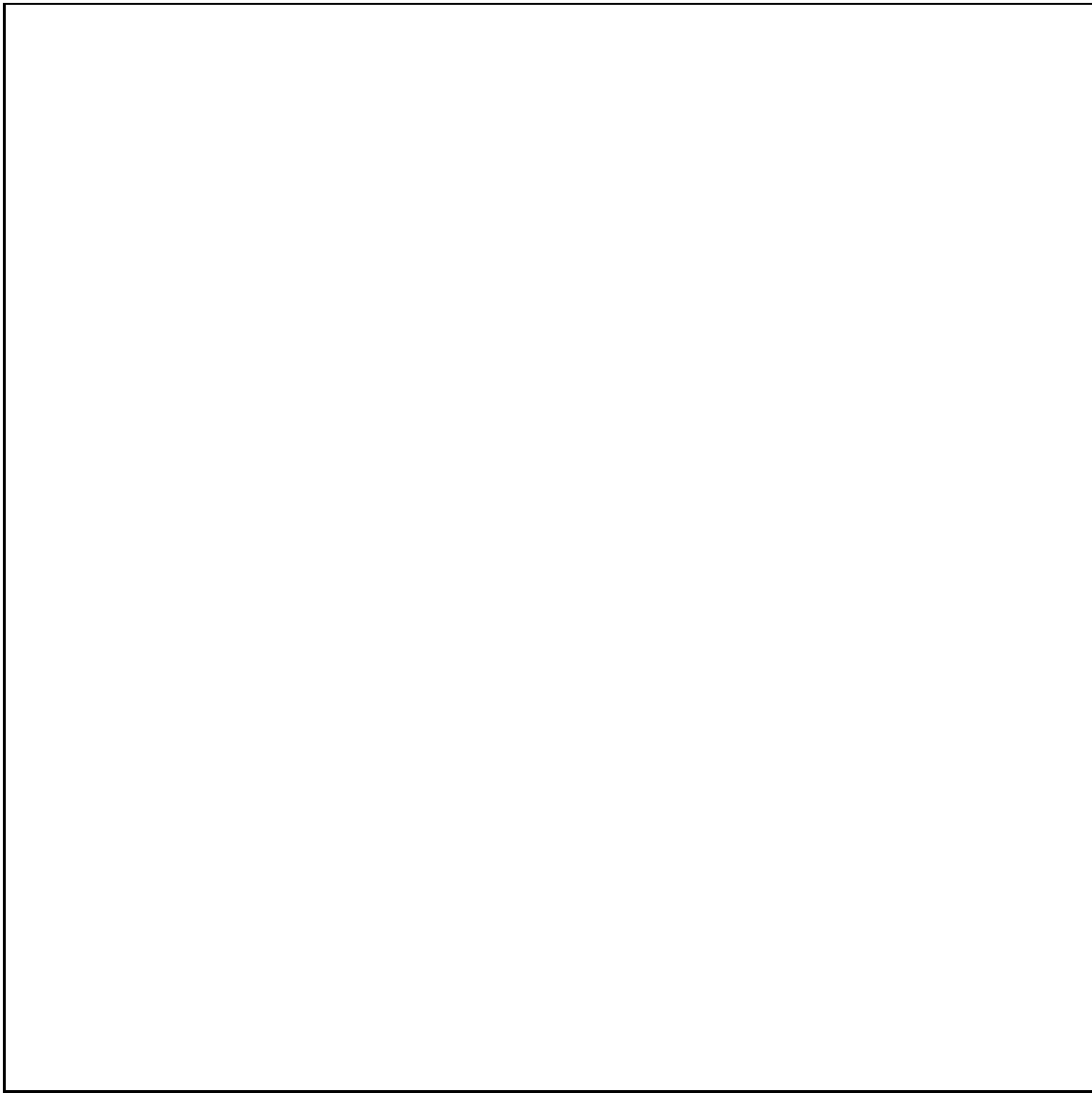
Subject: Voice Your Support for the J's Revitalization

To: <[fletchsa1@gmail.com](mailto:fletchsa1@gmail.com)>

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*Community lifts us up and holds us together in the best and worst of times. The SJCC is proud to be a gathering place for our community, which is why it's more important than ever to voice your support for the SJCC's future on Mercer Island.*



## Voice Your Support for a Revitalized SJCC

*Email the Mercer Island Planning Commission by November 15*

The SJCC has announced the intent to significantly remodel our facilities and we need your help to make it a reality. Please voice your support to the Mercer Island Planning Commission **before November 15**, to request this topic be placed on the 2024 docket for Mercer Island City Council.

Here's how you can help:

1. Email your support to [planning.comission@mercerisland.gov](mailto:planning.comission@mercerisland.gov) by November 15. If you prefer to compose your own message, you can find suggested email text [here](#).
2. Attend the Mercer Island Planning Commission meeting on November 15 to voice your support. Email [AmyL@sjcc.org](mailto:AmyL@sjcc.org) for details.

***Moving Forward to Better Serve the Mercer Island Community***

For the past 54 years, the SJCC has served the entire community of Mercer Island and beyond. Our proposed renovation will revitalize our facilities to help us build on our vision to be the most open and welcoming community-centered Jewish organization in the Puget Sound region.

**Learn more about the inspiring design [here](#).**

To facilitate this redevelopment, the SJCC submitted a request to the city of Mercer Island to rezone our property from a Residential zoning designation to a Commerical Office designation, which is better aligned with our operations.

The proposed renovation builds on feedback from neighbors, members, and our broader community and addresses the critical need to replace obsolete facilities and provide ADA accessibility in a safe, comfortable, and contemporary space to learn, grow, meet, and build community.

Thank you for helping the SJCC move forward.



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**Our mailing address is:**

Stroum Jewish Community Center

3801 East Mercer Way

Mercer Island, WA 98040

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## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:29 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** cheryl cohen <[cherylbd2@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbd2@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:19 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:**

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Thank you for your support.

Cheryl Cohen

[Cherylbd2@gmail.com](mailto:Cherylbd2@gmail.com)

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:31 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Recommend SJCC Rezone on 2024 Docket

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**From:** Adam Atkins <[atkins.wx@gmail.com](mailto:atkins.wx@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:28 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Recommend SJCC Rezone on 2024 Docket

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Thank you for your support.

Adam and Ari Atkins

2412 60th ave SE, MI

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:33 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Request for SJCC rezone to be on the docket

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**From:** Brooke Pariser <[brookesidell@hotmail.com](mailto:brookesidell@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:00 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Request for SJCC rezone to be on the docket

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Pariser  
3861 80th Ave. SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
36 year resident

Sent from my iPhone

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:33 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning SJCC

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**From:** Kara Azose <kara.azose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:19 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Rezoning SJCC

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Sincerely,

Kara Azose

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC Renovation Support  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:29:54 AM

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**From:** Jonathan Stern (GDE) <[Stern.Jonathan@microsoft.com](mailto:Stern.Jonathan@microsoft.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:23 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC Renovation Support

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Stern

6942 96<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA

Resident of Mercer Island since 2003