

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:40 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC rezone

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From: Nigel Maughan <nigel.maughan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 7:54 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC rezone

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Thank you for your support.

Regards

Nigel Maughan
MI resident

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From: Bruce Anderson <bruce@mbanderson.net>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
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Thank you for your support. M. Bruce Anderson – 206-397-3579 or bruce@mbanderson.net: A resident of Mercer Island since 1980.

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From: Rachel Hyman <rachshyman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 8:32 AM
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Thank you for your support.

Rachel Hyman

6924 SE Allen St, MI

An Islander for over 20 years!

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: JCC remodel!

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From: Stephanie King <stephaniedbartley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 6:22 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: JCC remodel!

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

Given this is a prewritten letter below, even though it does a great job of recapping my feelings about this project, I want to add a personal note because this really matters to me. Our youngest daughter attended pre-school at the JCC, learned to swim in that pool, and was my very first attempt at getting a trainer to get in shape, oh and I met my very best "mom friend". So as someone who loved what the JCC brought to our community as a parent on the island I just want to reiterate that it would be amazing to have a wonderful remodeled JCC as a community asset!

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Thank you for your support.

Stephanie & Matt King (one of us was born and raised on the island and the other is 17+ years)

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: proposed rezone for Stroum Jewish Community Center

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From: PAUL BURSTEIN <burstein62@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 8:31 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: proposed rezone for Stroum Jewish Community Center

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to ask the Mercer Island City Council to act favorably on the Stroum JCC's rezone request—to change the zoning from residential to commercial office—during 2024.

The SJCC has been an important resource for many thousands of Mercer Island residents (as well as residents of other, nearby communities) for well over 50 years, providing a high-quality preschool, after-school programs, summer camp, and many other programs for children; cultural programs of many kinds, including the showing of new movies, live entertainment, lectures, and events featuring well-known scholars, nationally recognized experts, and local figures who address topics of special concern to the Jewish community; a wide range of fitness and sports activities; celebrations of Jewish holidays that draw families from all over the Seattle area; and much, much more. Though the SJCC is the Jewish Community Center, it is open to all; the programs are inclusive, and the participants are diverse religiously, racially, ethnically, economically, and in terms of gender identity.

I think the SJCC adds immeasurably to the quality of life on Mercer Island. It provides a rich environment in which people, both Mercer Islands and other, can meet; brings together people who would not otherwise meet and creates a sense of community; and, very concretely, provides substantial employment, contributes (through its swim lessons and fitness programs for the elderly) to public health and safety, and responds to a strong public need for preschool and childrens' activities.

Unfortunately, the SJCC's facility is outdated and cannot meet the growing needs of the community. Significant improvements cannot be made, however, without the property being rezoned from residential to commercial office. I know that the SJCC has been working with its neighbors to

minimize the impact on the neighborhood of changes to the building and property, and, indeed, the SJCC hopes that its proposed improvements will improve the quality of life for its neighbors as well as the larger Mercer Island community and the Seattle area more generally.

I do hope you will make it possible for the SJCC to move forward with its proposed plans as expeditiously as possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

Paul Burstein
8367 SE 30th Street, Mercer Island
206.992.3981

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:59 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
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From: Tamar Heyman <tamar.haberfeld@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:32 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
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Thank you for your support.

Tamar Heyman

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:00 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
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From: crawfb <crawfb@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:25 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Laura Jantos <laura.jantos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Thank you for your support.

Laura Jantos
8225 SE 61st Street

Mercer Island, WA 98040

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:41 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC 2024 Docket Request and Action

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From: Michele Kohorn <mref1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 6:39 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC 2024 Docket Request and Action

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Thank you for your support.

Warmly,

Michele

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:42 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:16 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
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From: Gerald bernstein <g3bernste@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:19 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
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Thank you for your support.
Gerald Bernstein, M.D.

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:43 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC

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From: Dana Pruchno <danapruchno@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC

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Thank you for your support.

William and Dana Pruchno
MI Residents for 21 years
7928 SE 76th St

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Support for SJCC Revitalization Project

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From: Lara B. Cherry <lara.b.cherry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Support for SJCC Revitalization Project

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

Below you will find a copied and pasted (yet still very true email) in support of the revitalization of the SJCC; however, I'd first like to say a few words of personal support for the project. To be clear, I do not live on Mercer Island but have been contemplating whether that would be the right move for our family for several years now. There are things we love about living in Seattle, but sorely miss the lack of Jewish community facilities there. I grew up in Atlanta, where they did a massive renovation of the MJCC (Marcus Jewish Community Center) facility when I was in middle school, I believe. Both before and after its renovation, I spent countless days and evenings there at summer camps, classes, girl scout troop meetings, while my parents participated in activities like film festivals, art shows, softball and basketball leagues, etc. Later, my fledgling Jewish high school began on the MJCC property and we were lucky enough to have use of its facilities for all kinds of extracurriculars. It has been to my great dismay that we have no similar option in Seattle and has honestly been part of the reason we consider moving to Mercer Island. On the flip side, we love our child's private school in Seattle and are hesitant to move primarily for the community offered by both the island and its Jewish community (and Jewish community facility), especially when said facility is quite old and outdated. Were this facility to be updated, it would likely cement our decision to move to the island and possibly affect others in a similar manner. It would be a meeting place for the community at a time where that is sorely needed in the face of

rising antisemitism, and a place for families to gather, children to take swim and sports lessons, attend camps, and for the elderly to participate in group activities so vital to their physical and mental wellbeing. Thank you.

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Lara B. Cherry
lara.b.cherry@gmail.com

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 2:51 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Please Support the SJCC Plan!

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From: Alan Waldbaum <alanwaldbaum@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:36 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Please Support the SJCC Plan!

Dear Planning Commission,

I am 54 years old and practically grew up at the Stroum Jewish Community Center (SJCC). I went to pre-school there, I took swimming lessons there, I did gymnastics there, I played youth basketball there, I did BBYO there, I have always worked out there (even when I attended UW - because the IMA used to be so crowded back then!), I met my wife there, my kids attended pre-school there, did JExplorers and go to BBYO now. It is the heart of the Jewish people in the Seattle area -- and it needs your support. At a time when Antisemitism is rearing its ugly head everywhere -- we hope that Mercer Island will continue to stand as a beacon of light and a place where the Jewish people can feel safe.

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Thank you for your support.

Alan Waldbaum (206-853-7796)

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:36 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Carol G <ginsbergca@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 8:29 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Carol Ginsberg
3230 80th Ave. SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040

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From: meansmary@aol.com <meansmary@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC Rezone Docket Request

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From: Tom W <tomw1415@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 4:24 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC Rezone Docket Request

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Tom Walsh

3817 80th Ave SE, Mercer Island WA 98040

206-310-6398

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: JCC revisions

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From: Renee Eskenazi <renesken@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 8:15 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: JCC revisions

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Renee Eskenazi

P.O. Box 530 Mercer Island WA 98040

27 years MI resident in total

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Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC

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From: Chee San Choy <choycheesan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 9:52 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC

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Thank you for your support. Mercer Island needs newer facilities to compete with neighboring cities and stay relevant to today's needs.

Thanks

Sandra Choy

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Barbara Rappoport <barbrappo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 4:10 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Thank you for your support.

Barbara Rappoport

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Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Support SJCC remodeling

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From: Daisy Yanrui Zhang <zyr8911@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 7:18 AM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Support SJCC remodeling

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,
Yanrui Zhang
3056 61st Ave SE,
Mercer Island,
WA 98040
Resident since 2019

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:47 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Stroum Jewish Community Center

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From: Sharon Lott <sharonlot@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum Jewish Community Center

Hello, my husband and I and our family have lived on the island for over 46 years. My two sons and their families now live on the island. Our parents lived on the island, and our siblings still live on the island. My husband was born here. For the past 54 years we have been members of the SJCC. It provided camaraderie and exercise for our parents, preschool and afterschool activities for our children and grandchildren, and a place of community and safety for us all. It is in dire need of repair and rebuilding. Please consider rezoning so we can continue the tradition of community and care for us and our family. Thank you for listening and please help to make the island a better, happier and safer place to live. Thank you again, Marty and Sharon Lott.

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Matt Skelton <skeltonm@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Matt Skelton

Sent from my iPad

Deb Estrada

From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:44 PM
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Subject: FW: Rezoning land parcels for the JCC

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From: Clarfeld, Michael <MClarfeld@clearbridge.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:17 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Rezoning land parcels for the JCC

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

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Thank you,

Michael Clarfeld

Michael Clarfeld, CFA
Managing Director, Portfolio Manager

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Ingrid Eisenman <ilahti@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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