

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:40 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Please support the Plan to rezone the Stroum JCC property. It needs a major renovation and they have a good plan.

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**From:** Julie Chivo <[julie.chivo@gmail.com](mailto:julie.chivo@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:29 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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Thank you for your support.

Julie Chivo, a resident of Mercer Island since 2011

2824 61st Avenue SE

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:31 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
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Naaman Heyman

8275 Merrimount Dr. 2 years on MI

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**From:** cheryl cohen <[cherylbd2@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbd2@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:18 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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Cheryl Cohen

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

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:42 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Stroum Jewish Community Center Rezoning

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**From:** Brandon Hellman <hellman.m.brandon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:19 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center Rezoning

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**From:** Jonathan Stern (GDE) <[Stern.Jonathan@microsoft.com](mailto:Stern.Jonathan@microsoft.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:22 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Renovation Needs

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Jonathan Stern

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

Resident of Mercer Island since 2003

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From: Stephanie Shujman <steph.shujman@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:34 PM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Stephanie Shujman



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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:44 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: skeltonmv@gmail.com <skeltonmv@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:36 PM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:45 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: BRUCE B LEVY <westcoastfish@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:39 PM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Bruce & Sharon Levy

Mercer Island Residents  
206-930-8222

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:45 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
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**From:** Brooke Pariser <[brookepariser@gmail.com](mailto:brookepariser@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:57 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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Brooke Pariser

3861 80th Ave. SE Mercer Island, WA 98040

36 year Mercer Island Resident

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
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**From:** Kara Azose <kara.azose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:18 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Rezoning the SJCC

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Kara Azose

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**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
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Edward Ned Porges, Ed.D. Seattle WA 206-229-2315

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:33 PM  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:41 PM  
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Nicole Wheat

8035 SE 33rd pl

Mercer Island

Mercer Island resident since 2017



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**From:** Ann Lokey <amlokey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:56 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support rezoning of the SJCC

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Ann Lokey, 6107 SE 32nd St, MI - 27 year resident

Sent from my iPad

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:49 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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**From:** Ron Leibsohn <[rleibsohn@leibsohn.com](mailto:rleibsohn@leibsohn.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:13 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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Ronald Leibsohn  
[rleibsohn@leibsohn.com](mailto:rleibsohn@leibsohn.com)  
[425-890-6737](tel:425-890-6737)

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**From:** Jon Bloomberg <[jonbloomberg@gmail.com](mailto:jonbloomberg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:56 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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The facility is well past its useful life. Both practically (ADA, HVAC, etc) and aesthetically (compared with JCC facilities in other major metros).

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Jon Bloomberg and Family

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From: Denise Ipock <deniseipock@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:12 AM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Pamela Miller <pamela.joy.miller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:21 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
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From: Norman Gilinsky and Susan Templeton <sunormco@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:05 AM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
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Norman L. Gilinsky



Woodinville, Washington

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From: Eric Adler <ericladler@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:11 AM  
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Eric Adler

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:52 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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**From:** Carla Tobis <cjtobis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:15 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
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Carla Greenbaum  
Mercer Island resident since 1986

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:04 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Please help the JCC from an island resident of 30 years

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**From:** Jeremy Locke <[jeremydlocke1@gmail.com](mailto:jeremydlocke1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
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I've been a respondent for 30 years

Jeremy Locke

Mid island 🌴

Thank you for your support.

Jeremy Locke

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:05 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
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**From:** Rachel Silberstein <rachsilberstein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:57 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** SJCC's rezoning request, please approve

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The SJCC is an absolute treasure, providing ordinary families who can't afford the exclusive and elitist country clubs that dominate the island, with opportunities to swim, work out, and play. MI should do everything in its power to develop its mission.

Thank you,

Rachel

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Rachel Silberstein

Book Reviews Editor, [Textile History](#)

### Recent publications

"Fashion in Ming and Qing China" in [The Cambridge Global History of Fashion](#) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023), eds. Giorgio Riello, Christopher Breward and Beverly Lemire

[A Fashionable Century: Textile Artistry and Commerce in the Late Qing](#) (University of Washington Press, 2020)

- Winner of the 2021 [Millia Davenport Publication Award](#) sponsored by the Costume Society of America
- Honorable Mention, 2023 [Bei Shan Tang Monograph Prize](#)

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:54 PM  
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**From:** susan glick <[glickshop@gmail.com](mailto:glickshop@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:36 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Stroum JCC Rezone Request

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

I wrote earlier but wanted to add something. I have lived in many towns and what mercer island city does not provide are classes and opportunities for recreation and growth. (Not talking about events such as hallooween and summer concerts.) If the paltry offerings of the city rec department are going to stay as is and not planning to expand than give the J what it needs to pick up the slack. I suspect city sponsored classes are few because the city is low on money. But it is a shame the city offers so little for recreation.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:50 AM  
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Marty Nelson (23 year Mercer Island resident)

3695 W Mercer Way