

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:32 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: 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 9:29 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC Rezone on 2024 Docket

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Sincerely,  
Adam and Ari Atkins  
2412 60th Ave SE

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:28 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC

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**From:** Terry Azose <[tlazose@gmail.com](mailto:tlazose@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:34 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC

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Terry Azose  
(206) 450-0995 cell  
7740 81st Pl SE  
MI

We have lived on Mercer Island for 37 years and currently, all of our adult children and grandchildren live on the Island. Our children went to preschool, summer camp, swimming lessons at the SJCC before we moved to the island. All 8 of our grandchildren have gone through preschool, after school programs, swimming, camp at the J. We take classes, play pickle ball, and exercise at the J. The facilities are in desperate need of updating, remodeling and care to bring it back to the vibrant facility that will serve not only the Jewish population but Mercer Island and neighboring communities.

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:35 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Support the rezoning of the SJCC - Prioritize!

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**From:** Ann Lokey <amlokey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:58 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Support the rezoning of the SJCC - Prioritize!

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Ann Lokey  
6107 SE 32nd st, MI  
27 year resident

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:03 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning SJCC fir commercial use

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**From:** Lynne Brazg <[lynnebrazg@gmail.com](mailto:lynnebrazg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Rezoning SJCC fir commercial use

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Brazg



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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: JCC Renovation

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

From: Alan Tesler <atesler3@comcast.net>  
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:22 PM  
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>  
Subject: JCC Renovation

To the Mercer Island City Council-

My wife and I have been Mercer Island residents since December 1984, and have been members of the Stroum Jewish Community Center since shortly after we moved here.

We have seen the evolution of the JCC over the last nearly 40 years, and have been frequent users of the facility. The JCC serves a wide portion of the Mercer Island and Eastside community, including many non-Jewish residents. As such, it is a valuable community asset to the Seattle Jewish community and the broader Mercer Island community as well.

Unfortunately, with the passage of time, in spite of several minor remodels over the years, the building has aged and needs modernization. The leadership of the JCC has developed a renovation plan, but to fulfill it, the land parcels need to be rezoned from Residential to Commercial Office. The renovation will impact only the JCC and have no adverse impact on the surrounding residential and commercial properties.

Please place the request for rezoning on the City Council's docket for action in 2024. I believe the JCC deserves your support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alan Tesler

2205 82nd Avenue SE

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:48 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: JCC rezone support

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**From:** mbstarnes@comcast.net <mbstarnes@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:00 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** JCC rezone support

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

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Thank you for your support.

Margie Starnes

6200 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Resident since 2006

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:48 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Please approve the SJCC request to rezone from a residential zoning designation to a Commercial Office designation

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**From:** Aaron Lavin <lavin\_aaron@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:41 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Please approve the SJCC request to rezone from a residential zoning designation to a Commercial Office designation

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Sincerely,  
Aaron Lavin

7835 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Pl. 98040  
20 year resident of Mercer Island

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Request to rezone the JCC from Residential to Commercial Office

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**From:** Jeff Hsu <jjhsu2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Request to rezone the JCC from Residential to Commercial Office

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Sincerely,

Jeff Hsu  
7203 W Mercer Way - 20 year resident



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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:50 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning for the JCC

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**From:** Harvey Kanter <[hrkanter@gmail.com](mailto:hrkanter@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:29 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>; Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
**Cc:** Harvey Kanter <[hrkanter@gmail.com](mailto:hrkanter@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Rezoning for the JCC

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Harvey Kanter, 12 Meadow Ln, Mercer Island, WA 98040

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC proposal

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**From:** Dodi Nov <drdodi@bellevuesmiles.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:16 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** SJCC proposal

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I live directly across the street from the SJCC

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Garrett Hyman <[garretthyman@yahoo.com](mailto:garretthyman@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:40 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC rezoning

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Sincerely,  
Garrett Hyman  
MI Resident since 2003

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Garrett S. Hyman, MD, MPH, FACSM, FABPMR, CAQSM  
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**From:** Marty Nelson <[martysnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:martysnelson@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC

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Marty Nelson (23 year Mercer Island resident)

3695 W Mercer Way



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**From:** Paul Amato <pra717@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 8:21 AM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center

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Warmly, Dr. Paul Amto, DDS, FAGD

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**From:** akarp31@gmail.com <akarp31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center's request to rezone

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

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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,

Abby Marcus, 7014 SE 20th St Mercer Island resident 12 years

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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

From: Gloria Milner <gloriamilner@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:56 PM  
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>  
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission,

Please recommend 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 action taken in 2024.

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Thank you for your support.

Sent from my iPhone

## Deb Estrada

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**From:** Andrea Larson  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 10:32 AM  
**To:** Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum Jewish Community Center's request

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**From:** Carl A. Bianco <[cabianco@biancoproperties.com](mailto:cabianco@biancoproperties.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 9:13 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission <[Planning.Commission@mercergov.org](mailto:Planning.Commission@mercergov.org)>  
**Cc:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Stroum Jewish Community Center's request

To: Mercer Island Planning Commission & City Council and City Council,

We are writing to request that the Planning Commission and 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.

Since we arrived on M.I. almost 43 years ago, the SJCC has been part of our life. With both athletics and all kinds of other activities, we have spent many hours at the "J". Everyone knows this building needs updating, and it needs it badly.

It is your responsibility to act in the interests of the majority of your population. Please do so and approve their request.

If you have any questions, we can be contacted as shown below. Thank you.

From:  
Carl and Joann Bianco  
8700 North Mercer Way • Mercer Island, WA • 98040

His Cell/Primary: (206) 853-6017 • Her Cell: (206) 898-6286  
Almost 43 years as residents of Mercer Island  
Previously at 7210 North Mercer Way, Mercer Island

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning SJCC fir commercial use  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 3:13:02 PM

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**From:** Adam Brazg <[adambrazg@gmail.com](mailto:adambrazg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 11:43 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Rezoning SJCC fir commercial use

Dear Council members,

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 kid growing up on Mercer Island, I spent so much of my childhood there. As an adult, I now send my kid to their pre-school. The building has not changed since as long as I remember, and it is in serious need of an upgrade.

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Thank you for your support.



Sincerely,

Adam Brazg

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Supporting the SCJJ rebuild  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 3:13:39 PM

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**From:** Leanne Bellar Gordon <[leanne.b.gordon@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.b.gordon@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 12:53 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Supporting the SCJJ rebuild

Dear MI City Council,

Please support the request that the MI 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,

Leanne Gordon, age 37, living on First Hill in Mercer Island for 3 years and resident of Seattle-area my whole life

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re zoning the SJCC  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:06:56 AM

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**From:** Lisa Porad <lisa@lisaporad.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 3:08 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** Re zoning the 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,

Lisa Porad  
2445 74th AVE SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
Resident 25 years. Grew up at the J

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Stroom JCC Rezone Request  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:05:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [image513683.jpg](#)  
[image644754.png](#)  
[image163059.png](#)  
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**From:** Steve Lewis <[SLewis@pspipe.com](mailto:SLewis@pspipe.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 2:46 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Stroom JCC Rezone Request

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

I'm writing to request that the Mercer Island City council places the Stroom 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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The time to support the future of the Stroom Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island is now.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Lewis  
**Steve Lewis**  
*Chief Financial Officer*



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**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SJCC Rezone  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 8:49:52 AM

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**From:** Jean Klein <[jeankanklein@gmail.com](mailto:jeankanklein@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 2:45 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Support for SJCC Rezone

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Thank you for your support.

Jean Klein is  
5360 Lansdowne Lane  
49 year resident of Mercer Island



**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Supporting the SCJJ rebuild  
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**From:** Seth Gordon <[gordon.seth@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.seth@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 6:59 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** Supporting the SCJJ rebuild

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Thank you for your support,

Seth Gordon, age 39, living on First Hill in Mercer Island for 3 years, 3 children ages 2-7

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: The J  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:06:20 AM

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <cohenhead1@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** Council <council@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** The J

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Barby Cohen

**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Stroum JCC Rezone Request  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:07:33 AM

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From: Lynn Wartnik <[tony2lynni@comcast.net](mailto:tony2lynni@comcast.net)>  
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2023 4:00 PM  
To: Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
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**From:** [Andrea Larson](#)  
**To:** [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Deb Estrada](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SJCC Rezone  
**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:07:59 AM

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**From:** Scott Porad <[scott@porad.com](mailto:scott@porad.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 5:49 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@mercergov.org](mailto:council@mercergov.org)>  
**Subject:** SJCC Rezone

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Sincerely,

Scott Porad  
2445 74th Ave SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
Resident since 2008