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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:40 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC Rezone

Categories: COUNCIL

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From: Stuart Sulman <ssulman@kellersupply.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 4:56 PM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC Rezone

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Stuart Sulman
Mercer Island Resident for 47 years
4117 Boulevard Place
Mercer Island, WA. 98040

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From: srockfeld@yahoo.com <srockfeld@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:47 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Council <council@mercergov.org>
Cc: Cindy Rockfeld <cinchin98@hotmail.com>
Subject: Supporting the SJCC request to rezone

Dear Mercer Island Planning Commission and City Council,

I would love for the Mercer Island City Council to support 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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Scott and Cindy Rockfeld

MI Residents since 2007

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From: Susan Szafir <susan_szafir@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:27 PM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Rezone the SJCC, It's Time

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Susan Szafir

3400 72nd PL SE

M.I. Resident since 2008

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:42 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: JCC Rezoning

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From: Alexandra Schatz <alexandra.schatz@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:58 PM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: JCC Rezoning

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Alex and Patrick Schatz with family

Our family of four has been enjoying the JCC for many years now and we are residents for over 14 years.

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From: Lorna <LBIsenberg@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 9:31 PM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
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From: Aimee Johnson <goldenaimie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:41 AM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:44 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: SJCC's revitalization

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From: Richard Openshaw <richard@openshawcpa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC's revitalization

Good Morning,

As a member of the Stroum Jewish Community Center I support its revitalization, which is way overdue. Since being built in 1969 it's received minimal updates or upgrades. The "new & improved" SJCC will look better from the outside, be easier to navigate, and more functional. It ensures it stays on the Island as a centralized place where people/groups of all backgrounds, whether member or quest, can socialize, have meetings, be entertained, exercise, utilize its after-school care and summer camp, along with having childcare for over 200 pre-kindergarten children, which is sorely needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Openshaw CPA CGMA J.D.

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:44 AM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Support for Stroum JCC Rezone Request

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From: Amy Moultray <Amy@moultray.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Support for Stroum JCC Rezone Request

Dear Mercer Island City Council,

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.

For over 54 years, the SJCC has served Mercer Island residents with programs for all ages and all are welcome. My family has been a member of the SJCC for 10+ years and the early education school, community programming, summer camps, and fitness facilities have been a foundational part of our life and sense of community on the Island. 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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Now more than ever, the SJCC operates as a vital community asset. 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. The time to support the future of the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island is now.

Thank you for your support.

Amy Clements Moultray
Mercer Island Resident for 10+ years

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From: Andrea Larson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Alison Van Gorp; Deb Estrada
Subject: FW: Please Help Make the Future SJCC a Reality

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From: Elana Roschy <elanaroschy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Please Help Make the Future SJCC a Reality

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Sincerely,
Elana Roschy

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From: Robin Medin <robinmedin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 4:30 PM
To: Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Please Help Make the Future SJCC a Reality

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Sincerely,
Robin Medin

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From: Stratiner Cindy <Cstratiner@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@mercergov.org>; Council <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: SJCC rezoning

Dear MI Planning commission and MI Council,

I grew up going to the JCC for sporting activities, to learn how to swim, for arts classes, and Jewish Community events. All three of our grown children went to preschool at the JCC, and also did activities like sports, swimming, acting classes, camps and Jewish Community events. Now our grandchildren use the facility for camps and activities.

I don't see how the JCC still is considered residential zoning when it has not been residential in the 50? years that I have been going there.

I believe that the JCC always tries to be a good neighbor and may be less obtrusive than many other Mercer Island residents.

I think it is past time to rezone the SJCC property to its commercial use.

Thank you,
Cindy Stratiner
Issaquah, WA 98027
425-641-8399