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From: Evan Maxim
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 2:54 PM
Cc: Andrea Larson; Traci Granbois
Subject: FW: comments to Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please see public comment, below.

Regards,

Evan Maxim

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Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>
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Dear Planning Commissioners & Evan,

Thank you for your service to our community. I know it is beautiful & sunny outside and you could be spending time with your families instead of volunteering for the citizens of Mercer Island. Thank you.

I understand that you will be discussing changes to the comp plan and a proposed new zoning designation without concurrent development regulations, both of which relate to the area around the JCC.

I was a member of the Town Center Stakeholder Group which met for ~8 months discussing changes to our Town Center development regulations. I followed with interest the discussion and changes to the Residential Code. And I am a French American School of Puget Sound (FASPS) parent.

My child just finished her first year of Young Pre Kindergarten at FASPS. Every morning and every afternoon, I dropped her off and picked her up. It was the worst part of my day. It was chaotic, hectic, and packed with vehicles. The vast majority of students are dropped off/picked up in personal vehicles - given the ages of students in grades YPK - fourth, this will always be the case. No parent would send his/her 3 year old child on the bus/uber/bicycle. I do not think there is any social engineering that would change how parents send their small children to school. Between 8-9am and 2:45-4pm, this area is over capacity - it cannot support any further migration of people.

Before any decisions are made:

1. Please require the proposed mega JCC project to meet current developments regulations under our comp plan and associated code OR

2. Please requires DSG/council to promulgate regulations for the proposed new zoning designation

While I hope my child is able to attend FASPS through high school (this proposed plan would allow FASPS to expand & create a high school), I cannot support a plan that degrades Mercer Island and the neighborhood in which FASPS is located. I cannot support an additional zoning designation when there are no rules/regulations to which projects in this new zone would need to adhere. I do not believe legally that this new proposed zone could be limited to only the area around the JCC, meaning that other areas of the Island could potentially be rezoned.

Our neighbors deserve better. Can you imagine the uproar/citizen discontent if a Town Center parcel was rezoned without any associated development regulations? In fact, please inform me how I can make that happen because I own a TC parcel I would love to have rezoned without any development regulations.

Thank you,
Traci Granbois