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**To:** [Planning Commission](#)  
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Dear Planning Commission,

Our parks on Mercer Island are a treasure that we should protect and maintain as-is for generations to come. As a resident since 1986, I have witnessed the density of construction and overbuilding of mega homes on smaller lots which has upended the unique balance of residences in a natural setting that make this city a special and unique place. Our parks provide a respite from this density; they provide open space and a connection to nature that everyone is entitled to regardless of their economic status. Please don't allow the infringement of our beloved parks. They were put there for a purpose and they should remain that way. Therefore, I ask that you please respect, honor and protect our parks by:

- **Leaving parkland for recreational uses and facilities only – not government offices**
- **Substantially reduce the proposed height limit of buildings within the park**
- **No Net Increase in Impervious Surfaces**
- **Limiting transit stops to the right of ways**
- **Not allowing parking structures in our parks**
- **Not allowing a future re-zone of a park without a community vote**

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Sent from my iPhone