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Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 11:39 AM **To:** Planning Commission; Andrew Leon

Subject: PERMIT DSR22-014

Mr. Leon and Planning Commission:

I am a resident of 3205 90th PI SE, Mercer Island, 98040

I have noticed the Baskin Robbins location on the island has been purchased and there are permit proposals to tear down this eatery and place a 4-story building of residential units and a garage.

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal. There is a huge shortage of housing in our region and on the island. This shortage pushes up housing costs across the area and limits our economic growth by making it hard to attract workers and limiting investment and spending in other areas. I also feel that people should be free to use their land as they see fit both as a matter of principle and economic efficiency.

I consider myself very fortunate to live on Mercer Island and appreciate the quality of life here. I would like this opportunity to be available to others by allowing more housing to be built.

Sincerely,

Lorin J. Freedman