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**Cc:** Council  
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Hello, I sincerely hope you will not allow any more property to be built (B).

If the City wants to consider those changes they should the ONLY way forward is to recommend NO CHANGE and allow the Herzl to submit a new Docket "Suggestion" in September.

The process is bad. The City should not entertain major Land Use issues prior to having something concrete to justify the exercise. The Herzl has not shown the City anything other than their desire to have a private school and not necessarily for Mercer Island pupils, but for the whole of Puget Sound. This is a case of putting the cart before the horse. There still hasn't been the traffic study of the very congested intersection of the JCC, French American School and the Herzl that was ordered during the CFZ fiasco. Why has that not been done yet?

"NO ACTION" is the only appropriate action. It should never have been recommended by the CPD in the first place. Please stop wasting everybody's time.

And quite frankly, as the City Civic Center is only going to be open 3 days a week, how about they move the Civic Center to the Town Center whereby they could rent a space and allow the JCC/FASP to build a two-storey building which could house their classrooms where the City Civic Center is?

And the way things are going, the birth rate in the USA is down, over 400 people have left Mercer Island since last year. Where are the additional pupils going to be coming from to validate another school?

So, please make sure you vote for no change. Nothing that they are asking for validates destroying a neighborhood

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