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**To:** DL - Council; Comp Plan Update  
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Dear County Council, Planning Commission, Planners, and other relevant decision makers,

I am a property owner on Orcas Island, and have been a part-time Orcas resident and frequent visitor since 1973, when I was 7 years old. The extraordinary natural beauty of the San Juans, and the cohesive and supportive group of people who inhabit them, have helped shape my values over time and continue to serve as a symbol and touchstone of a truly unique physical and community environment.

I am concerned that the islands may grow to lose these special qualities. I have read the [Vision Statement](#) which states, “We support a pattern of economic growth and development which serves the needs of our community, and which recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands.” Other phrases in the Vision Statement talk about stewardship and preserving pristine environments. In other areas similar to the San Juans, these qualities have been eroded or destroyed. I would hate for this to happen in San Juan County.

I understand that the Comprehensive Plan is going to be updated. Please ensure that a fair and transparent process is followed that supports the Vision Statement.

Best regards,

Johnny Symons  
Oakland, CA