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Vision 2036

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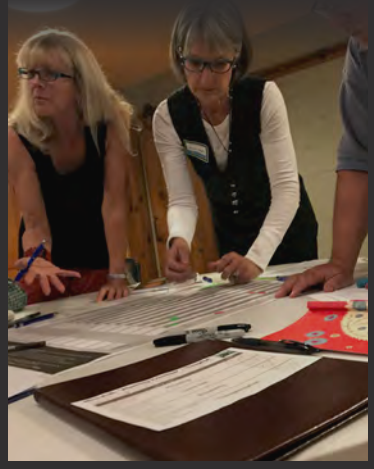

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A report prepared by Studio Cascade and Community Attributes to guide the County's update to its comprehensive plan vision.

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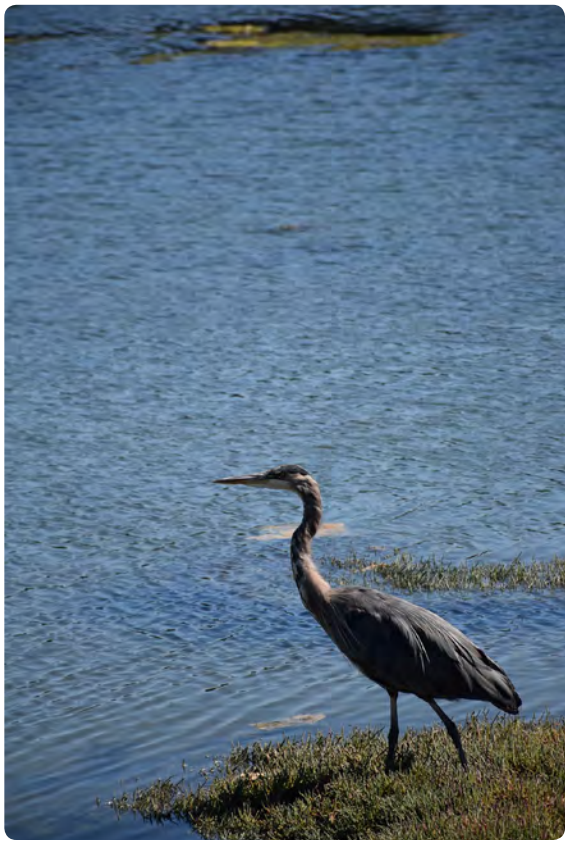
About

San Juan County is updating its comprehensive plan. Part of the update is ensuring that the vision created in 1999 is still an appropriate guide for planning policy. That vision, though nearly 20 years old, is still considered an accurate description of the islands – an amazing realization given its age. Even more amazing is the process from which the vision was born, involving hundreds of hours of community effort, island-based subcommittees, a coordination committee and extensive deliberation at the Planning Commission and County Commission levels. It stuck, and the community today sees it generally reflecting current values.

But there are topics today that were not part of the public discussion. Or, if they were, they did not make it into the vision. Topics like climate change, the ascendancy of the tourism sector, and scarcity of available housing are important features of today's conversation about vision, topics that will find their way into County policy with this new update.

While much of the existing vision will likely remain intact, new components are likely to be added, refined and integrated into policy.

When updated, the vision will represent a statement that's generally supported by most on the islands, reflecting a high-level look at what the community hopes San Juan County will be in the year 2036. It is not intended to be a policy statement or law. It is a snapshot framed by community aspiration and colored by community values.



Scope

This effort to update the vision is an important part of the larger comprehensive plan update. The County must update its plan to conform to Growth Management Act requirements, but, perhaps more importantly, it must update its plan to keep pace with changes in the area's economy, demographics and community priorities. To this end, the County hired the consultant team of Community Attributes and Studio Cascade to explore the community's ideas about its collective future and, by extension, consider likely policy implications of the conversations held during the vision update process.

Community Attributes' primary focus is on the forest, agriculture and mining resource lands context. Their assignment was to study the economics of resource lands in San Juan County, uncovering the dynamics underpinning the concept of "long-term commercial significance" and how they relate to the ways resource lands are used, protected and pressured to convert to something other than a resource use.

Studio Cascade was tasked with facilitating the community's conversation on its vision, looking at the existing one and figuring out how it may need to be updated to reflect current conditions and community hopes.

How

The County Council stressed at the outset that any vision update must be anchored in what's existing, retaining the structure and message of the original. That has served as the foundation of this update process. The three pop-up studios, community workshops and questionnaires have all revolved around the need to update and adjust the current vision, with conversations and questions designed to identify what needs changing and why.

The process kicked off with three days of orientation interviews. These one-on-one interviews, held September 11 – 13, were conducted on San Juan, Orcas and Lopez islands. Invitees represented a wide cross section of the community, and each interview revolved around the characteristics that make the county unique and the issues interviewees believe the County must address moving forward.

Three days of pop-up studios – conducted in Friday Harbor, Eastsound and Lopez Village October 2 to 4 – put consultants and County staff in the middle of the communities, engaging passers-by in conversations about the county, its people, community aspirations and challenges. The studios included a mini-poll, flipchart, and sketch map, providing participants opportunities to weigh-in on the vision and its policy consequences.

An evening workshop followed each studio day, with a presentation and exercises to critique the existing vision, suggest ways in which County policy should shift to address today's issues, and identify relative priority in pursuit of various solutions.

The County also sponsored an online survey designed specifically to expand the review of the current vision and vet workshop results, allowing those who may not have attended the studios and workshops to contribute their voices to the process, too.

Recommendations on updates to the vision will be based on this process. All suggested modifications will reflect comments provided during the three-month public engagement effort.

What

This report presents the vision topic-by-topic, with the original text, considerations for proposed updates, and potential policy implications to be addressed in the balance of the comprehensive plan update process. The topical discussion tells the story behind the potential revisions, identifying the issues and ideas offered through the process that may influence changes.

A very real consequence of an adopted vision is its impact on policy. Some of the community participants believe the vision is still a good one but that the subsequent policy and adopted development regulations fail to fulfill the vision's promise. The policy framework included in the appendix presents an initial consistency assessment, identifying goals and policies that may or may not be consistent with the existing vision and its proposed updates. While this part of the process does not suggest specific policy revision, it helps target those policies that may warrant another look within the context of conversations conducted here.

The vision also includes a preamble and conclusion, both of which will likely remain unchanged through this process. They reinforce the community's commitment to work to attain the vision, underscoring each individual's responsibility to become active stewards in the pursuit of this collective view of the future.

Process

Interviews

The County hosted a round of interviews to kick off the vision update process during the week of September 11. There were also interviews focused on resource lands of long-term significance, and results of those interviews are contained in the resource lands report.

Intent

The interviews were intended to introduce the consultant team to the county's current planning issues, identifying specific topics that the vision update will need to address. These interviews also were intended to invite interview participants into the larger process, using this opportunity to demonstrate how the issues they raised will have influenced the larger conversation. By conducting these interviews, the County began to build public awareness of the process. Interviewees were encouraged to speak to friends, family and colleagues about the process, using them as resources to inform the interviews and generating more public awareness of and interest in the process.

Invitees

The County divided potential interviewees into two categories. The "Orienteers" consisted of those representing a wide swath of the county's demographic, political, economic and cultural landscape.

The "natural resources" list included those more involved in the use and management of forest, mineral and agricultural lands. Combined, the two lists provided a good initial issue baseline for the vision update and natural resource lands assessment being conducted in parallel.

Of the 30 Orienteers invited to interview, 22 were able to participate. Table 01 identifies the interviewed "orienteers." Even those who may not have participated fully in the interviews were able to correspond with the consultant team and, in some cases, were able to contribute information via email for consideration in the vision and/or natural resource lands efforts.

Table 01 – Orienteer interviewees

September 12 - Friday Harbor	**Island residency**
Jim Corenman	San Juan
Jack Cory	San Juan
Tim Gambrell	San Juan
Vicki Heater	Waldron
Bill Appel	Waldron
Deborah Hopkins	San Juan
Linda Lyshall	San Juan
Peter Kilpatrick	San Juan
Victoria Compton	San Juan
September 13 - Orcas	
Patricia Miller	Orcas
Jacob Linnes	Orcas
Tim Blanchard	Orcas
Joe Symons	Orcas
Stephanie Buffum	Shaw
Paul Kamin	Orcas
Jeff Otis	Orcas
September 14 - Lopez	
Peggy Bill	Lopez
Barbara Gurley	Lopez
Rhea Miller	Lopez
Sandy Bishop	Lopez
Kim Pasciuto	Lopez
Marsha deChadenedes	Lopez

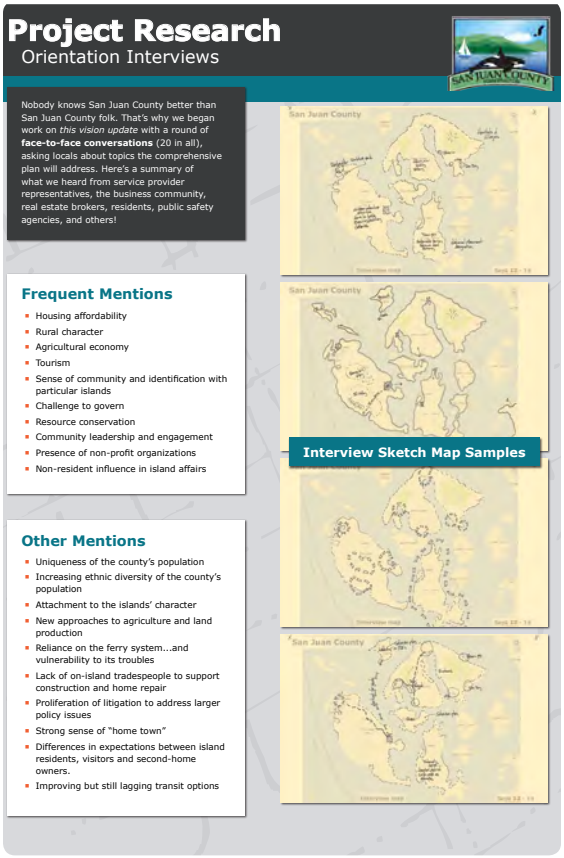


Figure 01 - Orientation interviews covered multiple topics, including some that related to specific areas on individual islands. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

Format

Interviews with the "orienteers" were conceived as 45-minute, one-on-one conversations, where a consultant team member would initiate discussion on a range of vision-related topics. While there were prepared questions to help start the dialogue, each interview soon became less formal and casual.

Interviewees frequently came prepared with their own thoughts and ideas, allowing the interviews to be tailored to the interests and concerns of each participant.

There were three days devoted to these interviews, with each of the days scheduled on different islands. September 12 interviews were hosted in the San Juan County legislative offices in Friday Harbor. Interviews on September 13 occurred at the County's offices in Eastsound. And the final day of interviews were conducted on September 14 in the Windermere Real Estate office in Lopez Village.

Table 02 – Primary interview topics

Topic	Comments
Housing affordability	Many of the interviewees noted that housing is difficult to find, even though there are plenty of units on the island. Proliferation of second homes makes the ownership market tight, with seasonally-occupied houses consuming a lot of the housing supply. Conversion of long-term rentals to short-term or seasonal rentals, a product of tourism's success, makes the rental market tight and drives up rents for units still available.
Rural character	Most appreciate the wooded hills and open fields, but there's little else to define what "rural character" means beyond its aesthetic quality. Concern over incremental subdivision of the rural landscape repeated among interviews.
Agricultural economy	The agricultural economy is changing. Previous productive farmland in crops or livestock have given way to fallow ground or grass farming. New innovations in marketing and product development are changing the way the islands farm and process agricultural goods.
Tourism	Tourism has grown in prominence, both as an economic influence and as a concern among those interviewed. Some believe tourism is the islands' best economic hope, while others aspire to something that is more home-grown and supportive of year-round island residency and prosperity. Many mentioned a list of effects tourism has, and they want to find ways to manage it – both to exploit its benefits and to mitigate impacts on island character.
Island-specific character	Interviewees agree that the individual islands each have individual character, attracting individuals to reside or do business on each based on the unique characteristics and opportunities presented on each island. Policy direction appropriate for one island may not easily apply to all.
Sense of community	There's a sense of a shared lot among islanders, recognizing that resources are scarce, that they enjoy the island lifestyle, and that collective action is an essential part of managing life in a remote place.
Challenges to govern	While the islands are united within the County government, they each have a degree of practical autonomy. The County has established island subarea plans and – in the case of Orcas – a local advisory panel to consider development decisions. Interviewees not located on San Juan Island indicated they would appreciate a closer relationship with the Courthouse, but they also acknowledge the distance between islands makes governing difficult.
Resource conservation	Interviewees recognize that the islands must operate within their resource means, conserving where possible and limiting impacts of development on available resources. However, there was also a realization that there's little information available on how efficiently the water resource is being used today. Any determination to restrict future development – say some – should also be accompanied by an assessment of current use patterns.
Community leadership & engagement	The San Juan County population is highly involved in government and local affairs. Interviewees see this as an asset, with an active community resource available to address local issues on the islands without necessarily relying on governmental action.
Proliferation of non-profit organizations	Consistent with the level of community involvement, interviewees noted that there are more non-profit organizations headquartered in the San Juans than in any other county. Some interviewees noted that many non-profits had focus beyond the islands, addressing issues of regional, state, national and global interest.
Non-resident influence on island affairs	Some interviewees mentioned that there are political interests in play in the San Juans that appear to be driven by seasonal residents and/or activist agendas. The islands have become a regional asset, and people other than those who reside on the islands have an interest in the policy that guides county, business, institutional, and individual actions.

Findings

"Orienteers" came from a variety of backgrounds and expressed a variety of perspectives. Most believe that the existing vision is a solid starting point, describing the characteristics and aspirations that reflect the islands. Most also agree, however, that it is time to update it to address concerns that have arisen over the past 15 years and establish a clear link between the promises implied in the vision and the goals, policies and regulations put in place to achieve them.

Topics frequently mentioned during the interviews, either confirming the current vision or indicating need for some updating, are described in Table 02.

Other topics, less frequently mentioned but still present in the conversations, are listed in Table 03.

These interview findings shaped the design and approach to the pop-up studios and workshops, helping to confirm areas of general agreement and indicating those broad topic areas in need of further exploration.

Table 03 – Secondary interview topics

Topic	Comments
Uniqueness of the population	Those who choose to live in the San Juans – and those who have continued to live here – develop a unique commitment to the place. Though they may disagree on various political issues, they all share a love of this place, the sacrifices living here demands, and the desire to be nowhere else.
Increasing ethnic diversity in population	People living on the islands are not the same as they were when the vision was written 20 years ago. The population is more racially diverse, it's older, it tends to earn less, and the percentage of those households who rent rather than own has increased.
Attachment to island character	Whether it's the rural landscape, the in-town character of Friday Harbor and Eastsound, the hamlets, or the resorts, interviewees acknowledge a deep attachment to the general feel and ambiance of the islands.
New approaches to agriculture and land production	Some interviewees went into detail about how the agricultural economy is shifting, building on the increasing focus on local food and a new social movement of getting people farming again. An interisland farmers' cooperative is attempting to revive smaller farms, and a land trust program is active in preserving farmland and putting it back into crop and livestock production.
Reliance on the ferry system	Though islanders may think of themselves as self-sufficient, local economies and lifestyles still rely on the WA State ferry system. Recent interruptions of service during summer months underscored the critical nature of the relationship.
Lack of on-island labor	Because the housing market is so tight, those who work in the trades and some professions are effectively priced out. Teachers, laborers, tradespeople and many others cannot find housing. It is more than a seasonal housing crunch. The labor shortage is year round.
Proliferation of litigation in governance	Scarcity of natural resources, conflicts over development decisions, and tangles over waterfront development appear to be driving arguments into court. Interviewees noted that litigation – or the threat of it – is a consistent undercurrent in decisionmaking, more so now than it was 20 years ago.
Differences in expectations	Interviewees intimated that recent island arrivals may have expectations about what island living is like than those who have been here for years. It could be an expectation to have a type of job at a particular wage. It could be an expectation to be able to find a variety of goods at a local grocery. It could be an expectation to live anonymously, even though the community is a small one. These expectations underpin satisfaction or dissatisfaction with public policy, and should be acknowledged somehow in the discussion on how to move forward.
Transit options	Interviewees are interested in seeing how the islands will address public transportation as the economy continues to shift. Rising housing costs, declining household incomes, and shifts in employment sectors may increase reliance on transit options.
Proliferation of non-profit organizations	Consistent with the level of community involvement, interviewees noted that there are more non-profit organizations headquartered in the San Juans than in any other county. Some interviewees noted that many non-profits had focus beyond the islands, addressing issues of regional, state, national and global interest.

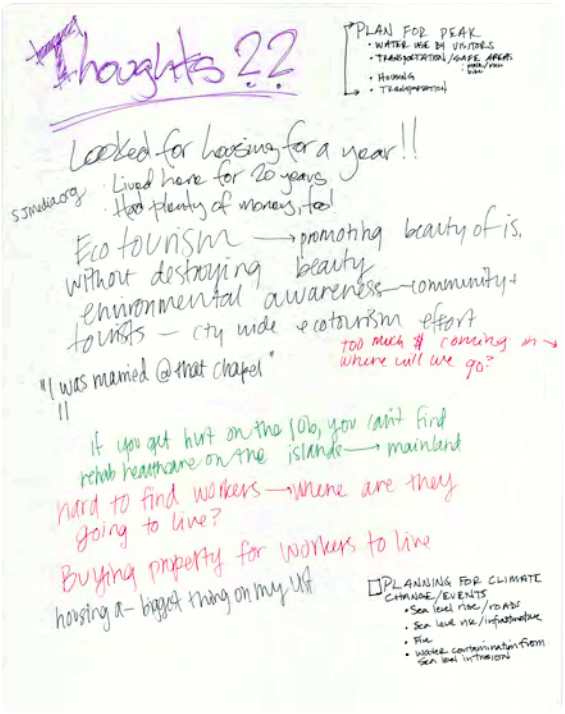


Figure 02 - The flipchart was constant and popular facet of the studio, encouraging and recording participant comments. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

Pop-Up Studio

There were three days of "pop-up" studios in early October, allowing members of the public to speak their minds about the County's future and their hopes.

Intent

By conducting this series of pop-ups, the County intended to provide access into the process for those folks who may not otherwise participate, creating an easy, non-threatening and convenient avenue to enter into conversations about the future of their county. These are voices that do not frequently enter into civic discourse on policy, representing some honest perspectives into what's important to the people who live here.

Format

The studios happened on three consecutive days from October 2 through 4, located at Marketplace in Friday Harbor, Island Market in Eastsound and Lopez Village Market in Lopez Village. The studio, attended by a mix of consultants and County DCD staff, consisted of a 12' x 12' tent, tables, chairs, displays, a flipchart and sketch map. Conversations generally proceeded along a three-track approach:

Hook

An initial, quick hook into the conversation was the minipoll (Appendix C), asking participants to consider five different topics and potential policy responses. It was

designed as a conversation starter, sparking ideas among those taking the time to review the questions.

Conversation

The second step engaged participants in discussions about the topics of interest to them. The conversations were wide ranging, covering topics from animal control to water conservation to housing affordability to tourism impacts. Once engaged, participants usually felt free to voice their thoughts, opinions, recommendations and concerns, happy for the opportunity to speak about whatever occurred to them.

Documentation

The third component of the engagement process was documenting their ideas and demonstrating how they were relevant to the process we were conducting. By noting ideas on a flipchart and sketch map, we tracked their ideas and explained how their comments and suggestions could be addressed in the vision and comprehensive plan update.

Having both consultants and staff on hand allowed the studio team to manage multiple participants simultaneously and provided a wealth of background to answer whatever questions may have arisen. In addition, County Councilmembers joined the team on occasion, allowing island residents direct access to them for topics of special concern.

Figure 03 - Studio visitors actively engaged with staff and consultants to record their thoughts and contribute to the visioning effort. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

Results

Numerous flipchart comments – many written in the hand of those making the comments – tracked the thread of the conversations. Comments were generally consistent with those heard during the initial round of orientation interviews, and they informed the presentations that were made at the workshops in the evenings following the studio days. Several comments urged the County to be more active in providing housing for those who choose to live on the islands, stemming the influx of second homes and the resulting increases in property values and rents. Others indicated concerns

over the availability and quality of the islands' water resource. And others made higher-level political and philosophical comments, asking the County to pay more attention to climate change, availability of elder care and health services, and the quality of ocean waters. It appeared that the popular sentiment generally reflected the topics and direction included in the current vision, with additional emphasis placed on housing, the tourism economy, the shifts in agriculture and the increasing degree of conflict among islanders with differing points of view and expectations.

Workshops

The workshops – held on San Juan (Brickworks), Orcas (Orcas High) and Lopez (Center for Community and the Arts) – invited community members to work together to identify topics of concern, relate those to the existing vision and suggest things the County may be able to do to help resolve the issues they discussed.

Intent

These workshops were intended to bring community members together, causing them to work toward incremental consensus on topics of interest and potential conflict. They allowed the consultant team to reflect on conversations conducted during the studio days and to test those comments against another set

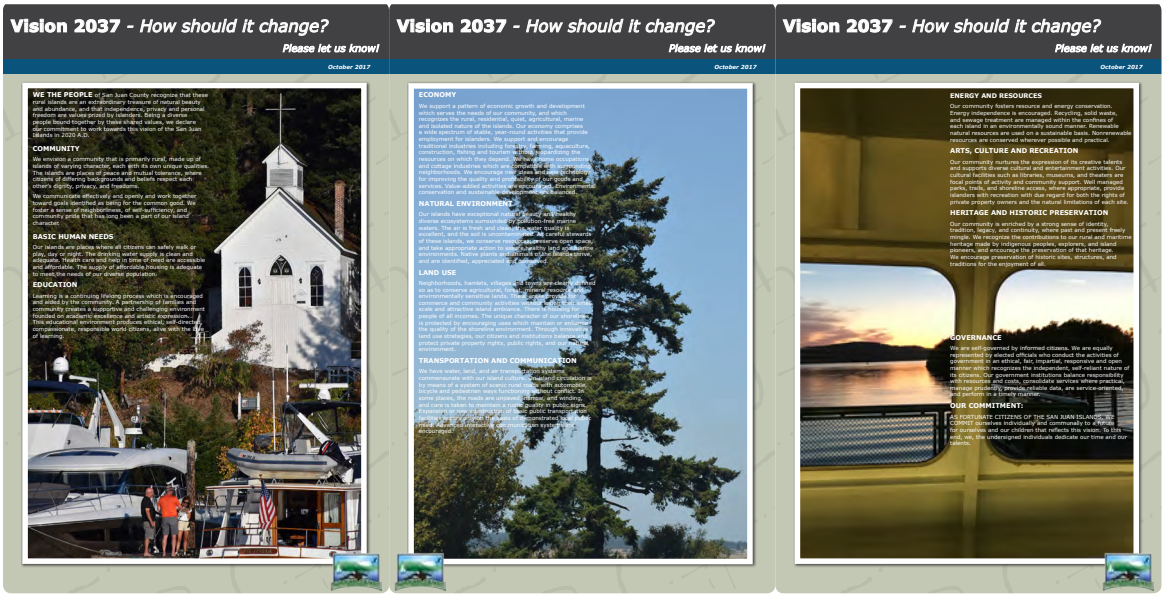


Figure 04 - Participants entering the pop-up studio were able to reference the existing vision, making comments and suggestions on the statement the County adopted nearly 20 years ago. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

of participants, ensuring that the team's understanding of community perspectives was on track.

Format

A presentation on the current vision, the issues raised during the orientation interviews and pop-up studios, and an assessment of the reasons influencing the need to update the vision kicked off the workshop. This presentation was designed to provide participants a level of fluency in and familiarity with the issues and the adopted vision, equipping them to work together in small groups to look more closely at the vision and dissect it in terms of current context. Participant groups used a worksheet to assess each vision topic's success in addressing current conditions in the county, to identify aspirations for the future for each topic and then to allocate resources to close the gap between today and what the group envisioned for tomorrow. Groups made notes on their worksheets to explain their answers and then made presentations of their findings to the rest of the workshop attendees.

Results

The workshops were held on three different islands with the expectation that priorities, expectations, and needs on each may differ. Results in the workshops seem to bear that out, with some threads emerging from the individual island workshops.

The overall response pattern is shown in Table 04. The "By Gap" column refers to the gap between conditions today and what is hoped for in the future. A higher "gap" value indicates that there is a good deal of work to be done. The "By Weight" column refers to the level of resources participants would dedicate to close the gap from a limited available budget. A high weight indicates that participants favor dedication of significant resource to address the issue.

Figure 05 - Workshop participants discussed which components of the vision statement seem to be on target...and which need adjustment. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

Based on workshop results from all three sessions, it appears that the topics of Basic Needs, Energy and Resources, and Transportation need the greatest degree of attention.

Participants seem to believe that the gap between what exists today and what should be sought tomorrow is smallest on the topics of Arts, Culture and Recreation, Community and Heritage, indicating both that the existing vision statement is a good representation of the hoped-for future and that the county appears to be doing well in those items.

Participants would like to see energy devoted to addressing Basic Needs, Energy & Resources, the Economy, the Natural Environment, and Transportation issues. Though each island had a different thought on which vision elements needed the most work, this pattern of assigning resources - with some variance - repeated on all three islands hosting workshops.

Table 04 – Compiled workshop results

By Gap	Total	Mean
Arts, culture & recreation	15..5	0.9
Other	40.5	2.2
Community	44.5	2.5
Heritage	47.5	2.6
Land use	54	3.0
Natural environment	56	3.1
Governance	60	3.3
Economy	62	3.4
Transportation	71	3.9
Energy & resources	71	3.9
Basic needs	79	4.4
By Weight		
Basic needs	61.5	4.1
Energy & resources	40.5	2.7
Economy	37.5	2.5
Natural environment	36.5	2.4
Transportation	35.5	2.4
Land use	24.5	1.6
Community	19	1.3
Governance	14.5	1.0
Other	14	0.9
Heritage	10.5	0.7
Arts, culture & recreation	6	0.4

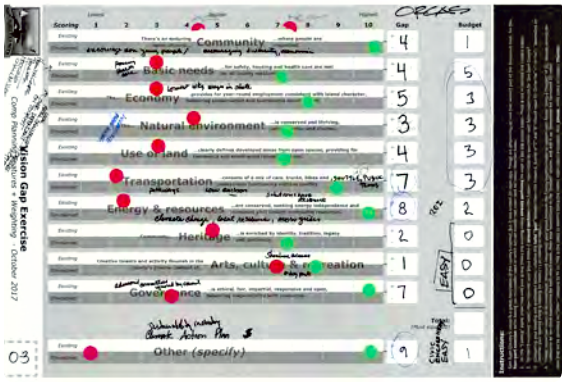


Figure 06 - Worksheets allowed participants to explain their assigned gaps and weights, facilitating group agreement on vision topics. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

San Juan

San Juan participants seemed largely focused on economic development and tourism's role in shaping and energizing the county's economy. There was also keen awareness of the relationship between the Town of Friday Harbor and the rest of the island, with pressure on land development influencing land use, transportation and the provision of services on the town's periphery.

Orcas

The topics of climate change and tourism dominated conversation on Orcas. Participants consistently urged the County to take a leadership role in shaping policy to combat or, at least, recognize climate change, incorporating some method to acknowledge climate change implications in policy and operations. Orcas participants struggle with access to housing on the island, identifying tourism and second home ownership as primary sources for surging home prices

Table 05 – San Juan Island workshop results

By Gap	Total	Mean
Other	4	0.8
Arts, culture & recreation	4.5	0.9
Land use	9	1.8
Heritage	11.5	2.3
Community	12	2.4
Natural environment	14	2.8
Governance	15.5	3.1
Transportation	16.5	3.3
Economy	20	4.0
Basic needs	20.5	4.1
Energy & resources	22	4.4
By Weight		
Basic needs	17	3.4
Economy	17	3.4
Energy & resources	16	3.2
Transportation	12	2.4
Natural environment	9	1.8
Community	6.5	1.3
Land use	6.5	1.3
Governance	6.5	1.3
Heritage	6	1.2
Other	2	0.4
Arts, culture & recreation	1.5	0.3

Table 06 – Orcas Island workshop results

By Gap	Total	Mean
Arts, culture & recreation	8	1.0
Community	24	3.0
Other	27.5	3.4
Economy	29	3.63
Heritage	29	3.6
Natural environment	32	4.0
Land use	34	4.2
Governance	36	4.5
Energy & resources	36.5	4.6
Basic needs	39.5	4.9
Transportation	40	5.0
By Weight		
Basic needs	18	3.6
Natural environment	18	3.6
Transportation	14	2.8
Economy	12	2.4
Land use	11	2.2
Energy & resources	9	1.8
Community	5	1.0
Other	5	1.0
Heritage	3	0.6
Governance	3	0.6
Arts, culture & recreation	2	0.4

and tightness in the rental market. Groups also identified the gradual transformation of the island's rural landscape to large-lot subdivision, sad about the decline in productive agriculture and concerned about the changing character of fields and forests. At the same time, participants also valued the scale and charm of the village and hamlets, wishing they remain essentially as they are. Transportation safety – particularly for cyclists – was also an important issue, balanced by a general desire to keep the roadways looking like rural, country lanes to the degree possible.

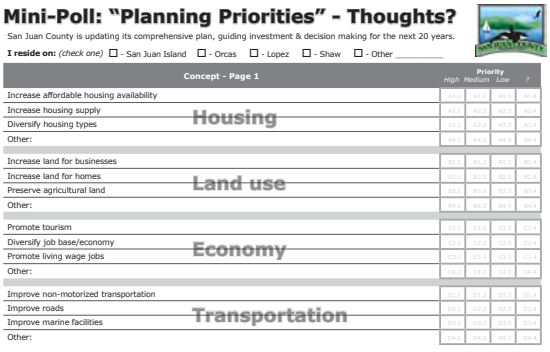
Lopez

Group conversations on Lopez gravitated toward housing availability, social stresses and the quality of drinking water. Participants described multiple stories of working families unable to find adequate housing, citing local island housing projects as models for success in addressing a portion of the need. Participants also identified problems related to domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse, linking them to the economic stresses the island's experiencing related

Table 07 – Lopez Island workshop results

By Gap	Total	Mean
Arts, culture & recreation	8	1.0
Heritage	7	1.4
Governance	8	1.6
Community	8.5	1.7
Other	9	1.8
Natural environment	10	2.0
Land use	11	2.2
Energy & resources	12.5	2.5
Economy	13	2.6
Transportation	14.5	2.9
Basic needs	19	3.8
By Weight		
Basic needs	26.5	5.3
Energy & resources	15.5	3.1
Natural environment	9.5	1.9
Transportation	9.5	1.9
Economy	8.5	1.7
Community	7.5	1.5
Land use	7	1.4
Other	7	1.4
Governance	5	1.0
Arts, culture & recreation	2.5	0.5
Heritage	1.5	0.3

to housing availability, housing costs and declining potency of the island's traditional agricultural sector. Participants also identified saltwater intrusion in to domestic wells as a problem of increasing concern.



Mini-Poll: "Planning Priorities" - Thoughts?

San Juan County is updating its comprehensive plan, guiding investment & decision making for the next 20 years.

I reside on: *(check one)* ☐ - San Juan Island ☐ - Orcas ☐ - Lopez ☐ - Shaw ☐ - Other _____

Concept - Page 1		Priority High	Medium	Low	?
Increase affordable housing availability	Housing	A1.1	A1.2	A1.3	A1.4
Increase housing supply		A2.1	A2.2	A2.3	A2.4
Diversify housing types		A3.1	A3.2	A3.3	A3.4
Other:		A4.1	A4.2	A4.3	A4.4
Increase land for businesses	Land use	B1.1	B1.2	B1.3	B1.4
Increase land for homes		B2.1	B2.2	B2.3	B2.4
Preserve agricultural land		B3.1	B3.2	B3.3	B3.4
Other:		B4.1	B4.2	B4.3	B4.4
Promote tourism	Economy	C1.1	C1.2	C1.3	C1.4
Diversify job base/economy		C2.1	C2.2	C2.3	C2.4
Promote living wage jobs		C3.1	C3.2	C3.3	C3.4
Other:		C4.1	C4.2	C4.3	C4.4
Improve non-motorized transportation	Transportation	D1.1	D1.2	D1.3	D1.4
Improve roads		D2.1	D2.2	D2.3	D2.4
Improve marine facilities		D3.1	D3.2	D3.3	D3.4
Other:		D4.1	D4.2	D4.3	D4.4

Figure 07 - Mini-polll questions asked respondents to prioritize actions on potential policy directions, stimulating conversations about options available to the County as part of the plan update. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

Mini-Poll

The mini-poll results are summarized in Appendix C, providing detail on the specific responses to questions on community priorities. There is also a summary of responses to open ended questions included in the Mini-Poll, where respondents could expand on their answers.

Intent

The mini-poll was intended as a conversation starter, engaging community members during the pop-up studio and workshops. This is a key component of the mini-poll exercise, with a two-way conversation occurring between the respondent and the questionnaire administrator while the respondent is completing the poll. While the results of the mini-poll are informative, they constitute only a portion of the exercise's value. Participants engaged in the mini-poll also frequently added comments to the flip chart and participated in the evening workshop activities.

Instrument

The mini-poll presented a list of five topics, each with a set of potential policy options to address issues on that topic. Respondents rated each by priority, indicating whether they believed the policy option should receive low, moderate or high priority status. Respondents could also indicate no preference if they were unsure or if they disagreed with the policy concept.

Results

There were 212 mini-polls submitted, with more than 350 comments. Respondents generally seemed to favor increasing the housing supply and increasing the diversity of housing types to alleviate the tight housing market and make housing more affordable for full-time island residents.

Respondents also favor preserving agricultural land, just as much for its aesthetic values as for its ability to sustain or re-enter agricultural production. Diversifying the economy and concentrating on providing "living wage" jobs also ranked as high priorities, reducing reliance on tourism and enhancing employment opportunities in other sectors.

On the transportation topic, respondents generally favored improvements to non-motorized facilities over improvements to roads, emphasizing bicycle and pedestrian safety as a critical concern. And respondents are environmentally minded, encouraging the County to promote environmental sustainability, even if that does not translate to additional environmental regulation.

Questionnaire

Questionnaire results are included in Appendix D, detailing how 560 respondents interested in the vision update believe the County should set policy direction for the next 20 years.

Intent

The online questionnaire was intended to check in on the adopted vision, asking residents to consider how well the vision as it stands will guide future policy action. It was also intended to vet workshop results across a larger spectrum of County residents, probing ideas on potential policy shifts to address issues brought up during the studio and workshop sessions.

Instrument

Consisting of 48 questions, 36 of which were open-ended, the questionnaire asked respondents to assess how well each topic-oriented segment of the vision is suited for the islands' future and then to add any additional information as they saw fit. There were also questions embedded in the 48 that tested community reaction to types of policy initiatives, with respondents indicating degree of satisfaction with the proposal and then adding comments as appropriate.

The questionnaire was administered through SurveyMonkey, and the County promoted its availability through direct e-mail, public meetings, social media and other avenues to ensure broad awareness among county residents.

Results

The questionnaire results indicate that the existing vision's elements differ in terms of how well they address the issues on people's minds today. Some scored in the high 80's, meaning there's general consensus that the vision topic is still an acceptable statement, suitable as a policy guide in the comprehensive plan update. Other topics, however, did not score as highly, indicating that some revision may be necessary.

Respondent comments shed some light on the scoring, suggesting alternatives for incorporating new language into the vision topics where necessary or critiquing specific parts of the statements that may need a fresh look.

The questions on policy direction helped to underscore the vision statement's relationship to what policy the County adopts, and respondent comments will likely

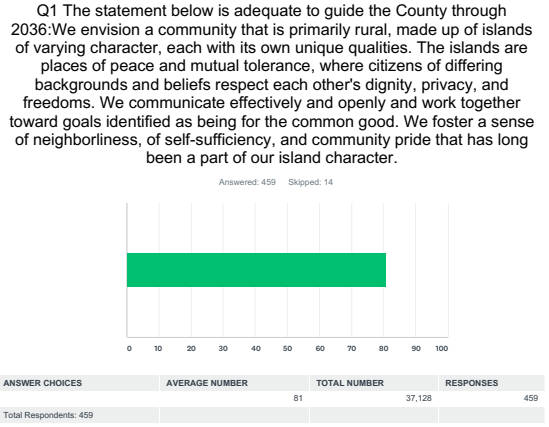


Figure 08 - The questionnaire asked respondents to grade existing vision statement topics on a 100-point scale and then offer comments, as appropriate, for each topic. *(Image source: Studio Cascade Inc.)*

influence the County's initial steps considering policy shifts in response to the updated vision.

There were more than 4,250 written comments in the open-ended questions, and respondents spent an average of 27 minutes with the questionnaire. The level of interest in the plan update is high, and responses represented a wide diversity of opinion. Many responses tested the vision topics against current conditions. Others suggested new wording to replace or modify what is now in place. And others offered new ideas that must be included in the conversation to ensure the vision is a current reflection of the issues on people's minds.

The results are detailed, diverse and rich, helpful to inform policy discussion throughout this comprehensive plan update.

The Vision

San Juan County's existing vision is divided into eleven individual and interrelated topics, each capturing an imaginary snapshot of San Juan County in the year 2020. The vision communicates the community's aspirations as they were in 1999, describing a hoped-for condition to be reached in the 20-year planning horizon.

The following pages present the original text for each of the eleven topics, plus the vision's preamble and conclusion. The discussion following each vision excerpt interprets the results of the community conversation and, where appropriate, suggests how the vision may need to respond and the likely policy implications of any change.

These pages also present the scoring attached to each statement by participants in the process, both in terms of the "gap" and "weight" assigned in the workshops and the grade assigned via the online questionnaire. A "gap" of 10 is the greatest possible score, and any assignment of a "weight" greater than one indicates that the issue is of greater than average importance. Scores in the questionnaire less than 80 indicate that the vision statement may need revision in this update, with sentiment leaning toward inclusion of new topics and/or the reframing of issues introduced in the existing vision statement.

Some of those additional topics include climate change and anticipation of its impacts, the increasing prominence of tourism, alleviating the affordable and accessible housing issue, updating the population forecast and its relationship to the islands' ability to accommodate growth, and a clear distinction between what is meant by "rural" in the county's landscape.

Preamble

WE THE PEOPLE of San Juan County recognize that these rural islands are an extraordinary treasure of natural beauty and abundance, and that independence, privacy and personal freedom are values prized by islanders. Being a diverse people bound together by these shared values, we declare our commitment to work towards this vision of the San Juan Islands in 2020 A.D.

Conversation

This preamble establishes the context within which the vision should be considered. It underscores the essential, unique characteristics that have drawn people here and establishes the core principles underpinning the vision statement that follows. It also establishes the perspective that the vision is presented as an aspirational picture of what the San Juan Islands and its community are to be in the year 2020, presenting a snapshot forecast twenty years into the future.

This preamble will need to be revised to reflect the year 2036 AD, but, other than that, there's little else needing attention.

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Community

We envision a community that is primarily rural, made up of islands of varying character, each with its own unique qualities. The islands are places of peace and mutual tolerance, where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs respect each other's dignity, privacy, and freedoms.

We communicate effectively and openly and work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	2.5/1.3
San Juan:	2.4/1.3
Orcas:	3.0/1.0
Lopez:	1.7/1.5

Survey Score

81 out of 100 – May need adjustment

Core issues

- The vision downplays the increasing tendency to take conflict to the courts for resolution, missing the mutual respect elements embedded in the vision.
- Rural character is desired, but there's little explanation of the values and characteristics embedded in "rural."

Conversation

This statement appears to be generally supported by participants in the process, but there are several concerns about its implications and what might be missing from it. Respondents acknowledge that the unique character of the islands – and the unique characteristics of the individual islands – is a key to what makes this place so attractive. But they differ on how this statement of community can help sustain what makes the county so special. For example, some emphasize that acting in the "common good" is essential. Others fear trampling of individual choice and the inappropriate influence of special interests. Part of this conflict is the degree to which off-island stakeholders may control the community discussion and policy, where folks who strive to make a living on island believe their concerns may count for less.

Those commenting on this vision excerpt noted that the value of mutual respect and "neighborliness" is at risk, hoping to find constructive ways to reinstate civic discourse and resolve conflict. There is agreement that folks will disagree, and there's agreement that we need to find more effective ways to solve the issues that face the islands.

Commenters also noted that some of the language needs to be both broadened and made more specific, replacing "citizens" with "residents," for example, and questioning the true intent behind terms like "self-sufficiency," "pride," and "privacy." Others believe there's little in the

vision that differentiates the San Juan County community from other rural places, and that anything deserving to be included in the statement should be deliberate, descriptive, and differentiating.

The "rural" character appears to be highly regarded, with respondents varying on suggestions of what it actually implies. Other vision components, such as land use and natural resource topics, may help define it in more detail.

Basic Human Needs

Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	4.39/4.1
San Juan:	4.1/3.4
Orcas:	4.9/3.6
Lopez:	3.8/5.3

Survey Score

63 out of 100 – Will need revision

Core issues

- Finding housing accessible to working families and individuals is a critical challenge, with half of all residential units devoted to short-term rental or second homes.
- Reliable and sustainable availability of safe drinking water appears to be at risk, but any real understanding of how that relates to future development potential relies on an accurate assessment of present water use.
- Many services related to basic needs are influenced by factors beyond local control.

Conversation

While respondents scored the existing vision's language relatively low, it seems the dissatisfaction was more in the way policy fails to implement it. Commenters also indicated that this single statement blends too much, suggesting that vision related to water should be addressed elsewhere. Many comments attempted to break out the topics into three or four separate response threads.

Safety

Most acknowledge that safety is a critical need, but there is reluctance to build sidewalks and bike lanes throughout the islands. There appears to be a reasonable balance between designing for safety and maintaining the rural character outside developed areas. People already feel safe, except for situations involving community drug use or where streets appear to be dangerous.

Drinking water

There are varying opinions regarding the state of drinking water today, but there's relative unanimity in the concern for both quantity and quality in the future. Respondents mentioned saltwater intrusion into ground water, varying degrees of ground water availability on different islands in different places, changes in water quantity as a result of climate change, and the concept of "carrying capacity" of the water resource. These comments, and others, may warrant moving the

water portion of this vision topic into the natural resources and land use topics for more detailed exploration.

Health care

Concerns about affordable health care appear to be universal. But some believe this is something the market should decide, others believe whatever happens in the county will be the result of shifts beyond local control, and others look to local government to somehow intervene. Instances related to closing elder care facilities and the consolidation of medical services were cited as examples of what the future might bring if nothing is done.

Housing

A large majority of respondents, in every public engagement opportunity, mentioned the lack of affordable, available housing for the local workforce. Some termed it a crisis, ripe for deliberate public action. Others favored a more market-based approach, mixing a variety of zoning and economic incentives to stimulate development of housing that complements island character and is affordable to those households who live on the islands full time and make their living in the county. In terms of policy, respondents seem somewhat open to creative land use strategies to incorporate housing in rural areas and in developed villages and hamlets – provided it all is consistent with the islands' overall rural character.

Policy Implications

Some of the questions in the workshops and community-wide questionnaire explored possible policy shifts in response to community ideas on the vision. Conversations at the pop-up studios and workshops frequently turned to the "so what?" part of a vision discussion, and many questionnaire responses asked essentially the same thing, probing for relevance. While not all of the vision topics were addressed in the policy exploration, describing what we heard may help refine the vision as the planning process continues and provide initial direction on possible policy shifts.

Accessibility to housing is a prime concern, and participants at the studios, workshops and surveys had some suggestions on what might be done to alleviate the pressure. The online questionnaire explored some of the possibilities with a pair of questions, each looking at ways to increase the supply of housing for year-round island residents.

Changes to the vision will likely include increased emphasis on the provision of housing affordable to year-round residents, but the real changes looming appear to be more in the policy realm, where the County may choose to adopt policies focused on increasing the housing supply and diversifying the housing mix. These are things finding support in the mini-poll and workshop exercises, with cautions about impact on rural character emerging in the questionnaire.

Education

Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Was not included in workshop exercise.

Survey Score

79 out of 100 – Will need adjustment

Core issues

- Lifelong learning is an underpinning of this statement, encouraging adults to explore and expand their knowledge, but the future of public schools and the education of the islands' youth may be uncertain as demography continues its upward aging shift.
- It's not entirely clear to respondents why this section is included in the vision.

Conversation

Not everyone agrees that there is a place for this topic in the vision, and some indicate its language is essentially unfocused and meaningless. Many who agree that it should be here, however, suggest some revisions to recognize the wealth of educational resources that already exist, downplay the focus on academic excellence, overcome institutional barriers to creativity and efficiency, emphasize the differences between education for kids and youth and that for adults, incorporate vocational and trades education, and reinforce the community's tie to the rural landscape. Some believe the statement is right on target, setting worthy aspirations for the plan to facilitate becoming reality.

Respondents also noted that innovation is essential, and should be encouraged at all age levels.

Policy Implications

This topic attracted several comments about the type and audience of education policy. There are some suggested revisions to the policy language in questionnaire responses that focus on a more egalitarian learning environment and one equally based on experience as on academic excellence.

Policy implications are modest, perhaps indicating a shift to more collaborative learning opportunities to advance a more diverse mix of economic sectors. Programs run with colleges and universities may encourage vocational learning or specialized study in environmental management, both topics of great concern in survey responses. Other policy shifts on this topic

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may grow out of continued discussion, particularly on innovative partnerships.

Economy

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. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We have home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.4/2.5
San Juan:	4.0/3.4
Orcas:	3.6/2.4
Lopez:	2.6/1.7

Survey Score

75 out of 100 – Will need adjustment

Core issues

- Housing is too expensive for many islanders, causing many, including tradespeople and entry-level professionals, to settle for substandard or distant housing.
- The resource-based economic sector referenced in the vision is weakening and undergoing transition, playing a less significant role in the area's economy than the one implied.
- Shifts to a more tourism-based economy relies on a number or lower-paying, seasonal jobs in contradiction to the year-round, stable employment called for in the vision.

Conversation

Economic influences hinted at in the existing vision have become more potent, exacerbating the availability of affordable housing, shifting the character of island agriculture and placing increasing emphasis on income from tourism. These three topics repeated in various forms throughout the vision conversation.

Housing

Every public engagement event included conversations about the difficulty in finding housing on the islands for the folks who work here. The market for second homes and short-term rentals has rendered more than half of the existing residential units unavailable for year-round residents. Those who live here must compete in the high-priced market, paying rents that compete with potential revenues from seasonal vacation rentals.

Agriculture

While the rural character of the islands is cherished, there is not a strong agricultural economy in place to support it. Much of the land historically used for farming and livestock operations has dropped out of production, in many cases making the transition from crop to grass farming, going fallow or being subdivided into smaller acreage. There is some activity focusing on reinventing San Juan County's agricultural economy, concentrating on local food ethics and resilience, niche value added production, cooperative marketing and transport, and agritourism. These efforts represent a fundamental change in the economics of agriculture in the islands, potentially creating a sector that will become more significant if they succeed.

Tourism

Tourism's impacts touch a variety of aspects of living on the islands. The tourism sector generates a profound amount of economic activity in the county, and seasonal hotel occupancy, tour excursions, dining, and other services are busy beyond capacity in summer months. But this seasonality makes managing the year-round reality of employment, housing, transportation, and education for island residents challenging.

Visitors bring opportunity for island business. Economic development efforts attempt to maximize the spin-off benefits from tourism activity while also using the funds generated from that activity to spawn and nourish economic diversification. The goal of increased economic resilience is shared broadly, but the means of attaining it now largely appear to revolve around the success of the tourism industry and the dedication of a portion of tourism-generated revenues to reinventing a viable, year-round economy.

Policy Implications

Every conversation in this process about economics at some point involved tourism. Workshop participants devoted significant effort to exploring the vision statement's inclusion of adjectives like year-round, self-sufficient, and family wage and how they may really be compared to what the islands are experiencing. In the eyes of many, the vision's aspirations are falling short in practice and lack the emphasis needed to shape effective County policy. The questionnaire built upon those workshop conversations and asked how people felt about different aspects in managing economic policy to effect the type of shift participants seem to desire.

While the vision may need to adapt to increasing concerns about tourism's dominance, it may also need to address more clearly hopes for a reinvention of the agricultural sector and the sustained diversity of economic activity overall, ensuring a robust and capable service and trades sector to serve the needs of island residents and businesses.

Policy shifts may also be likely, responding to differing expectations of economic prosperity held by those who live on the islands. For some, island living is an exercise of getting by, finding ways to earn enough to continue living in the place they love. They expect that economic reward is necessarily limited by the smallness of the island community and the county's relative remoteness.

For others, the expectation is one of prosperity. These people expect that wages should be comparable to those found in the state's more connected and metropolitan areas. The cost of living is high in the islands, and, for these people, earnings should keep pace.

One set of expectations is geared to adapting to the island context. Another is geared to advancing the islands' economy to increase overall wealth. This is a potential contradiction the County's policy will need to address, all within the envelope of a vision that underscores economic adaptability, innovation and an equitable distribution of resources and opportunities among islanders.

Natural Environment

Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soil is uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.1/2.4
San Juan:	2.8/1.8
Orcas:	4.0/2.4
Lopez:	2.0/1.7

Survey Score

79 out of 100 – May need adjustment

Core issues

- Many of the topics of central concern have solutions that are beyond local control, relying on other agencies and actors.
- The availability of drinking water is largely unknown, and many residents are critically interested in how water availability will influence population growth policy.

Conversation

This is a broad topic, with enough interest to generate more than 250 comments in the online questionnaire. Many of the comments mentioned a desire for increased biodiversity, soil fertility and a recognition of the regional ecosystem's fragility. Others advocated for increased inclusion of property rights and private sector action into the conversation, acknowledging that governmental must form partnerships with individuals and groups who have invested in the islands. And other comments pointed to the desalination plants and saltwater intrusion into groundwater as evidence that our existing vision has not been matched by adopted policy, either by the County or by the state and federal agencies responsible for environmental management.

Respondents in the questionnaire, and mini-poll, as well as those engaged in community workshops understand that the natural environment has become key to the islands' economic survival, either as a tourist attraction or as a place to accommodate human settlement. The vision may need adjustment to underscore its importance, both as part of an ecosystem whose intricate interrelationships may be at risk and as an engine that enables people to continue to live here.

Policy Implications

The availability and quality of natural resources, the preservation of sensitive habitat, and the conservation of the islands' aesthetic values speak directly to those character elements that keep residents satisfied with their county. While this range of topics is both

broad and full of potential for conflict, the questionnaire explored a couple of options that may help how the County enters into the policy discussion as part of its comprehensive plan update.

Climate change

Questionnaire respondents believe that the County should adopt policy that would incorporate climate change consideration in its decisions. With a score of 85 in the survey - also bolstered by a high priority given environmental sustainability in the mini-poll - this topic and approach seems to have broad support. Some resist it, though, concerned that it may be just another layer of bureaucratic busywork that will distract the County from accomplishing its core missions.

Carbon footprint

On a related note, the questionnaire probed the topic of the County actively seeking to reduce its carbon footprint. Inclusion of biodiesel and electric fleet vehicles, increased reliance on remote communication, reduction of the waste stream and its transportation off-island, and revising operations for the County's marine fleet are examples of the variety of suggestions.

Habitat

Many respondents noted that habitat conservation and management policies and practices are not working. Citing the decline in forage fish and orca whales, the denuding of nearshore habitat, disappointment in the recent shoreline master program, and other considerations, respondents suggested the County review its environmental policies to ensure that habitat management is more effective.

Enforcement

New County policy may also need to address enforcement of environmental regulations. Some respondents believe the County is inconsistent in what and how it enforces environmental regulations and that the degree of penalty may not correspond to the degree of offense.

Education

Increased public awareness of ecosystem functions and interdependencies may increase local support for environmental protection, many respondents claim. If an educational program succeeds, it may actually reduce the need for draconian enforcement and restrictive policy, elevating awareness of the issues and encouraging individual action. County policy may shift to encourage this type of collaborative approach.

Stewardship

Part of a collaborative approach would almost certainly involve partnerships in stewardship. Respondents hope that those who farm would be recognized for their efforts to enhance biodiversity and soil fertility, providing opportunities for animals and sensitive habitats to flourish. This may also extend to those who own property along the

shoreline, particularly to voluntarily maintain natural landscape in the uplands and waterward forage fish habitat. County policy may shift to explicitly encourage and expect this type of perspective, potentially even creating a system of incentives to make this even more persuasive an approach.

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Land Use

Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resource and environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. There is housing for people of all incomes. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, and our natural environment.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.0/1.6
San Juan:	1.8/1.3
Orcas:	4.2/2.2
Lopez:	2.2/1.4

Survey Score

74 out of 100 – Will need adjustment

Core issues

- Rural character is becoming less about actual agricultural use and more about the atmosphere and aesthetics provided by open fields and forests.
- Housing is not easily available for people living year-round on the islands and part of the workforce.
- Existing levels of development already permitted by zoning may make growth management challenging.

Conversation

Process participants almost universally consider the San Juans a rural landscape, with fields and forested mountainsides defining the county's overall character. There's a sense of nostalgia over the past these landscapes imply and a hope that the same type of overall landscape will persist even as the economy and conditions on the islands have changed.

Visual character

These rural elements define the places on the islands. And the historic ways the hamlets, villages and town have developed conforms to this rural landscape and redefines it. Taken together, the countryside and towns create an idyllic image islanders hold dear. The desire to retain this image influences public debate on land use, economic development and multiple other topics.

Urban form

A key component of this conversation on visual character is the definition of the urban form for those places that are more intensely developed than the open fields and rural areas. Questionnaire respondents and participants in the pop-up studios and workshops seem to favor a discrete division between what's urban and what's not,

emphasizing the division in space between the fields and the town. There's almost universal disdain for a suburban development pattern, favoring a dense, small urban place over scattered residential subdivision.

Housing

The community's concern about housing availability is reinforced throughout the public discussion on the vision update. But it's the land use element that results in the changes to zoning to permit the housing and the diversity of housing that people seem to want. Questions will continue to play out in the policy update to ensure that the right type of housing is planned for the appropriate locations. But, generally, support for more housing seems to exist...with two important caveats.

- Any new housing must be developed in a manner that is compatible with and enhances its surroundings.
- Any new housing must not impair the islands' ability to provide for the people who are already here, either by diminishing availability of the water resource or damaging the quality of the natural environment.

Shoreline

Many respondents indicated disappointment in the recently adopted shoreline master program, believing it inappropriately allows development in sensitive shoreline areas. But others also acknowledged that most of the shoreline is in private ownership and that some degree of reasonable use must be allowed. In most cases, respondents would look for increased conservation of natural shorelines, as well as increased public access to the waters that surround the islands. These desires seem to echo what is already included in the vision.

Carrying capacity

Several respondents voiced concern over the maximum level of human habitation the islands can accommodate. The principal issue is water availability, implying that increased development - presumably of the same type that now exists - would diminish the amount of water availability beyond its ability to recover. There is a segment favoring a comprehensive study of water availability, using the limitations of this resource as a basis for setting an upper limit to potential population growth. There is also sentiment that such a study might be unwelcome, assessing the amount of water currently used by existing development and potentially impacting their abilities to continue established use based on rate of consumption. Whether based on water or not, islanders appear concerned that there's no apparent upper limit to growth and the impacts that growth will have on island quality of life.

Consistency

It appears in the questionnaire responses: concerns that the vision promises a picture of the islands that the policies and regulations

have not delivered. While people tend to agree that the vision presents a desired state of being, they are disappointed that the state of being seems so distant. This argues for keeping the vision statement largely intact and for closely reviewing the policies and regulations to ensure that they are consistent with the vision's promise.

Land management & agriculture

Participants in the process and those responding to the questionnaire repeated references to the land bank. Some think it is overly present, taking land off the tax rolls that could otherwise contribute to the County's fiscal health. Others think it is an effective tool for open space preservation but look to places like Lopez Island for a model applicable countywide. They want to see trust land put to use to revitalize local agriculture, writing down the cost of land ownership to allow local farmers to compete. This might inject alternative nuance into the vision's agricultural reference, confirming agriculture's importance but implying use of a trust to lower barriers to entry.

Balance

There is conflict about who's rights rank higher. Some respondents believe the rights of the commons outweigh the rights of the individual. Some believe the rights of the individual - particularly associated with private property - are fundamental and not easily restricted. The County has to balance these conflicting interests. The existing vision seems to hit this target well, though not everyone responding to the survey agrees that balance is what is needed.

Policy Implications

There's a shortage of available housing. People are concerned about the incremental development of farmland and hillsides. New ag-related uses and industry are beginning to take hold. Second homes are popular on the islands, and tourism is going strong. The county's land use environment is changing, and policy has to shift to keep pace. The online questionnaire examined a handful of ideas brought up at the workshops, looking for feedback and reaction.

Revitalizing the ag economy

Whether it is supported by a land bank and trust's charter or driven entirely by private initiative, people support a new agricultural economy. They want to see land that was historically used for crops and livestock put back into production. County policy may intervene to influence or encourage a return to production, and that would likely win general support.

Field and forest preservation

The rural landscape is something the community universally favors. But there is some concern that the actual agricultural activities - like water withdrawal for irrigation, movement of farm equipment on County roads, the use of pesticides and herbicides, and the processing

of farm and forest products in agricultural areas - might create impacts island residents do not like. A follow-up question in the online survey asked about this, exploring whether people would like to preserve the forests and fields for their aesthetic and environmental value and not necessarily as an agricultural resource. The average score was 70, indicating some support for the idea. But many of the comments indicated reluctance, wondering how the lands would be managed, suspicious of greater governmental involvement, and curious who would pay to take land out of whatever production it might be in. Some believe the land is a scarce resource and that all agricultural land should be retained to satisfy future demand for farming.

Expansion of rural uses

In another "bonus" question, respondents reacted to whether the spectrum of permitted uses in rural areas should be expanded. The intention would be to promote more economic diversity in the rural areas, making it easier to hold land in its generally undeveloped condition. Respondents scored the question with a 54, indicating a high level of doubt in what this type of approach might actually accomplish. Most of the disagreement stems from concerns over traffic from these more intensely used rural parcels having to access distant townsites for goods and services. Others indicated concerns over increased water withdrawal and a lack of confidence in that the design of these "broader uses" would be regulated well enough to ensure the rural character of the area is maintained. Most indicated a desire to know more about what "broader uses" might entail, possibly accepting of some ideas and less accepting of others. The principal point of alignment is concern over rural character, so any potential County policy on this should prioritize compatibility with the rural landscape and the opportunity to restore historic agricultural activities in the future.

Definition of townscape

It may be time to take a closer look at how to define and enhance the division between what is rural countryside and what is not. This exercise would need to revisit the County's rural zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that they conform to the division of the two types of landscape and reinforce the channeling of more intense development into the hamlets, villages and town. Even if additional land uses are permitted in rural areas, there must be care devoted to stemming what is seen as the "suburbanization" of the islands and the creation of five-acre lots by default.

Transportation and Communication

We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only on the basis of demonstrated local public need. Advanced interactive communication systems are encouraged.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.9/2.4
San Juan:	3.3/2.4
Orcas:	5.0/2.8
Lopez:	2.9/1.9

Survey Score

71 out of 100 – Will need revision

Core issues

- The county's roads are perceived as unsafe, making people reluctant to walk or ride bikes and potentially endangering those who do.
- The islands rely heavily on the State's ferry system and count on its continued reliability and adequacy of service.
- Traffic congestion and continued reliance on the car for daily needs - particularly during tourist season - may drive a scale of improvements that jeopardize rural character.
- There are different expectations of what needs the roadways serve, and design standards may not universally apply.
- Inclusion of "interactive communication" in this portion of the vision is not entirely understood.

Conversation

Transportation is a crucial and multi-layered topic. The transportation network provides access to markets, access to critical services and access to property. The system's design shapes the ways and intensities of development, with whatever happens in terms of land use dependent on the capacity and character of access the transportation network provides.

The system moves people and goods, generally at speeds and in vehicles greater than would be possible without it. And it accommodates a variety of modes of travel, moving trucks, cars, busses, cyclists and pedestrians.

Character

Different expectations for roadway character may not match the County's uniform standards for roadway design. According to participant comments, there are distinctly different needs of roadways depending on where they are and what type of land uses they serve. Some county roads in more remote areas may be quite suitable as gravel, narrow roadways, serving sparse development and low traffic volumes at very low speeds. Other rural roads may serve greater traffic, but they may be located in places with the type of surroundings that dictate low speeds, tight curves, steeper pitch, and lanes. Still other countryside roads would also need to accommodate higher speeds, greater volumes and share their function with cyclists and pedestrians. These roads could include bike lanes or, in some cases, separated sidewalks or multi-use trails, to remove cyclists and pedestrians from the vehicular realm altogether.

Roads and streets in and near the hamlets, villages and towns may need a similar set of design criteria, intended to meet the unique demands of higher use by cars, cyclists and pedestrians, moving locally in a more highly congested area. These roads and streets would need to be designed to enhance the character of the townscape, a completely different design regime than one intended for application in the rural landscape of the countryside.

Cyclists

Participants in the process have noted that cyclists feel at risk on the islands, whether they're year-round residents, second homeowners, or vacationing tourists. Blind curves, narrow roadways, and limited pull-outs make cyclists fear for their safety, particularly on main roads linking ferry terminals to population centers and tourist destinations.

Public transportation

The existing vision calls for the expansion of public transit upon demonstrated need. But survey respondents and participants at the studios and workshops believe transit should take a more proactive position. Comments about reducing roadway congestion during summer months, serving employment centers as part of an economic development strategy, and reducing demand by single-occupant vehicles on the ferry system all argue for deliberate investment in the public transportation system in advance of apparent demand.

Technology

The vision statement includes communications technology in this topic, but that confused participants in this process. Still, the topic of communications technology is becoming one of increasing importance. Respondents commented about the hopes for increased Internet access throughout the islands and for decreased visibility of cell phone towers. The communications network has become a foundation for contemporary economies and social interaction, and participants in this process want to make it more accessible and less visible.

The amount of attention paid to a single sentence in this vision statement may indicate a need to more exhaustively address technology as an independent topic in the updated vision. If one is created, it can incorporate communications, smart transportation systems, driverless vehicles, energy generation and conservation, education and economic development, all topics receiving comments from participants in this process.

Policy Implications

Investments made in the transportation system tend to last. The roads scratched into the valleys, hills and towns define routes of travel, connect destinations and shape the visual impressions people have of the islands. They're also busy at times, serving the needs of car drivers, freight haulers, cyclists and pedestrians. Workshop participants acknowledged that their desire for rural character on county roads may not always reconcile with their desire for bike and pedestrian safety on those same corridors.

The online questionnaire tested a few thoughts on transportation policy, and the community response may help as the plan's policy updates take shape.

Road standards

The County may want to revisit its road design standards to ensure its manual of road and street types correspond to the context in which they are set and the patterns of use they expect to serve. Not all countryside roads need dedicated or separated bike facilities, but some almost certainly do. Not all roads need to be paved. And streets in places like Eastsound may not need to be the same as those adjacent to Friday Harbor or in Lopez Village.

Non-motorized transportation

San Juan County is seen by many as a destination for cyclists. Some locals bike, too, both for fun and as a daily work commute. The reality is that the county's roads accommodate cars, trucks and bikes, but they're not all equally up to the task. Respondents believe the County can do better, even if there are programs to encourage pathways and trails that do not necessarily follow roadway corridors.

Public transportation

There are a handful of transit operators in the county now, and participants would like to see the systems expanded to serve the needs of the community and island visitors. Whether it has the effect of encouraging walk-on passengers in Anacortes or helping intra-island commuters on Orcas to get to Eastsound, respondents think it is worth the try.

Energy and Resources

Our community fosters resource and energy conservation. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.9/2.7
San Juan:	4.4/3.2
Orcas:	4.6/1.8
Lopez:	2.5/3.1

Survey Score

83 out of 100 – May need adjustment

Core issues

- It has proven challenging to initiate and sustain conservation and recycling efforts, mostly because the market for recycled materials is inconsistent and beyond local control.
- Generalized awareness of the need for energy and resource conservation has not fully translated to policy and action.

Conversation

Topics like waste reduction, waste stream diversion, recycling, upcycling, reuse, and composting made frequent appearances in the online questionnaire responses. Community members believe there is more that can be done, with some of it under the influence of County policy. Community members also believe that San Juan County can become a leader in energy and resource conservation, converting where practical to biodiesel and electric vehicles, supporting use of rain barrels and gray water and encouraging the implementation of conservation strategies for water districts and utilities.

Respondents also believe solutions should not be limited to individual islands, suggesting that a more cooperative series of solutions may be worthwhile. And many agree that it is imperative to reduce the consumption of plastics in the islands and to reduce the amount of solid waste and septage transported off island for disposal.

Policy Implications

Perhaps the most significant policy implications resulting from comments are to encourage creativity in waste stream management, facilitating on-site and commercial composting and actively increasing availability of energy from renewable sources. These strategies can be approached with little political risk. Other strategies, such as implementing reporting requirements for water withdrawals from private wells or limiting development to areas serviced by water utilities or districts, will be more controversial. Still, the County may wish to consider these measures, too, particularly if there is a move to more thoroughly understand how the water resource is being put to use.

Arts, Culture and Recreation

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Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	0.9/0.4
San Juan:	0.9/0.3
Orcas:	1.0/0.4
Lopez:	0.6/0.5

Survey Score

86 out of 100 – May not need adjustment

Core issues

- Some of the islands' recreational assets have limited access, and may be located on or accessed through private property.
- Shoreline access is desired by the community, but it is limited by the extent of private property ownership along the waterfront.

Conversation

Participants in the process generally believe the county's recreational assets are top notch, complemented by an active community arts and cultural scene. Community theater is popular, and the islands are home to a multitude of artists. Folks are generally satisfied with the existing situation, and they're generally satisfied with the way the existing vision captures where they'd like to be tomorrow.

However, there are some areas in which respondents would like to see improvement, mostly in terms of access to recreational amenities and in access to the shoreline for non-motorized and hand-carried watercraft.

Policy Implications

Though the community seems mostly satisfied with the islands' arts, culture and recreation environment, there are come suggestions that might inform policy adjustments. For instance, the County may wish to explore opportunities for rural, unpaved pathways through fields and forests where property owners agree to have them, providing alternate and interesting recreational and transportation experience for cyclists and hikers.

The community is not eager to dedicate significant resources to the effort, hoping that the County and its property owner partners can find ways to work together to encourage enhancement of the recreational context.

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LARGEST LIME WORKS WEST OF
COMPANY STORE
ROCHE HARBOR

Heritage and Historic Preservation

Our community is enriched by a strong sense of identity, tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present freely mingle. We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage the preservation of that heritage. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	2.6/0.7
San Juan:	2.3/1.2
Orcas:	3.63/0.6
Lopez:	1.4/0.3

Survey Score

85 out of 100 – May not need adjustment

Core issues

- There is a contradiction between preservation for artifact value v. preservation as viable use.
- Priorities underpinning what is a worthwhile preservation objective may not be universal.

Conversation

In general, participants in this process are satisfied with the way the community identifies and preserves its historical and cultural resources.

Where differences emerge, they usually focus on the ways in which the indigenous peoples of the Salish Sea are recognized and what constitutes a worthy historical asset. Respondents who commented on indigenous people recognition universally seek a broader and more meaningful interpretation and retelling of the communities who predated European settlement. They may differ on approach, but the intent is similar.

Policy Implications

Policy implications here are few, and may be targeted at encouraging comprehensive interpretation of pre-European stories, complementing efforts to broaden the educational experience for those living on and visiting the islands. Some who commented in the survey indicated that increased understanding of indigenous ways may also help achieve other policy objectives focused on resource conservation, wildlife recovery, biodiversity and reconciliation of community conflict. Whether that is the case or not, it can add to the civic discussion of the issues and lend historic context to the issues facing island inhabitants for centuries.

EXIT
LIBRARY

Governance

We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner.

Workshop Gap/Weight

Overall:	3.3/1.0
San Juan:	3.1/1.3
Orcas:	4.5/0.6
Lopez:	1.6/1.0

Survey Score

77 out of 100 – Will need adjustment

Core issues

- Representation, decision-making and provision of services is a challenge in the multi-island environment.
- Urbanization of Eastsound and the management of land development there and elsewhere in the county is a concern.

Conversation

There were several comments complimenting San Juan County for its efforts to govern, and there were also several reflecting skepticism and doubt. Many - including those commenting from both sides of that spectrum - made suggestions on how to improve services, accountability and philosophy. Most also seemed to confirm the vision statement as written, wishing that today's governance environment were as pictured there.

But some took issue with some of the terms embedded in the statement, believing, for instance, that "self-reliant" was erroneous given the islands' dependence on mainland economies and individual reliance on things like roads, schools and services provided by others.

However, people generally approve of the close relationship intimated here between those who serve in government and those who are served by them. Government is an aspect of community here and not a separate entity, and that appears to be a very valuable characteristic for those who live in the islands.

Policy Implications

Most of the comments with policy implications revolve around transparency, accessibility and provision of timely, responsive services. There is a desire for increased transparency in the land bank, an increased use of data and science in decision-making and a decreased level of influence in government from special interest groups. The spectrum of comments illustrates the type of opinion diversity that make community conversations here a crucial part of governing.

Conclusion

AS FORTUNATE CITIZENS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WE COMMIT ourselves individually and communally to a future for ourselves and our children that reflects this vision. To this end, we, the undersigned individuals dedicate our time and our talents.

Conversation

As with the preamble and the topic on governance, this conclusion underscores the individual resident's relationship to the course of the County's future. The entire community depends on the collective action of its individuals, and this conclusion drives that point home.

There is no need to revise this portion of the vision, except, perhaps to change "citizens" to "residents" and cast a broader net to ensure it is not just the undersigned but the entire county population who is bought into and part of this vision.

Findings

Tables 07, 08 and 09 summarize results from the workshops and questionnaire, examining different aspects of what participants have suggested during the process.

Grade

Since the vision statement is seeking general consensus, an expectation in the update has been to get the new vision as close as practical to universal agreement. Where online questionnaire respondents have scored individual vision topic statements with a grade of 80 or higher, the County may want to consider those statements close to being "in the bank" for purposes of this update exercise.

While not all respondents agree that these more highly-scoring topic statements are perfect, most believe they are close enough to shape policy. Specific fine-tuning may be desirable, tackling individual word changes to emphasize some aspects or clarify others. But these are minor adjustments, reinforcing that the work done 20 years ago still serves as a relevant and important aspiration.

Those topics scoring below 80 will need additional attention, likely worth revising during the policy discussion. Topics related to housing affordability, economic development, resource conservation, and transportation, for example, deserve another look. Discontent over the way the existing vision characterizes the future appears to be rooted in different expectations and aspirations, and further discussion will be needed to explore what residents hope for and how differing viewpoints can be reconciled into a single policy direction.

Table 07 – Questionnaire scoring, by topic

Topic	Score
Arts, culture and recreation	86
Heritage and historic preservation	85
Energy and resources	83
Community	81
Education	79
Natural environment	79
Governance	77
Economy	75
Land use	74
Transportation and communication	71
Basic needs	63

Gap

Workshop participants identified the greatest gaps between today's conditions and the hoped-for future condition for each of ten vision topics. Based on those workshops, it appears the greatest gaps relate to topics of basic needs,

Other topics seem to more closely relate the community's conditions to what participants hope for in the future. The work to be accomplished by policy is not as extreme, though some will certainly need to be done in concert with other policy updates to make progress on whatever gap exists.

Table 08 –Workshop gap results

Topic	Gap
Basic needs	4.4
Transportation and communication	3.9
Energy and resources	3.9
Economy	3.4
Governance	3.3
Natural environment	3.1
Land use	3.0
Heritage and historic preservation	2.6
Community	2.5
Arts, culture and recreation	0.9

Priority

Workshop participants also indicated how the County should dedicate its energy to closing the gaps indicated in the workshops. Based on the responses here, participants recommend that the County prioritize its work to address shortcomings related to basic human needs, energy and resources, the economy, the natural environment, and transportation and communication. The order of this list is similar to that of Table 8, indicating that allocation of resources is linked to the size of the gap.

Table 09 –Workshop priority results

Topic	Allocation
Basic needs	4.1
Energy and resources	2.7
Economy	2.5
Natural environment	2.4
Transportation and communication	2.4
Land use	1.6
Community	1.3
Governance	1.0
Heritage and historic preservation	0.7
Arts, culture and recreation	0.4

Moving forward

This report constitutes only one part of the comprehensive plan amendment process. It communicates the process the County went through to vet the vision that's on the books, documenting community reaction and comment. It also suggests ways in which the vision may be adjusted to respond to community input, incorporating new topics and taking a fresh look at old ones, making the entire vision statement work as a single, compelling aspiration for San Juan County in 2036.

It also underscores the enduring value of the vision statement that was built through community effort years ago.

Targeted vision updates

This report presents recommendations, but the actual changes to vision language will be made only after deliberate consideration by the Planning Commission and County Council. Whatever emerges as a final vision, it will have this report as a reference document, containing a record of the community engagement the County sponsored to solicit comment on the vision.

Public engagement

Just as public engagement was essential to gather input on the existing vision and to suggest how it may be revised, it will also be essential to engage the public to review and vet the proposed update.

A process to gain this community feedback must honor the work done as part of this process, while still also welcoming information, opinions and suggestions that are new to the conversation.

Direct e-mail

Once a draft vision is produced, the County may wish to distribute it directly to those who have participated in this process, requesting review, comment and continued involvement in the vision's adoption, comprehensive plan update and plan implementation.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will be instrumental in the fine-tuning of the draft vision and in the translation of the material discussed into goals and policy, as appropriate. As has been stated elsewhere in this document and repeated in the process, there is broad community concern that the promises made in the vision did not find their way fully into adopted policy. Part of the Planning Commission's role will be to track how the vision aligns with the new comprehensive plan's policies and to recommend revisions to make them consistent.

Online

This community has responded well to online invitations to participate, and it is likely that will continue through the vision's refinement and comprehensive plan update. Continuing the County's website presence and the frequent updates to communicate new material will be an essential part of this process from here forward.

County Council

As the legislative body, the County Council will be ultimately responsible to adopt the new vision and comprehensive plan policy. It was also particularly helpful to have council members present during public workshops and the pop-up studios, allowing community members direct access to them and developing a personal understanding of the issues on the minds of constituents. Additional work sessions to discuss the vision and its direct relationship to proposed policy shifts will be an excellent opportunity to expand that conversation and demonstrate how the County's actions line up directly with the updated vision.

Policy framework & policy shift

As the County moves from its "draft final" vision, it will consider specific updates to its planning goals and policies. The policy framework provided under separate cover is a working draft, demonstrating how it can be used as a tool to identify policies that need adjustment and to ensure consistency with assertions made in the vision. It will continue to evolve as the planning process continues, growing to contain updated policy language and, ultimately, to become the skeleton around which the plan update will be built.

In its first iteration, the matrix arranges each policy as a component of an overarching goal. There is also a column indicating the degree of consistency between each policy and the existing vision. Where appropriate, there are also notes attached in another column, indicating specific concerns or reminders associated with some of the plan's policies.

As the process continues, staff and others can use the final column to track policy consistency with the revised vision. This will allow those interested to audit each policy for vision consistency, something that many in the process was a step missing from the existing comprehensive plan's adoption.

Implementation actions

The vision process has suggested a series of policy shifts and implementation actions, some of which will be incorporated into the plan update, either as revisions to policy or as possible implementing actions to be accomplished after the plan's completion.

These actions may include:

- Development regulations audit
- Build-out study based on existing zoning
- Water use assessment
- Review of village, hamlet & subarea plans
- Annexation agreement with Friday Harbor
- Transportation plan update specifying rural street types

A

Existing Vision

A DECLARATION OF VISION AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF SAN JUAN COUNTY

PREAMBLE

WE THE PEOPLE of San Juan County recognize that these rural islands are an extraordinary treasure of natural beauty and abundance, and that independence, privacy and personal freedom are values prized by islanders. Being a diverse people bound together by these shared values, we declare our commitment to work towards this vision of the San Juan Islands in 2020 A.D.

COMMUNITY

We envision a community that is primarily rural, made up of islands of varying character, each with its own unique qualities. The islands are places of peace and mutual tolerance, where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs respect each other's dignity, privacy, and freedoms. We communicate effectively and openly and work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.

EDUCATION

Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning.

ECONOMY

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. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We have home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soil is uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.

LAND USE

Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resource and environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. There is housing for people of all incomes. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, and our natural environment.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only on the basis of demonstrated local public need. Advanced interactive communication systems are encouraged.

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Process Summary

Material in this Appendix includes:

- Orientation note maps
- Workshop presentation
- Completed workshop worksheets
- Flipchart comments
- Vision prepared by Lopez Island group

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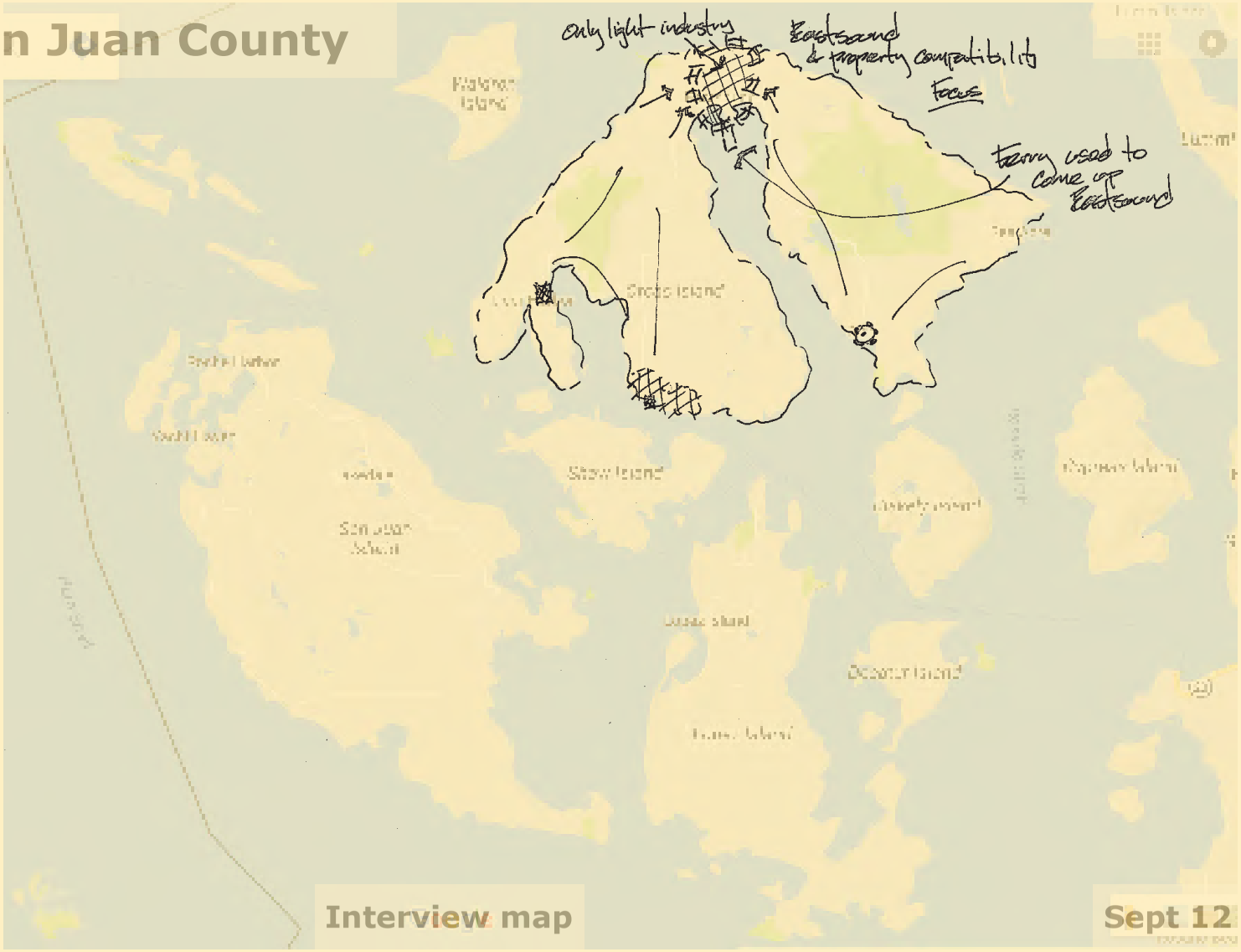

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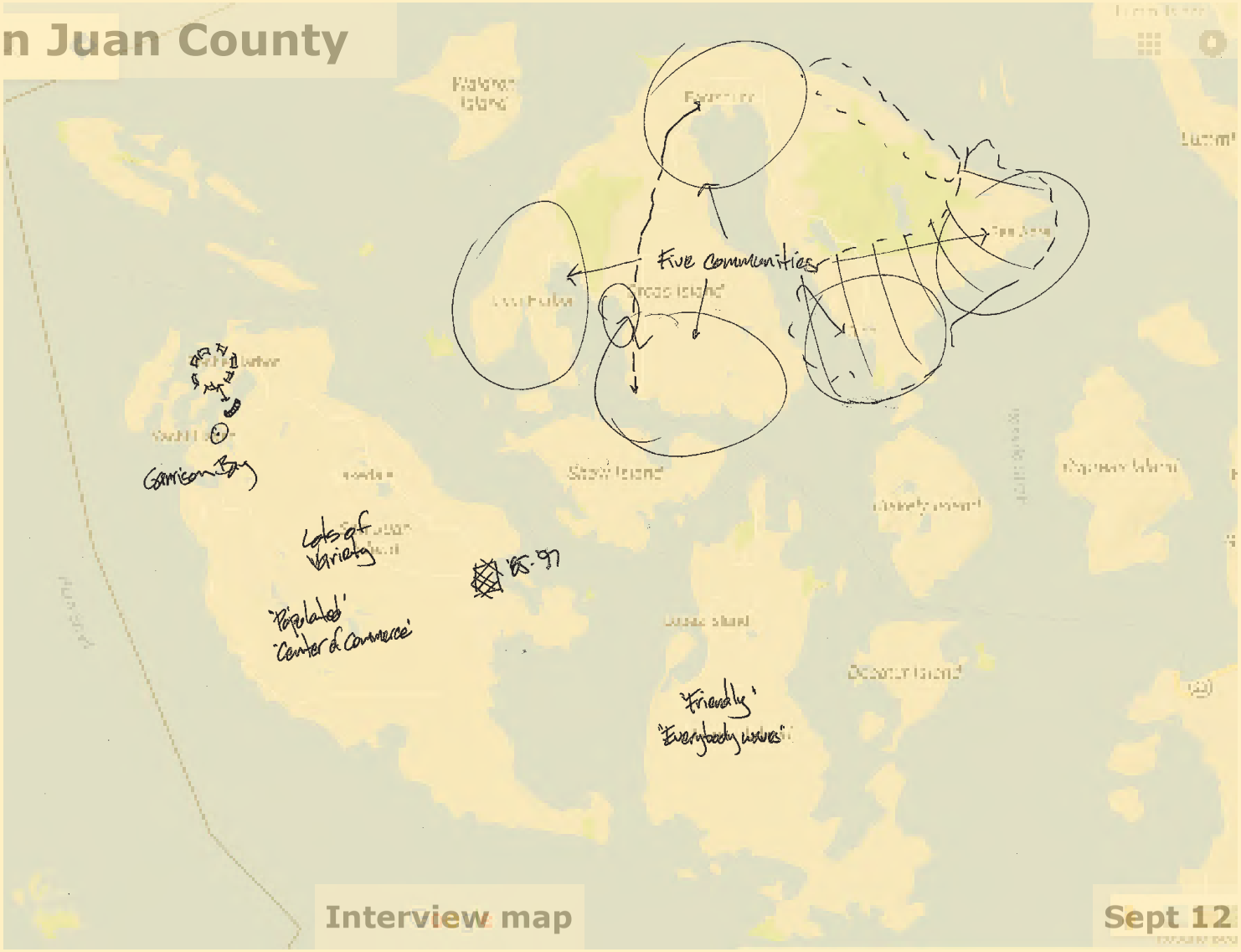

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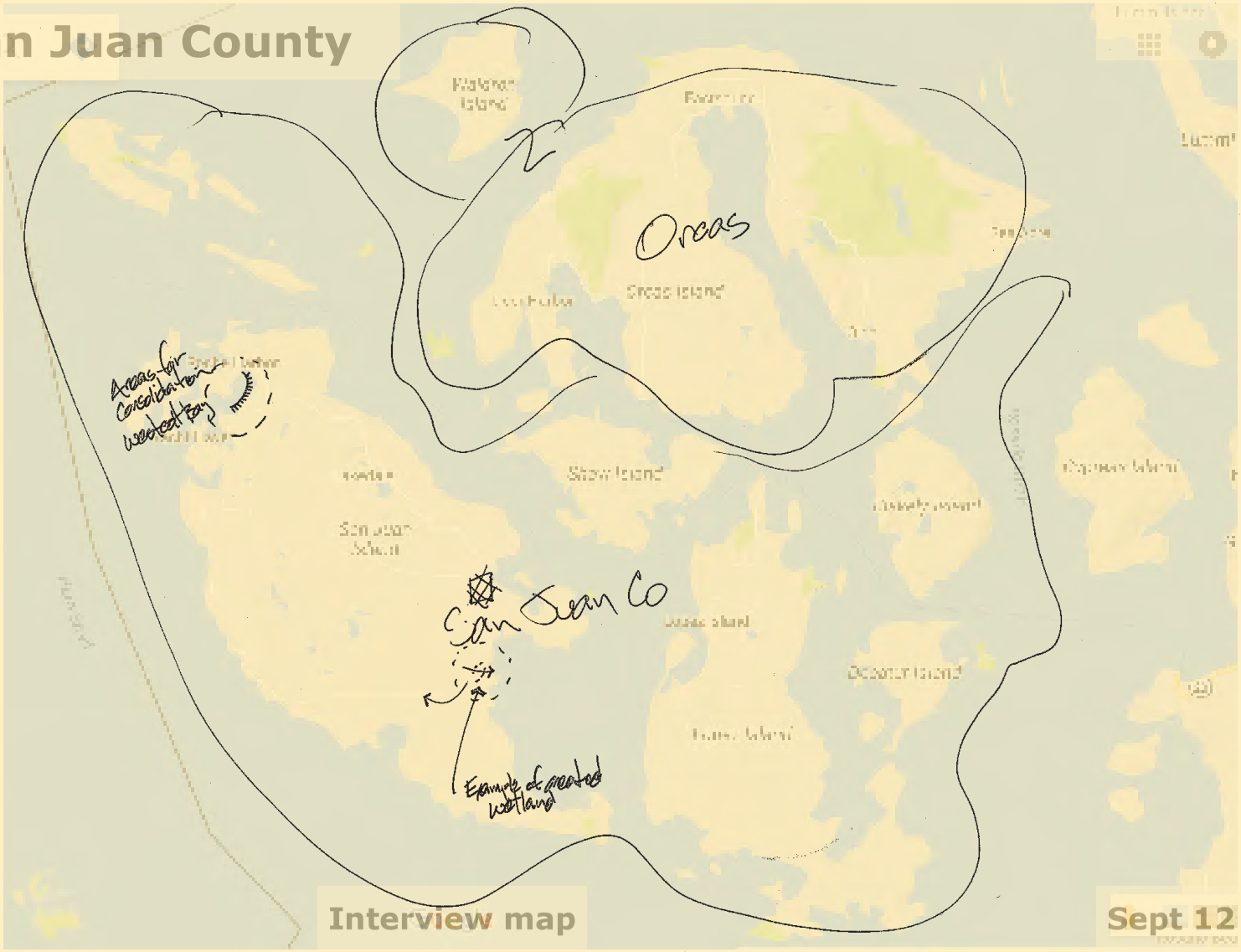

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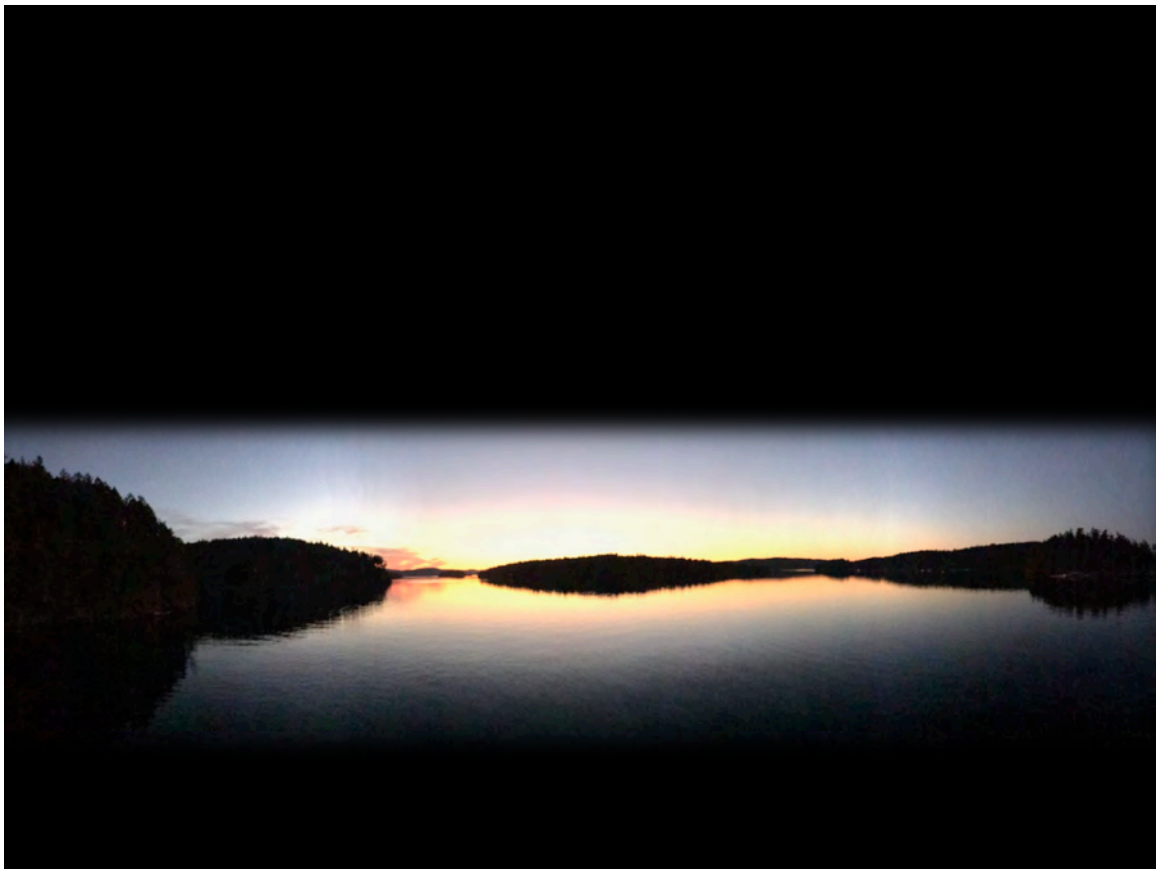

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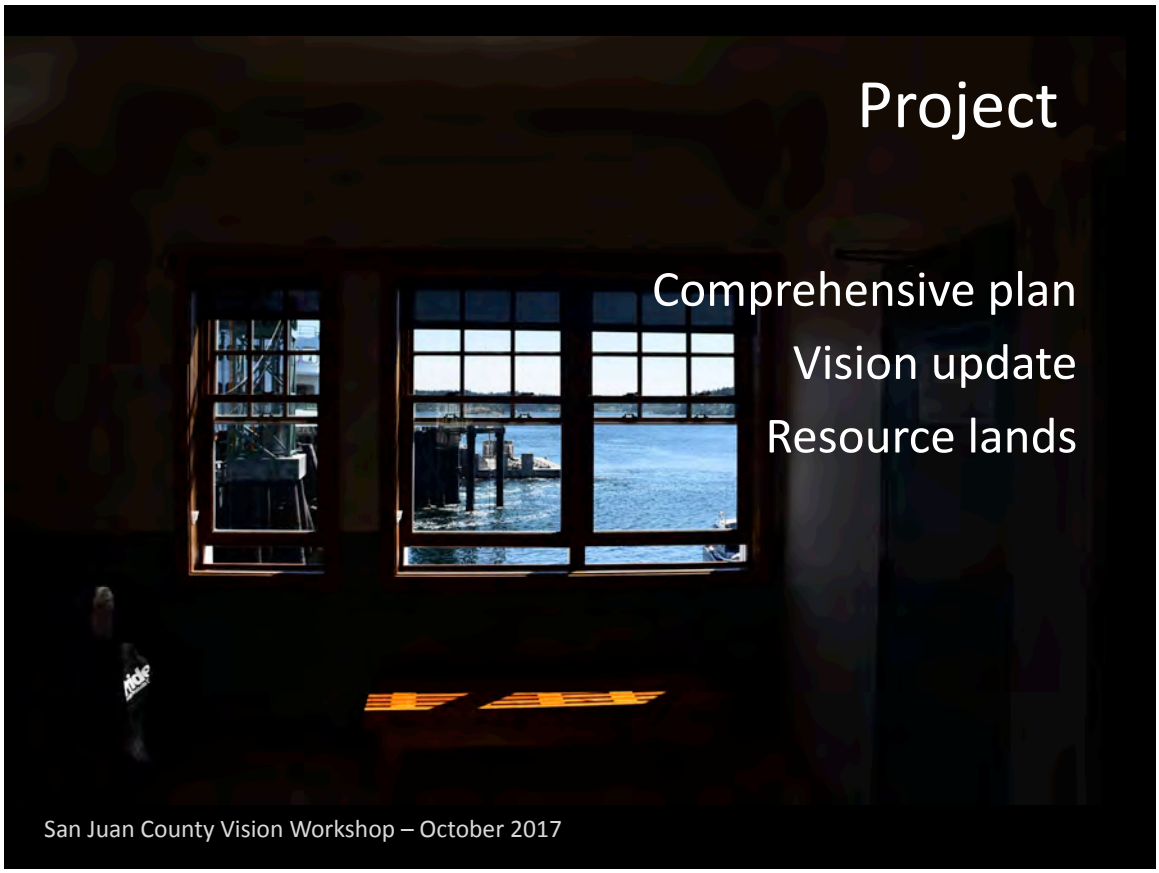
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Planning Commission Hearing Draft
Council Hearing Draft
•Vision Update and Rural Vision
•Agriculture & Forest Resource Land Analysis
•Population Forecast
•Land Use Inventory
•Land Capacity Analysis
•Housing Needs Assessment
•Capital Facilities Inventory
•Vision
•Land Use
•Rural and Resource
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•Capital Facilities/Utilities
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•Release PC Review Draft
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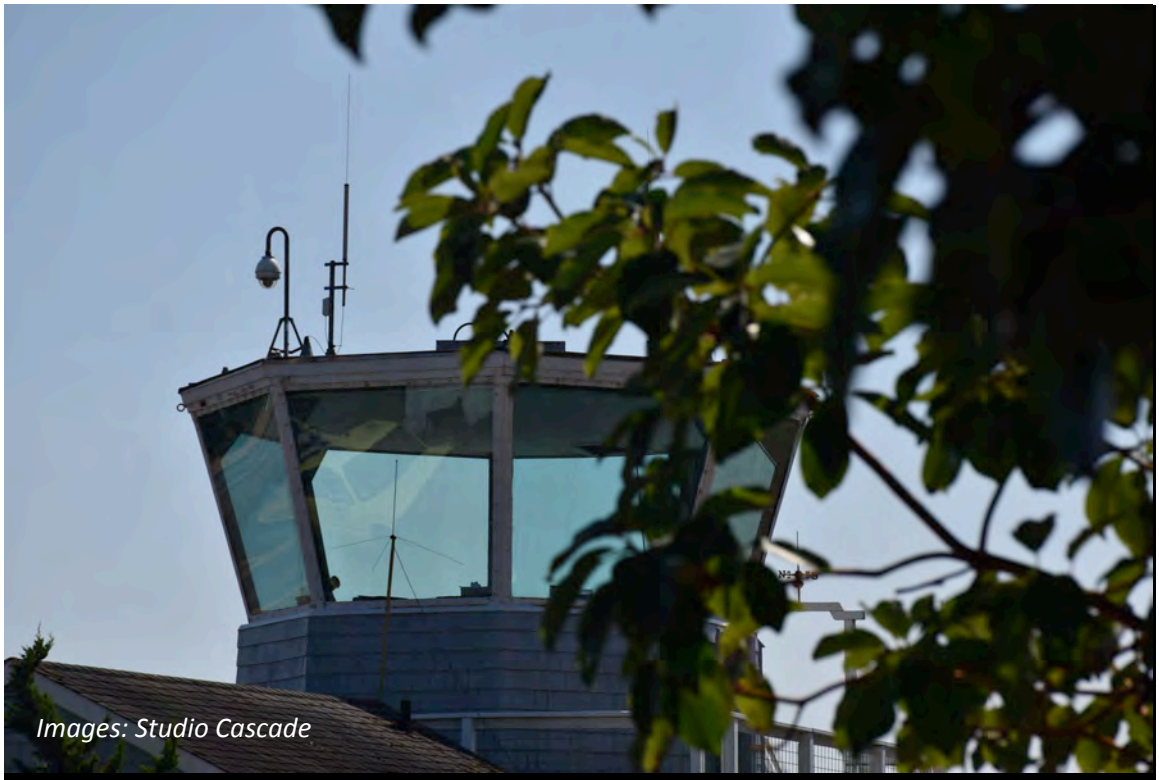

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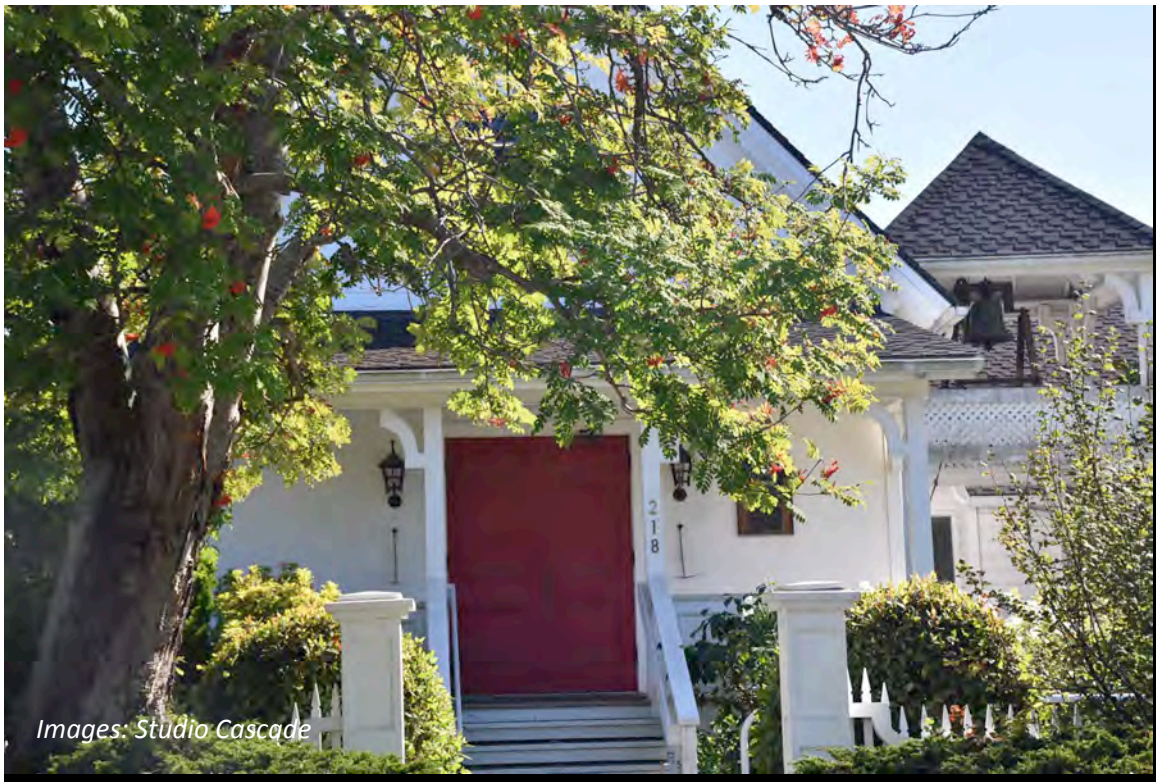

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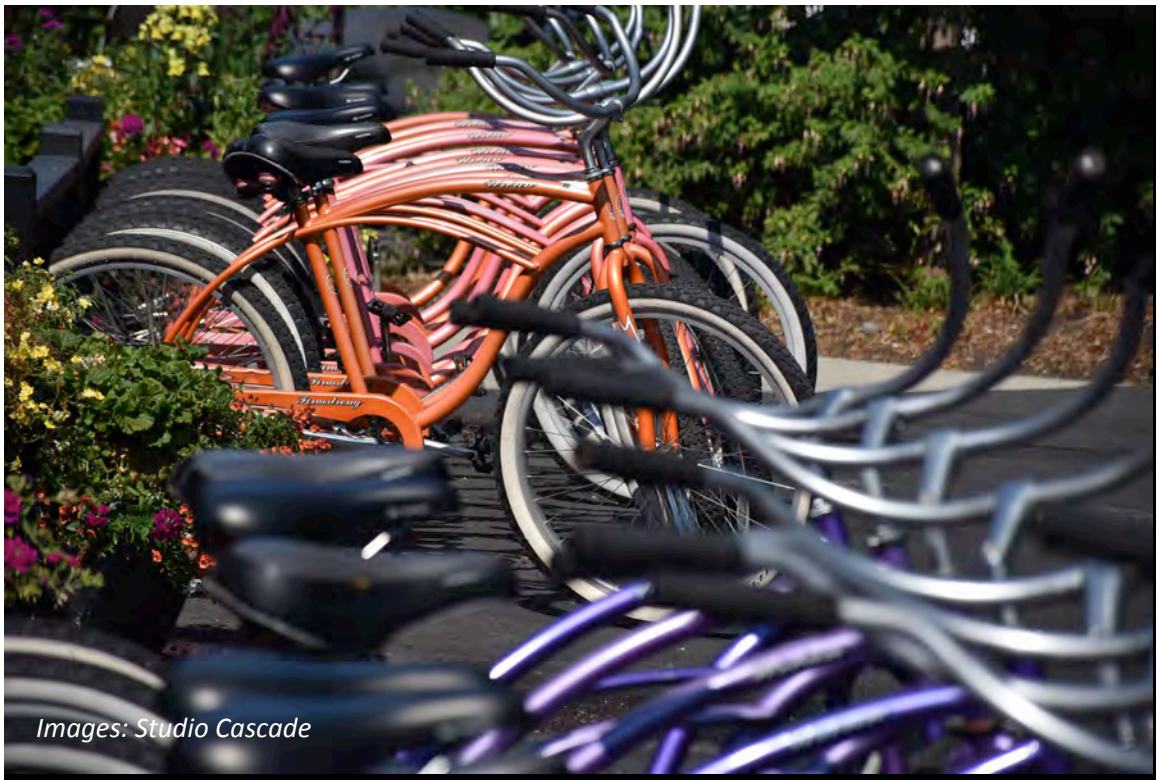

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Earlier Work

Vision 1990s

Comprehensive Plan 2010

Subarea plans

Eastsound, Deer Harbor, Olga, Orcas Village, Roche Harbor, Rosario, Shaw Island, Waldron Island

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Ongoing Work

Eastsound Village vision plan

Comprehensive plan update

Housing needs assessment

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Studio Week

Friday Harbor

Eastsound

Lopez Village

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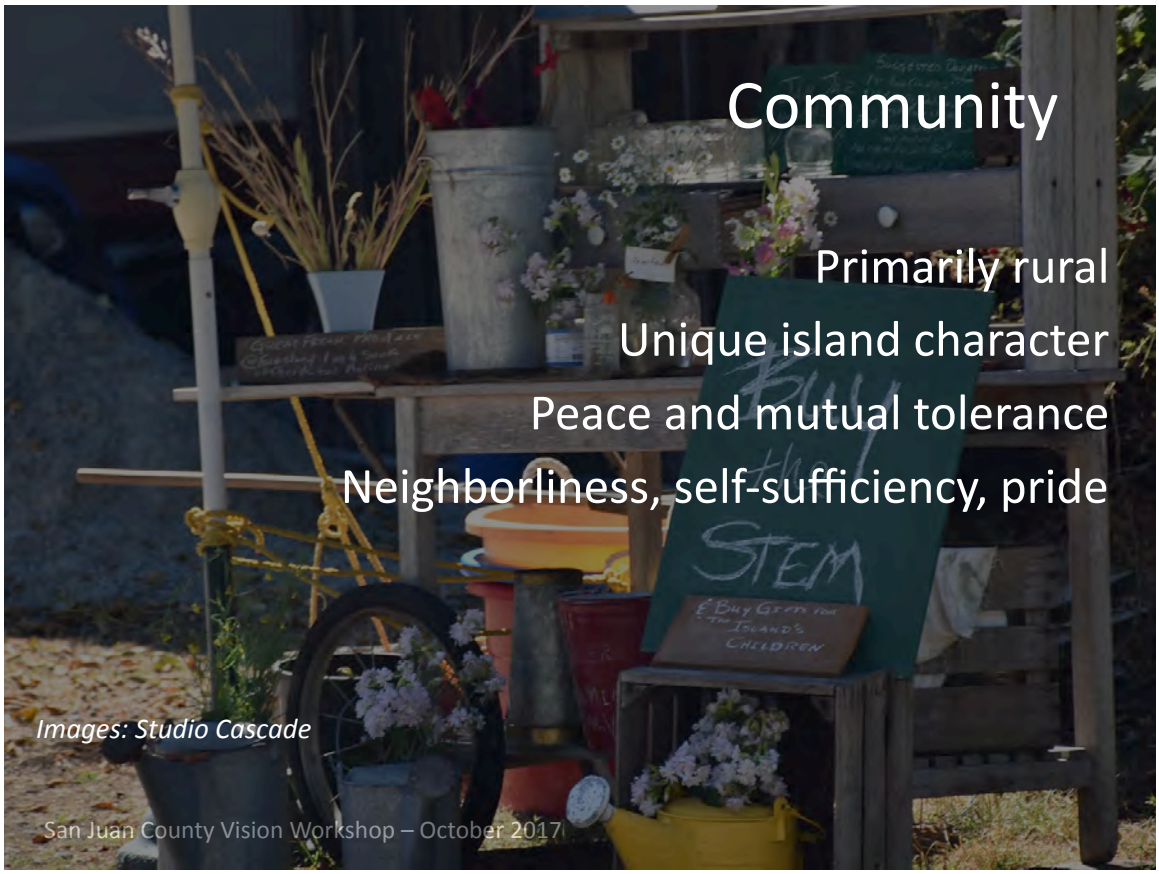

Community

Primarily rural

Unique island character

Peace and mutual tolerance

Neighborliness, self-sufficiency, pride

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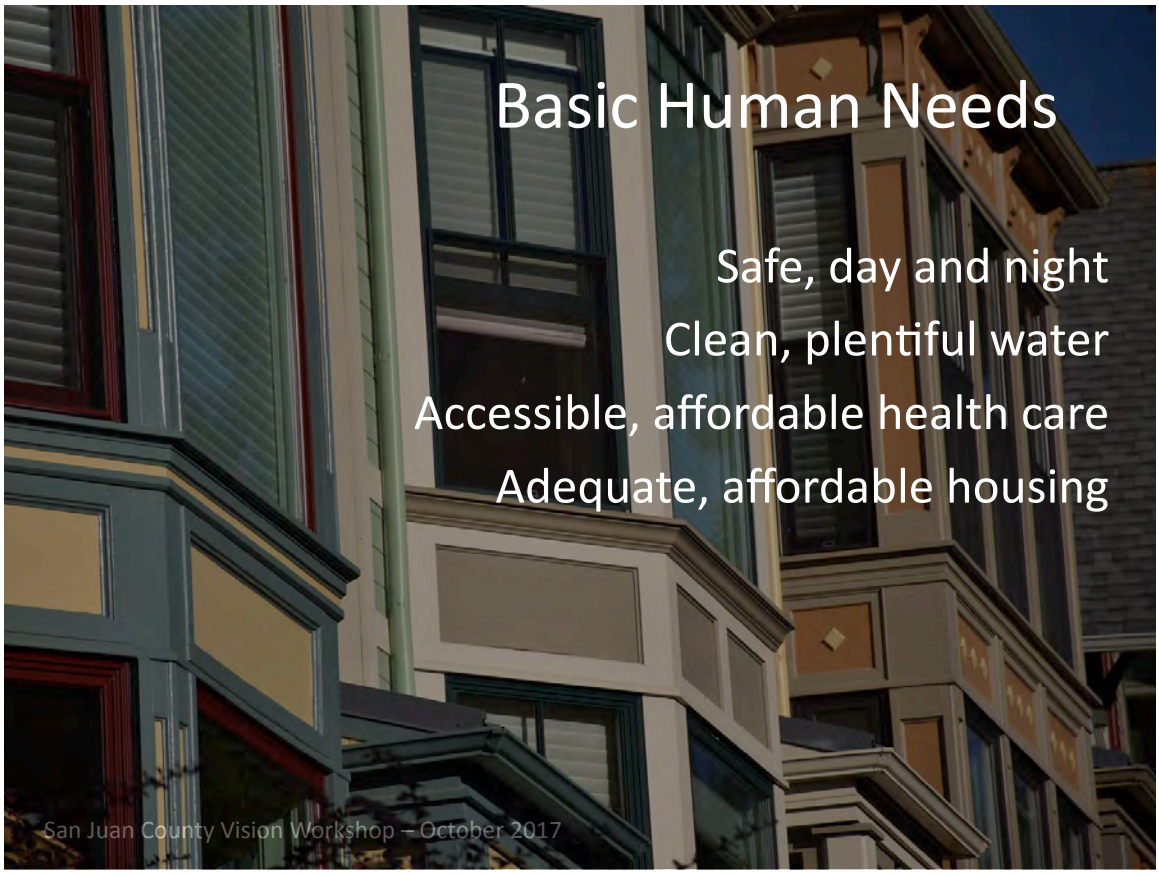
Basic Human Needs
Safe, day and night
Clean, plentiful water
Accessible, affordable health care
Adequate, affordable housing
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Education
Lifelong learning
Families and community partnership
Academic excellence and creativity
Compassionate world citizens
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Economy
Community needs
Rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated
Stable, year-round employment
Traditional industries & sustainable
New ideas/new technologies
Value added
PARKING ONLY VAN ACCESSIBLE
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BOATHOUSE CIDERWORKS
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Natural Environment
Healthy, diverse ecosystems
Air, water, soil clean and healthy
Ensured healthy land/marine environments
Thriving plants and animals
Appreciation and conservation
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Land Use

Development/rural areas defined

Small scale/attractive ambience

Housing for all incomes

Shoreline protection

Innovative strategies

Property rights, public rights, environment

Transportation & Communication

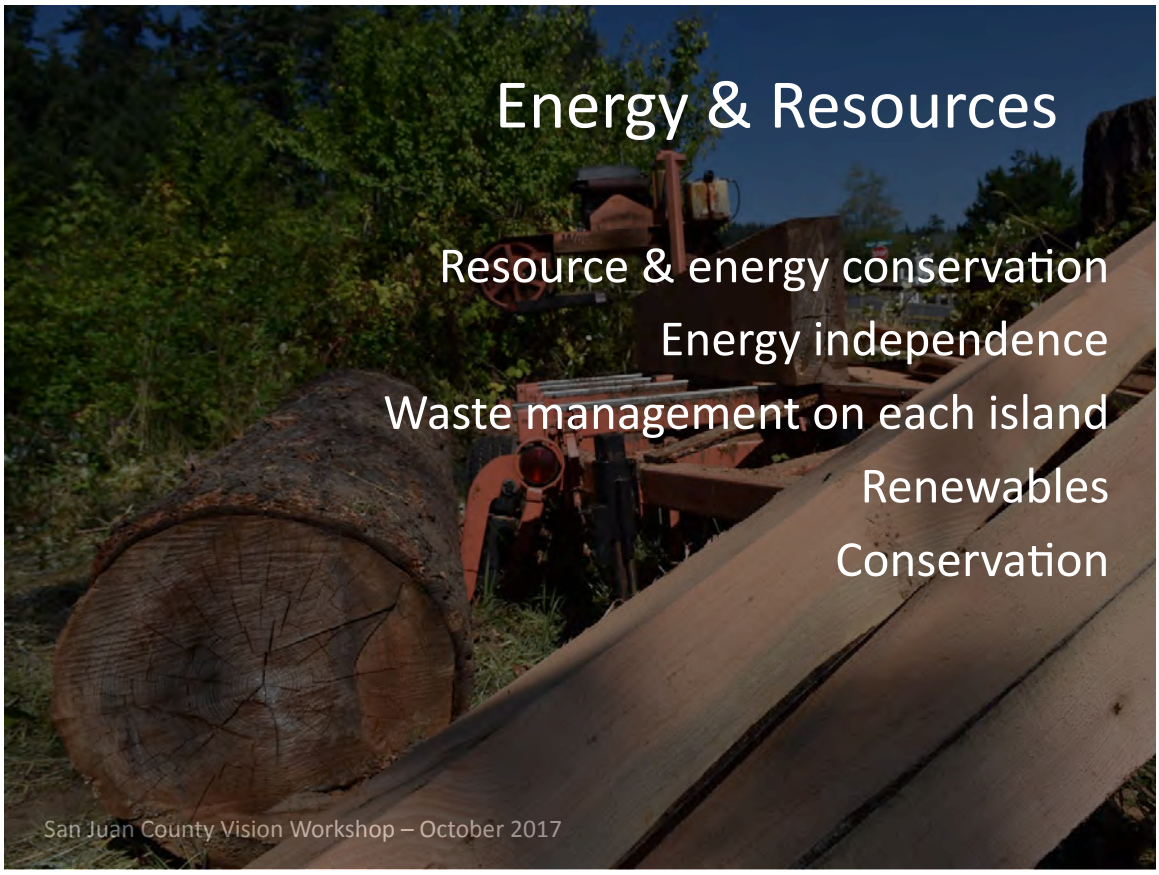
Water, land, air – island character

Scenic rural roads

Auto, bike, pedestrian without conflict

Public transportation as needed

Advanced, interactive communication


Energy & Resources
Resource & energy conservation
Energy independence
Waste management on each island
Renewables
Conservation
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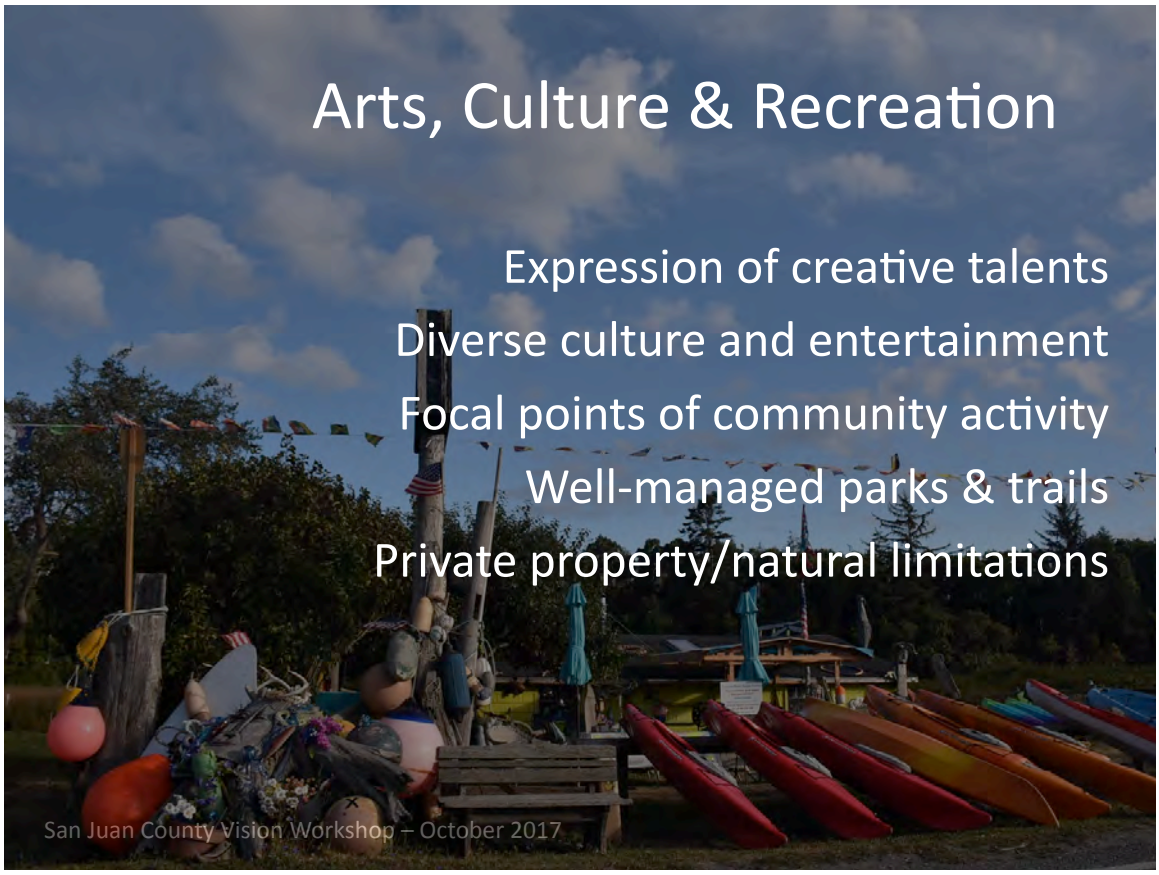
Arts, Culture & Recreation
Expression of creative talents
Diverse culture and entertainment
Focal points of community activity
Well-managed parks & trails
Private property/natural limitations
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Heritage & Historic Preservation
Strong sense of identity
Tradition, legacy and continuity
Rural and maritime heritage
Indigenous, explorers and pioneers
Historic sites, structures and traditions
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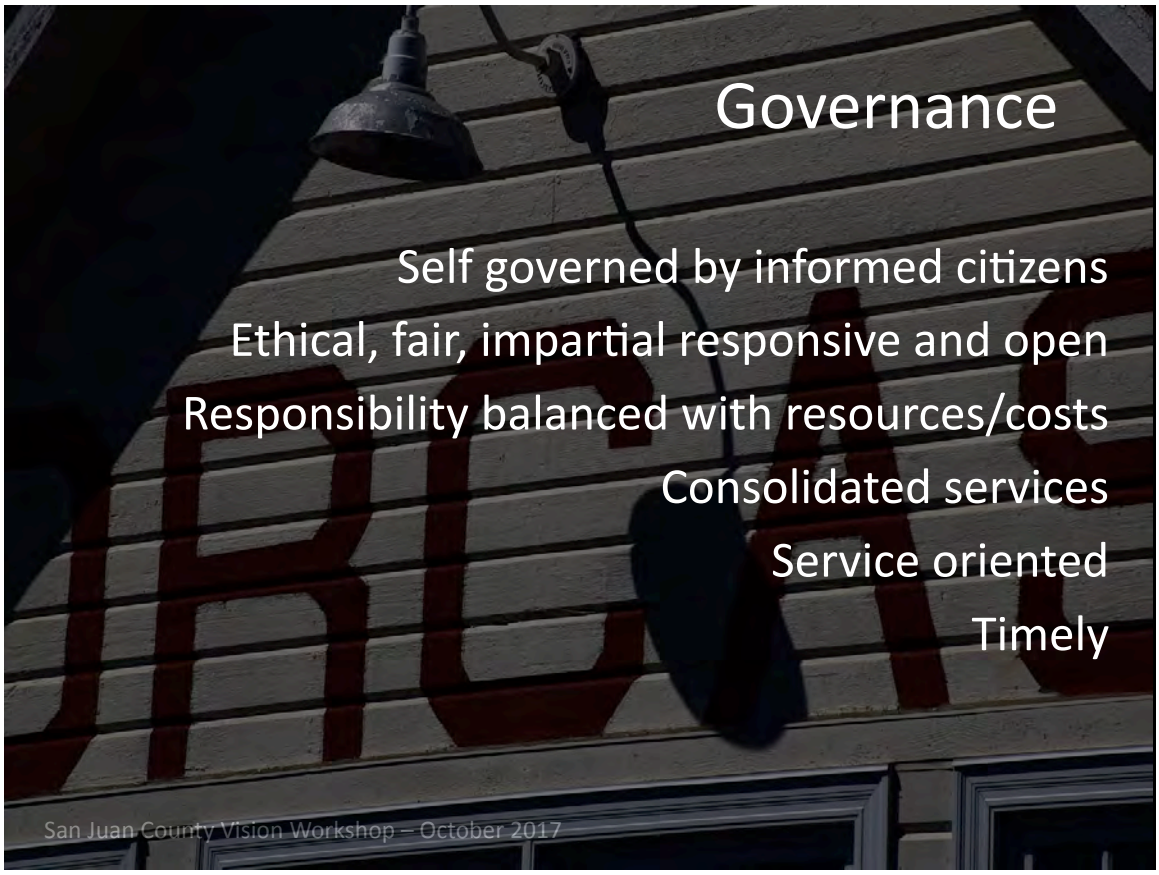
Governance
Self governed by informed citizens
Ethical, fair, impartial responsive and open
Responsibility balanced with resources/costs
Consolidated services
Service oriented
Timely
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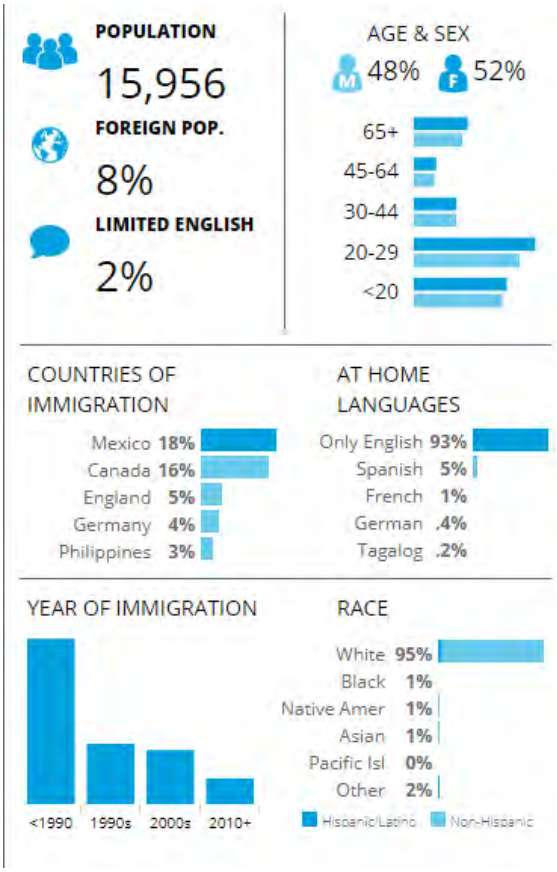
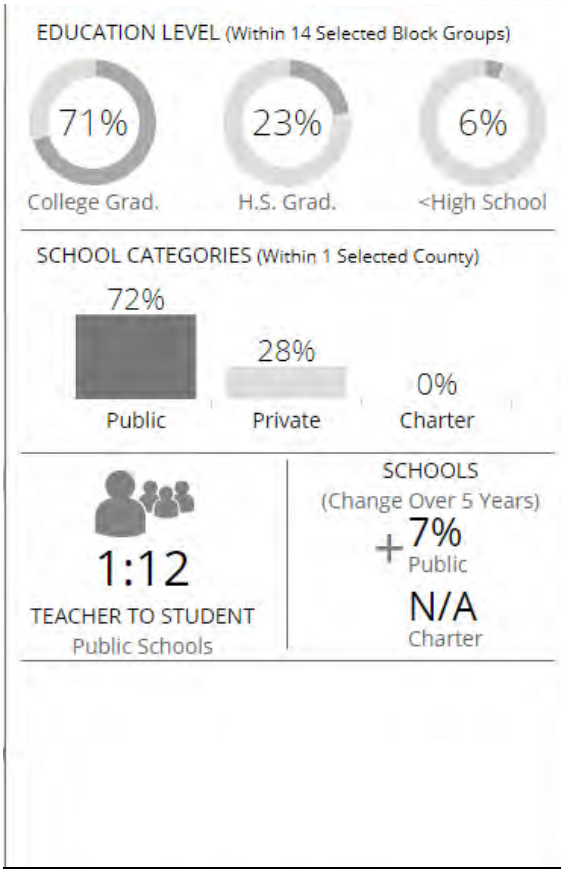


Profile

People (ACS 2011-15)

Education

Economy



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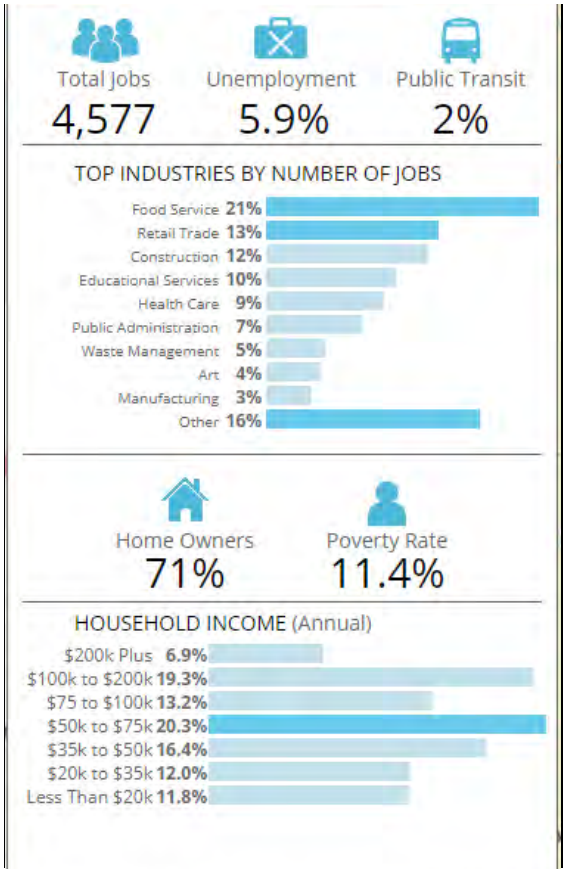

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Median income (ACS 2011-15): $55,960

Median age (ACS 2011-15): 54.4

Population (2010): 15,769

Units (ACS 2011-15): 13,619

Year-round: 7,708 / 56%

Seasonal/second: 5,911 / 44%

Median home value (ACS 2011-15): $465,500

Affordability index (mortgage): 48%

Affordability index (rental): 49%

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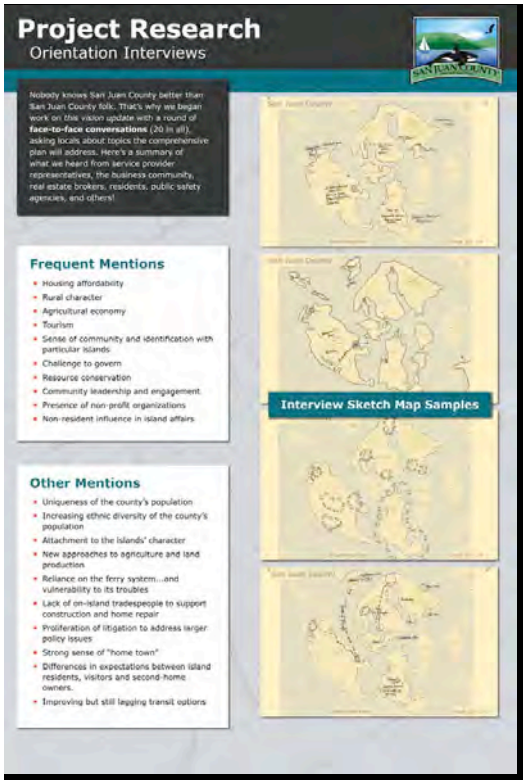

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Housing affordability

Rural character

Agricultural economy

Tourism

Island identity

Community engagement

Non-resident influence

Climate change

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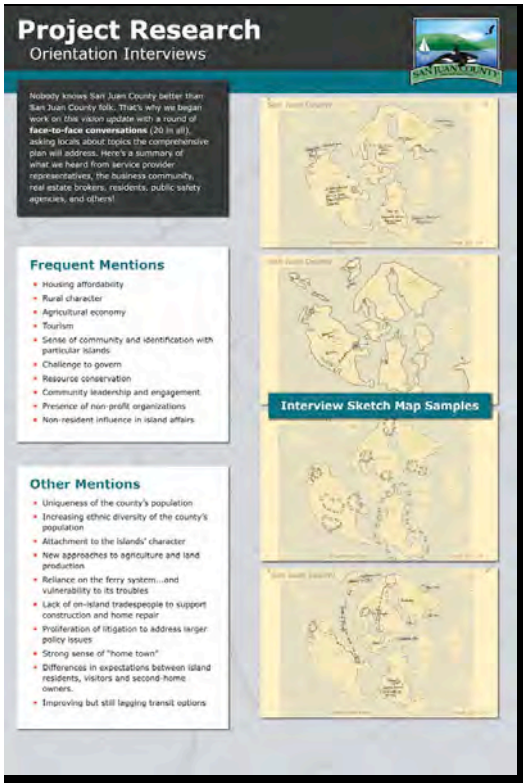

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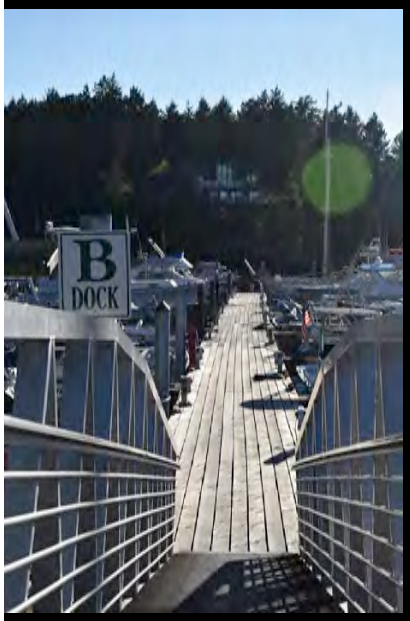
Emerging Policy Issues



Economic shifts

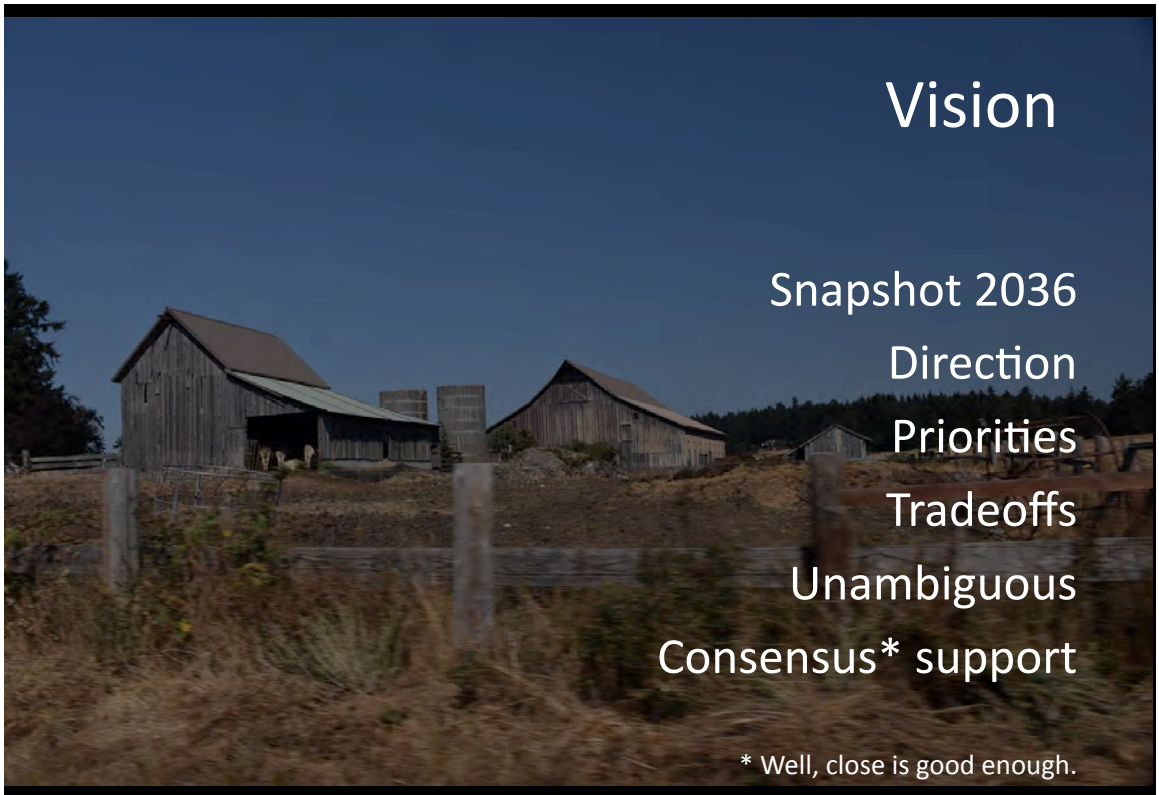
Housing affordability

Employment

Built form

Fiscal balance

Differing expectations



Vision

Snapshot 2036

Direction

Priorities

Tradeoffs

Unambiguous

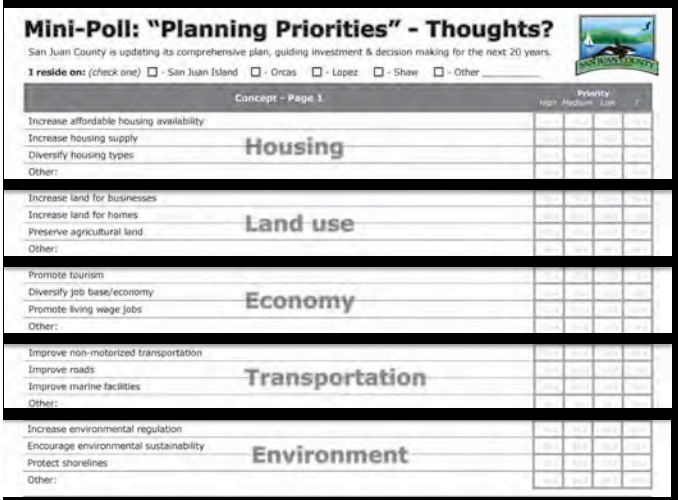
Consensus* support

* Well, close is good enough.

Questions?

Workshop, part 1

Mini-poll
Individuals



Mini-Poll: "Planning Priorities" - Thoughts?

San Juan County is updating its comprehensive plan, guiding investment & decision making for the next 20 years.

I reside on: *(check one)* ☐ - San Juan Island ☐ - Orcas ☐ - Lopez ☐ - Shaw ☐ - Other _____

Concept – Page 1		Priority: High	Medium	Low	?
Increase affordable housing availability	Housing				
Increase housing supply					
Diversify housing types					
Other:					
Increase land for businesses	Land use				
Increase land for homes					
Preserve agricultural land					
Other:					
Promote tourism	Economy				
Diversify job base/economy					
Promote living wage jobs					
Other:					
Improve non-motorized transportation	Transportation				
Improve roads					
Improve marine facilities					
Other:					
Increase environmental regulation	Environment				
Encourage environmental sustainability					
Protect shorelines					
Other:					

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Workshop, part 2

Big worksheet

Groups

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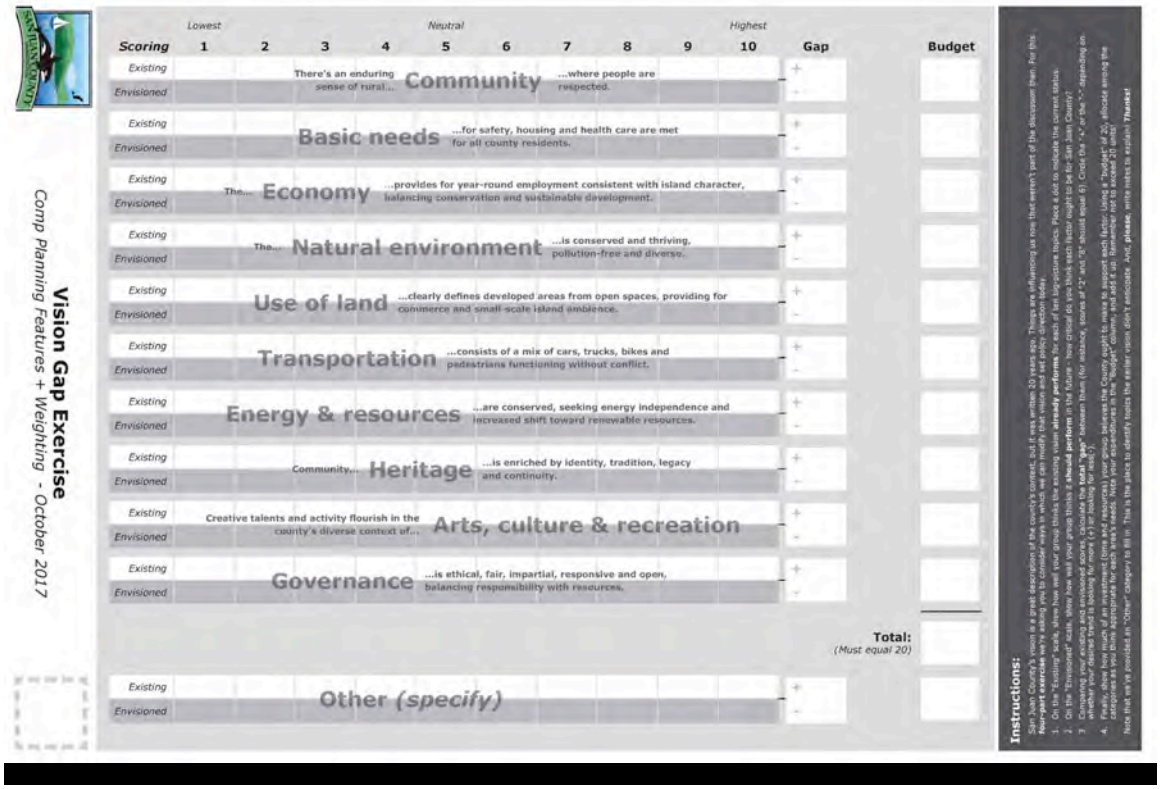

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Existing / Envisioned	**Other *(specify)***										+ / -	

Instructions:

San Juan County's vision is a great description of the county's context, but it was written 20 years ago. Things are influencing us now that weren't part of the discussion then. For this **four-part exercise** we're asking you to consider ways in which we can modify that vision and set policy direction today.

1. On the "Existing" scale, show how well your group thinks the existing vision **already performs**. For each of ten big-picture topics. Place a dot to indicate the current status.
2. On the "Envisioned" scale, show how well your group thinks it **should perform** in the future – how critical do you think each factor ought to be for San Juan County?
3. Allocate your group's 20 points (or resources) among the ten factors, to show the **total "gap"** between them (for instance, scores of "2" and "6" should equal 4). Circle the "+" or the "-" depending on whether you think the gap should be increased or decreased.
4. Finally, show how much of an investment (time and resources) your group believes the County ought to make to support each factor. Using a "budget" of 20, allocate among the categories as you think appropriate for each area's needs. Note your expenditures in the "Budget" column, and add it up. Remember not to exceed 20 dots!

Note that we've provided an "Other" category to fill in. This is the place to identify topics the earlier vision didn't anticipate. And, **please**, write notes to explain! **Thanks!**

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Thoughts?

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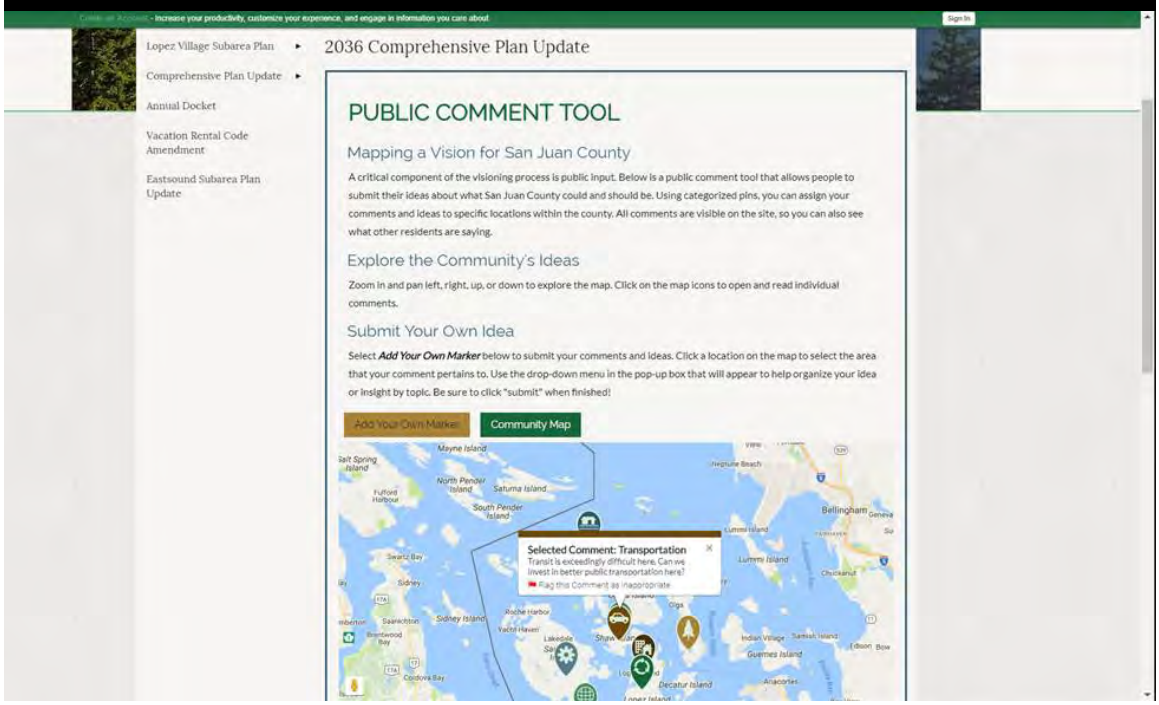
Process/Comments?



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County Council
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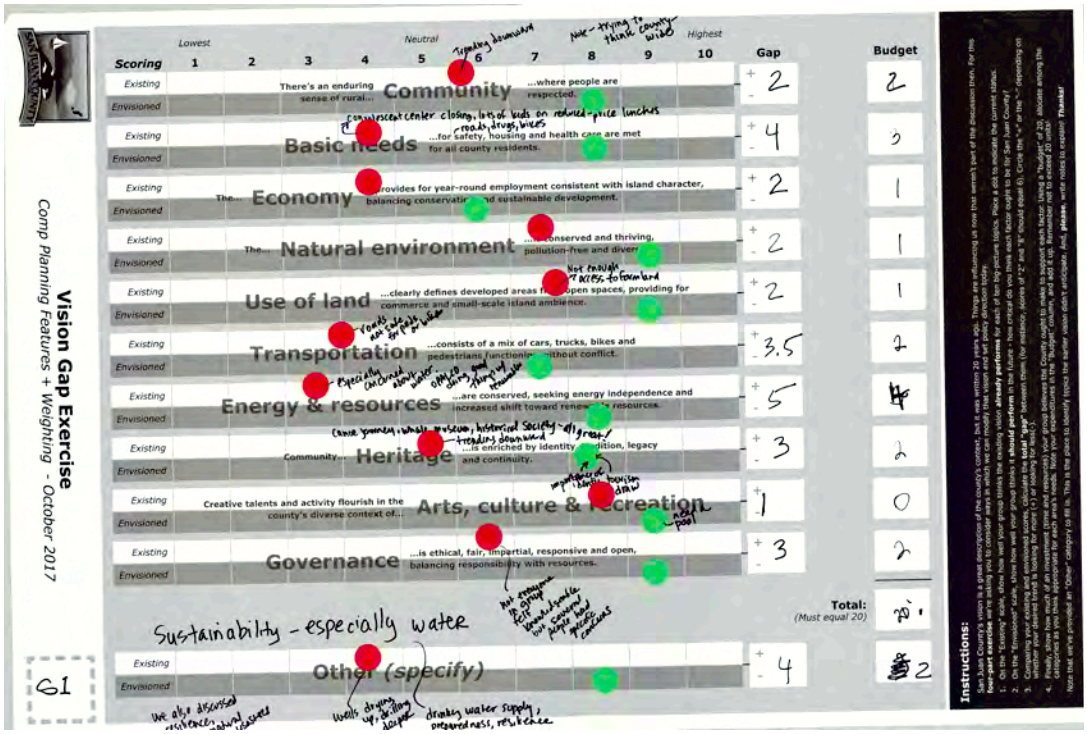
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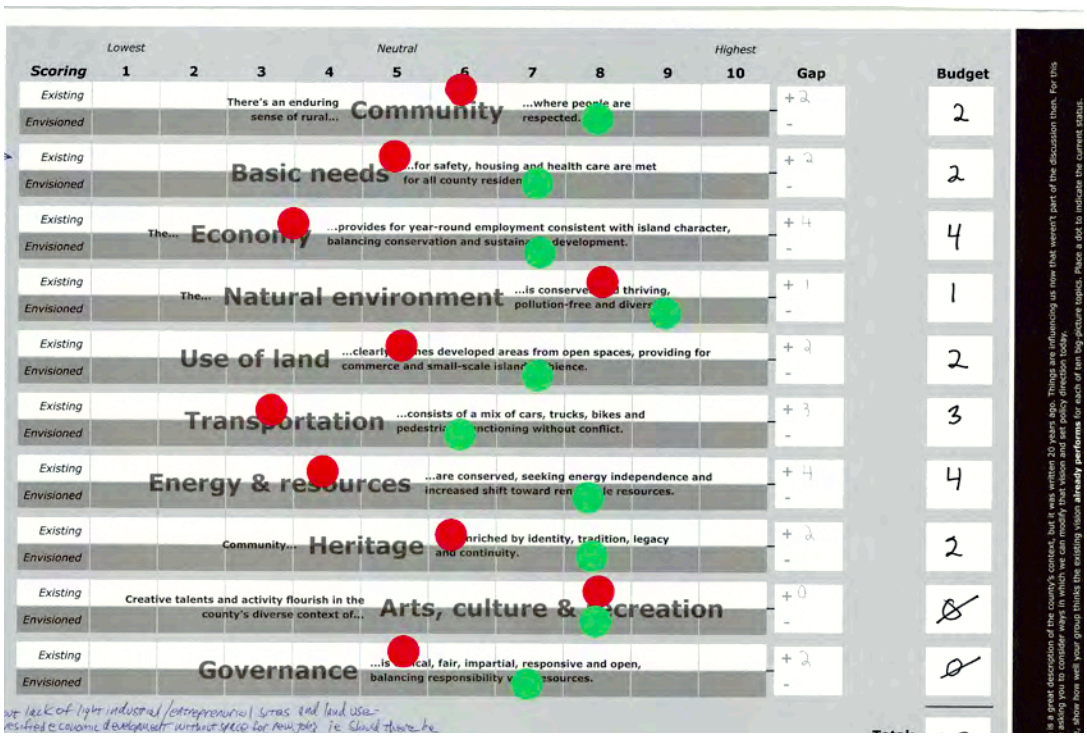
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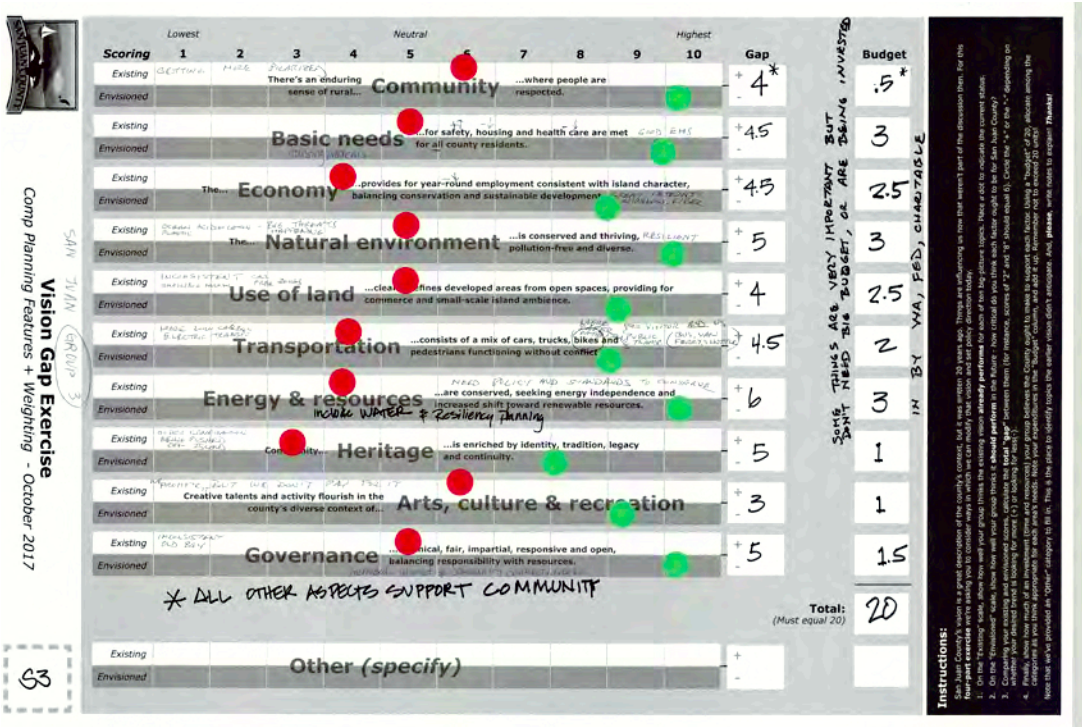
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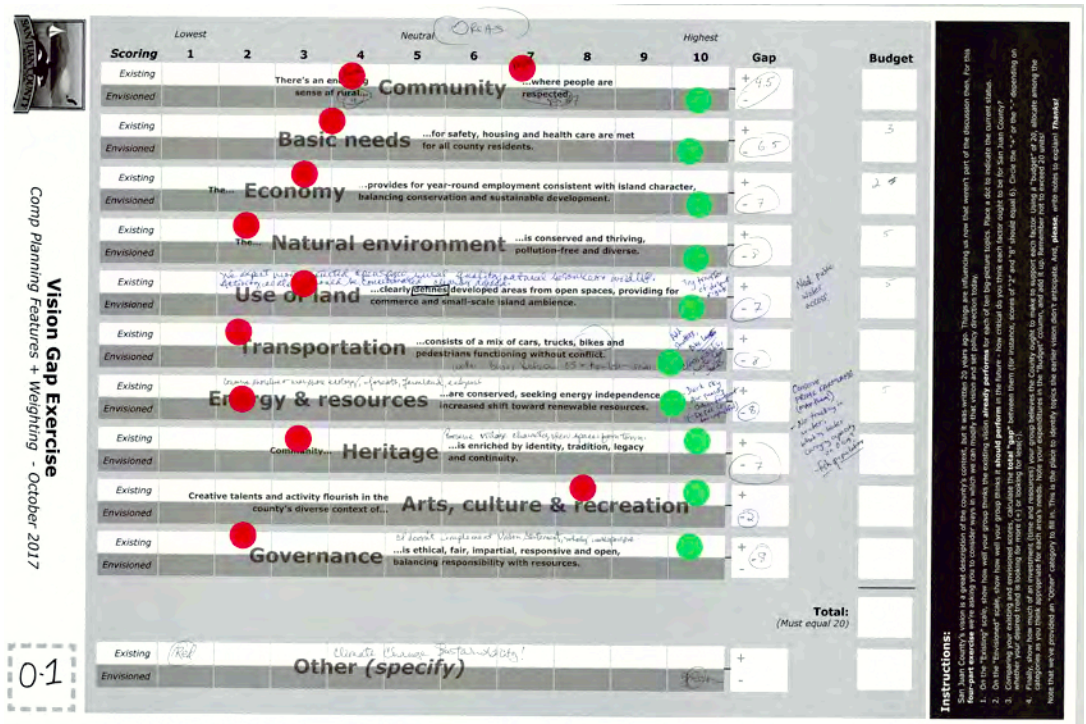
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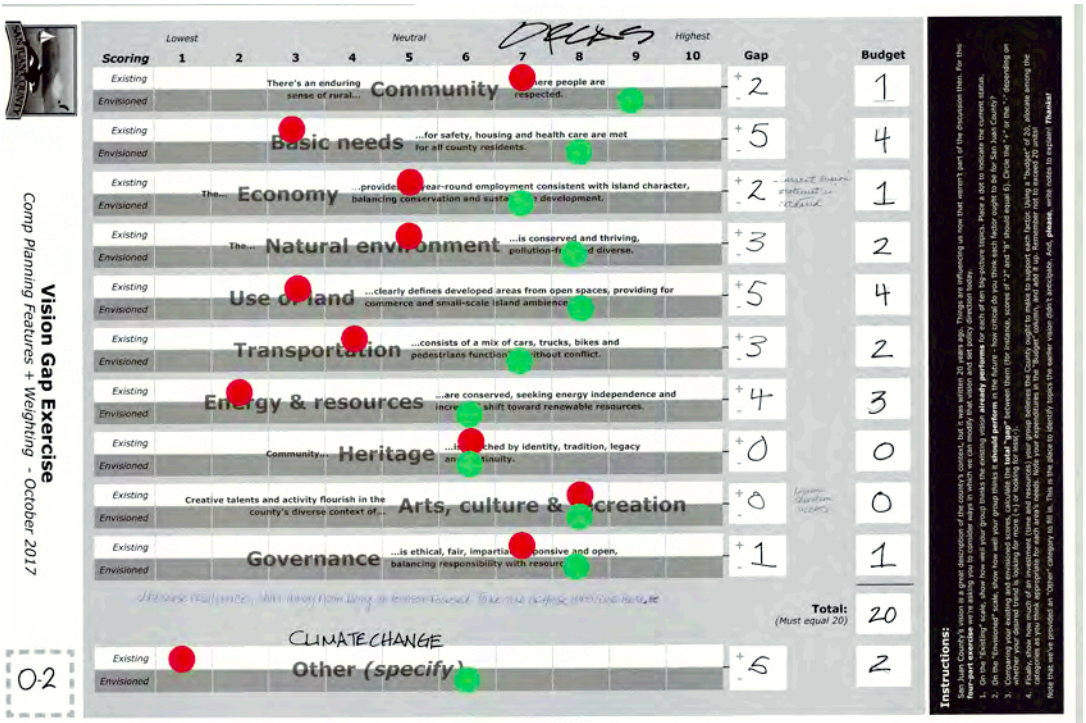
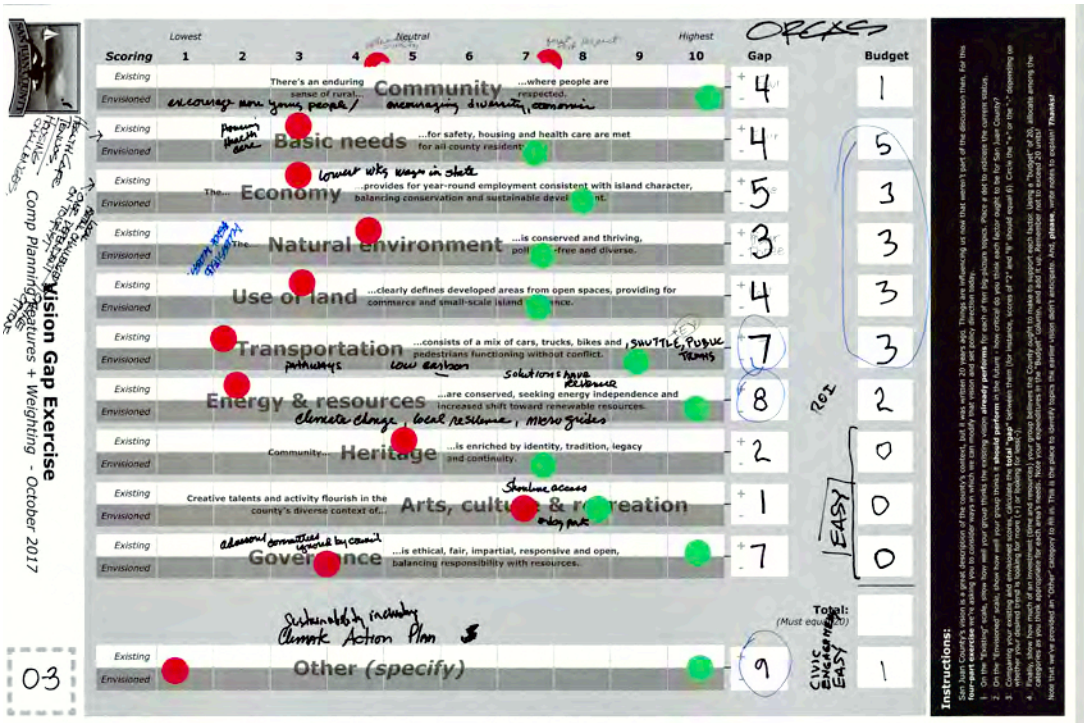

Vision Gap Exercise
Comp Planning Features + Weighting - October 2017
0-2
Scoring
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
There's an enduring sense of rural...
Community
...where people are respected.
+ - 2
1
Basic needs
...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.
+ - 5
4
The...
Economy
...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.
+ - 2
1
The...
Natural environment
...is conserved and thriving, pollution-free and diverse.
+ - 3
2
Use of land
...clearly defines developed areas from open spaces, providing for commerce and small-scale island ambience.
+ - 5
4
Transportation
...consists of a mix of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians functioning without conflict.
+ - 3
2
Energy & resources
...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renewable resources.
+ - 4
3
Community...
Heritage
...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.
+ - 0
0
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
+ - 0
0
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
+ - 1
1
Total:
(Must equal 20)
20
CLIMATE CHANGE
Other (specify)
+ - 5
2
Instructions: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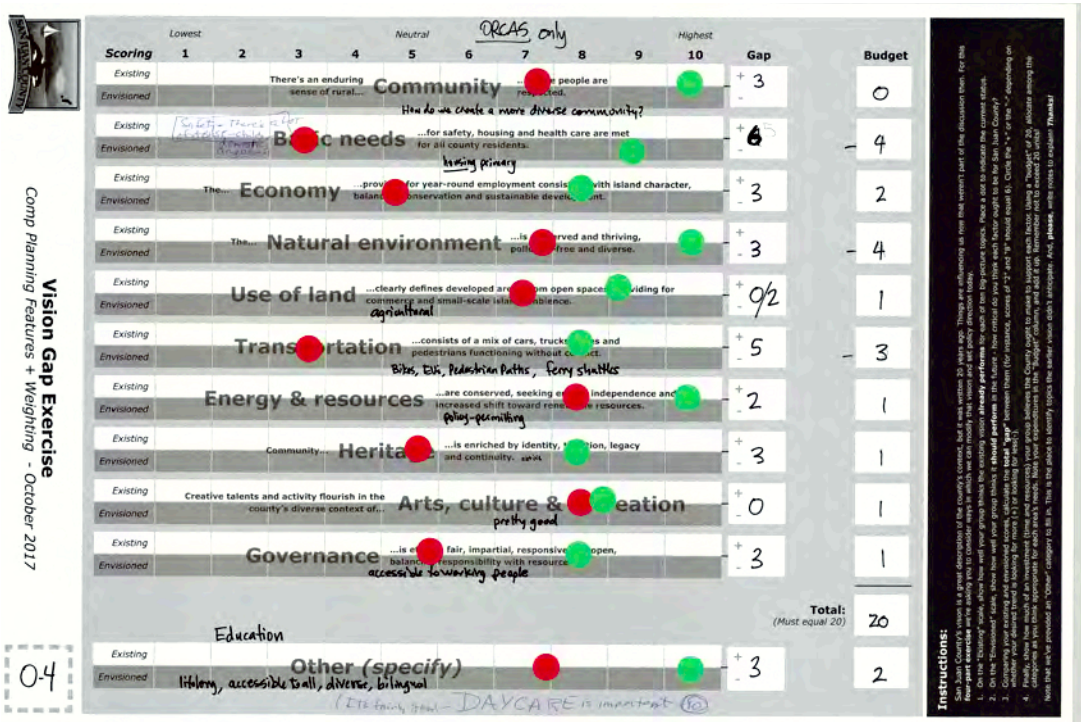
0-3
Scoring
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
There's an enduring sense of rural...
Community
...where people are respected.
encourage more young people / encouraging diversity, economic
+ - 4
1
Basic needs
...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.
+ - 4
5
Economy
...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.
+ - 5
3
Natural environment
...is conserved and thriving, pollution-free and diverse.
+ - 3
3
Use of land
...clearly defines developed areas from open spaces, providing for commerce and small-scale island ambience.
+ - 4
3
Transportation
...consists of a mix of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians functioning without conflict.
SHUTTLE, PUBLIC TRANS
pathways
low carbon
+ - 7
3
Energy & resources
...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renewable resources.
Solutions have resilience
Climate change, local resilience, micro grids
+ - 8
2
Community...
Heritage
...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.
+ - 2
0
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
Shoreline access
+ - 1
0
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
+ - 7
0
EASY
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Sustainability Incentives
Climate Action Plan $
Other (specify)
+ - 9
1
CIVIC Engagement EASY
Instructions:


Vision Gap Exercise
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0-4
Scoring
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
ORCAS only
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
There's an enduring sense of rural...
Community
...where people are respected.
How do we create a more diverse community?
Basic needs
...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.
housing primary
The...
Economy
...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.
The...
Natural environment
...is conserved and thriving, pollution-free and diverse.
Use of land
...clearly defines developed areas from open spaces, providing for commerce and small-scale island ambience.
agricultural
Transportation
...consists of a mix of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians functioning without conflict.
Bikes, Ebi, Pedestrian Paths, ferry shuttles
Energy & resources
...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renewable resources.
policy-permitting
Community...
Heritage
...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
pretty good
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
accessible to working people
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Education
Other (specify)
library, accessible to all, diverse, bilingual
DAYCARE is important
Instructions:

Vision Gap Exercise
Comp Planning Features + Weighting - October 2017
0-5
Scoring
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
ORCAS!
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
There's an enduring sense of rural...
Community
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Use of land
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Transportation
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Energy & resources
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Community...
Heritage
...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Education (not just schools)
Other (specify)
CLIMATE CHANGE!
Instructions:

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Lowest
Neutral
Highest
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Gap
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Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Other (specify)
Instructions:
06

Vision Gap Exercise
Comp Planning Features + Weighting - October 2017
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
Scoring
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
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Community
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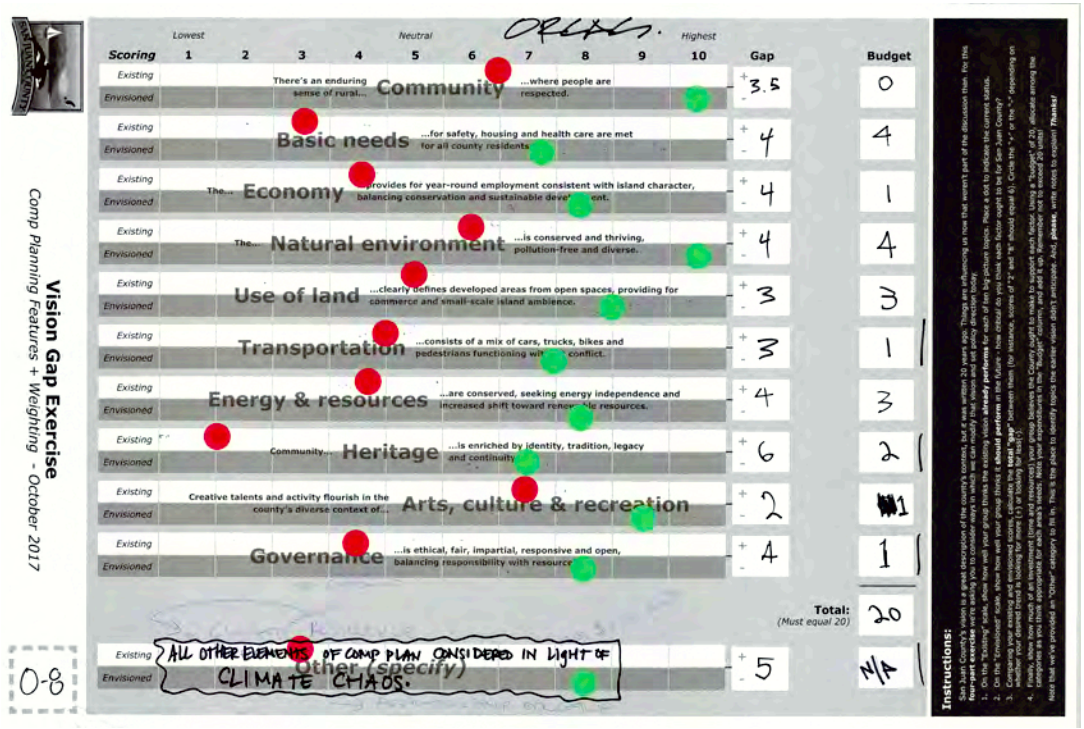
Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
We support the climate change action plan idea.
Waste Management + Recycling
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Other (specify)
Instructions:
0-7



Vision Gap Exercise
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0-8

Scoring (Lowest 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Highest)			Gap	Budget
Community	Existing: There's an enduring sense of rural...	Envisioned: ...where people are respected.	+/- 3.5	0
Basic needs	Existing	Envisioned: ...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.	+/- 4	4
Economy	Existing: The...	Envisioned: ...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.	+/- 4	1
Natural environment	Existing: The...	Envisioned: ...is conserved and thriving, pollution-free and diverse.	+/- 4	4
Use of land	Existing	Envisioned: ...clearly defines developed areas from open spaces, providing for commerce and small-scale island ambience.	+/- 3	3
Transportation	Existing	Envisioned: ...consists of a mix of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians functioning wit[hout] conflict.	+/- 3	1
Energy & resources	Existing	Envisioned: ...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renew[able] resources.	+/- 4	3
Heritage	Existing: Community...	Envisioned: ...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.	+/- 6	2
Arts, culture & recreation	Existing: Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...	Envisioned	+/- 2	1
Governance	Existing	Envisioned: ...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resource[s]	+/- 4	1
		Total: (Must equal 20)		20
Other (specify)	Existing: ALL OTHER ELEMENTS OF COMP PLAN CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF CLIMATE CHAOS.	Envisioned	+/- 5	N/A

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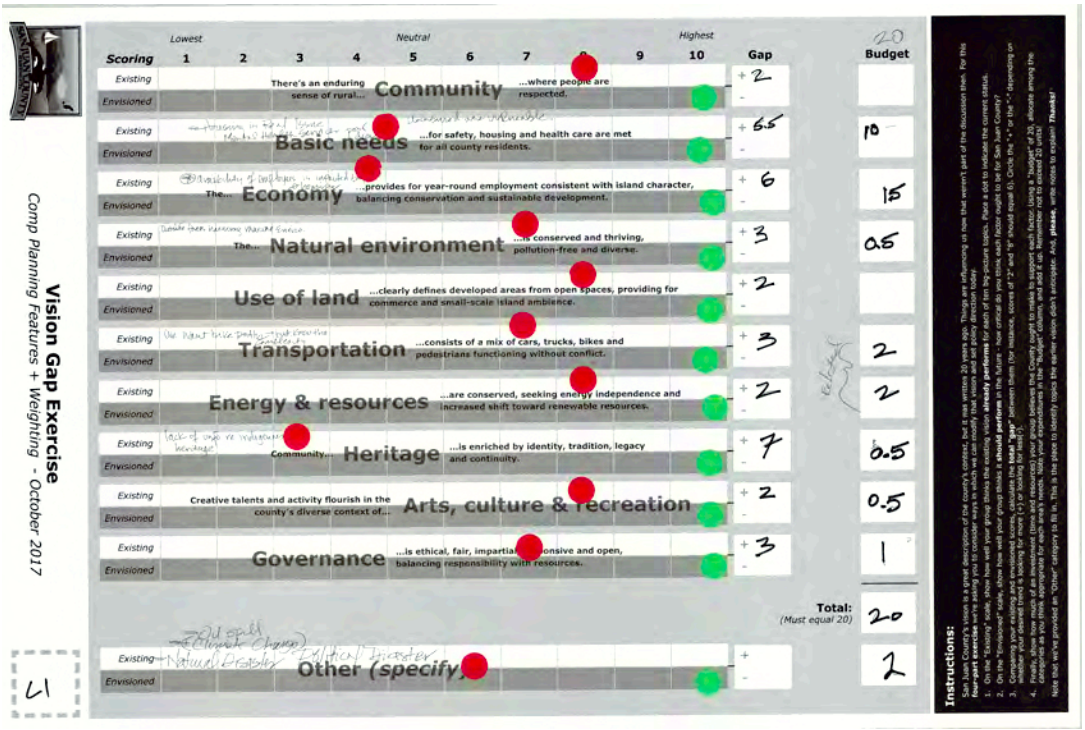

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Scoring (Lowest 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Highest)			Gap	Budget
Community	Existing: There's an enduring sense of rural...	Envisioned: ...where people are respected.	+/- 2	
Basic needs	Existing	Envisioned: ...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.	+/- 6.5	10
Economy	Existing: The...	Envisioned: ...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.	+/- 6	15
Natural environment	Existing: The...	Envisioned: ...is conserved and thriving, pollution-free and diverse.	+/- 3	0.5
Use of land	Existing	Envisioned: ...clearly defines developed areas from open spaces, providing for commerce and small-scale island ambience.	+/- 2	
Transportation	Existing	Envisioned: ...consists of a mix of cars, trucks, bikes and pedestrians functioning without conflict.	+/- 3	2
Energy & resources	Existing	Envisioned: ...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renewable resources.	+/- 2	2
Heritage	Existing: Community...	Envisioned: ...is enriched by identity, tradition, legacy and continuity.	+/- 7	0.5
Arts, culture & recreation	Existing: Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...	Envisioned	+/- 2	0.5
Governance	Existing	Envisioned: ...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.	+/- 3	1
		Total: (Must equal 20)		20
Other (specify)	Existing	Envisioned	+/-	2

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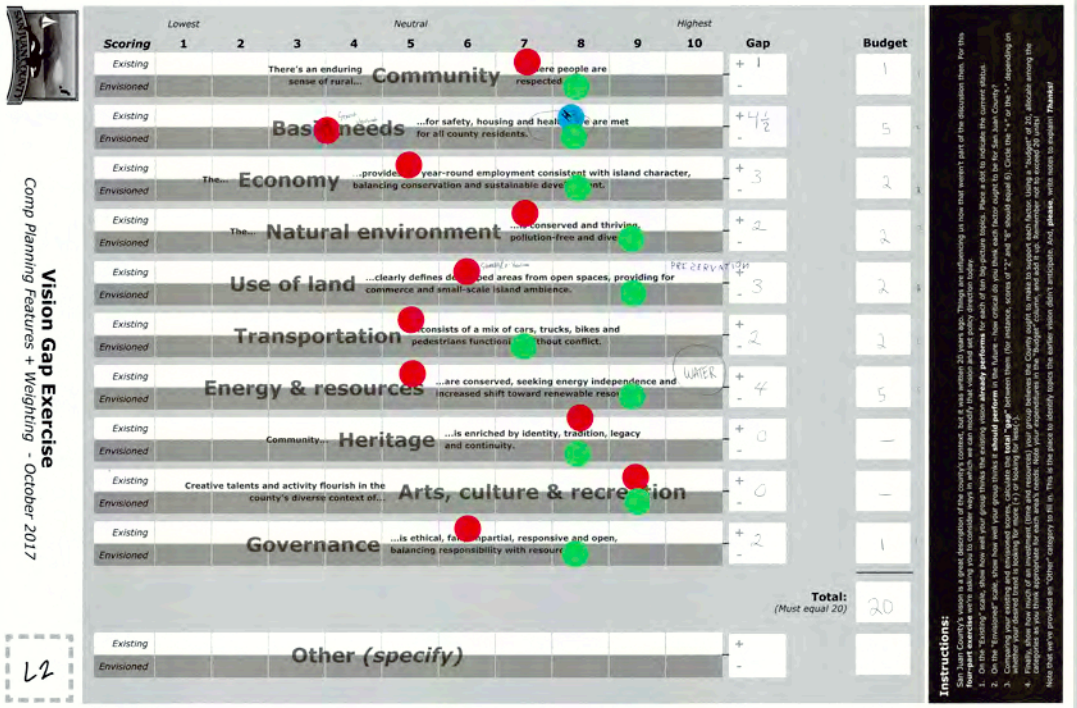
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L2
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
Scoring
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
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Community
...where people are respected.
Basic needs
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The...
Economy
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Natural environment
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Use of land
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Transportation
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Energy & resources
...are conserved, seeking energy independence and increased shift toward renewable resources.
Community...
Heritage
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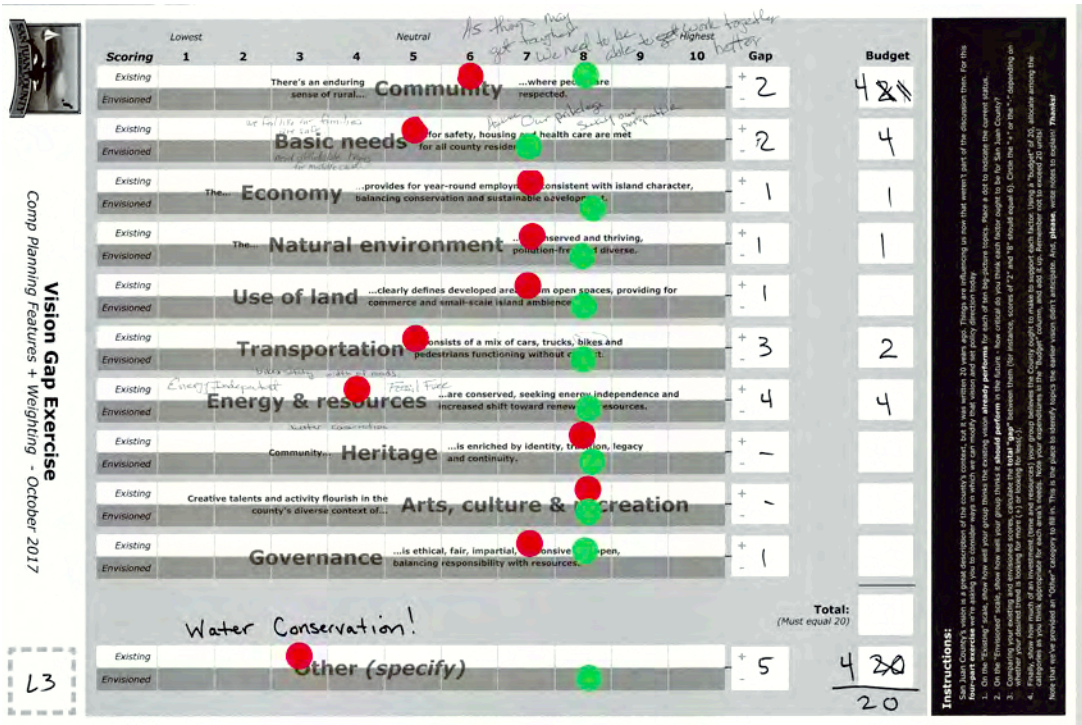
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Other (specify)
Instructions: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Comp Planning Features + Weighting - October 2017
L3
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
Scoring
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
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Community
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Energy & resources
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Community...
Heritage
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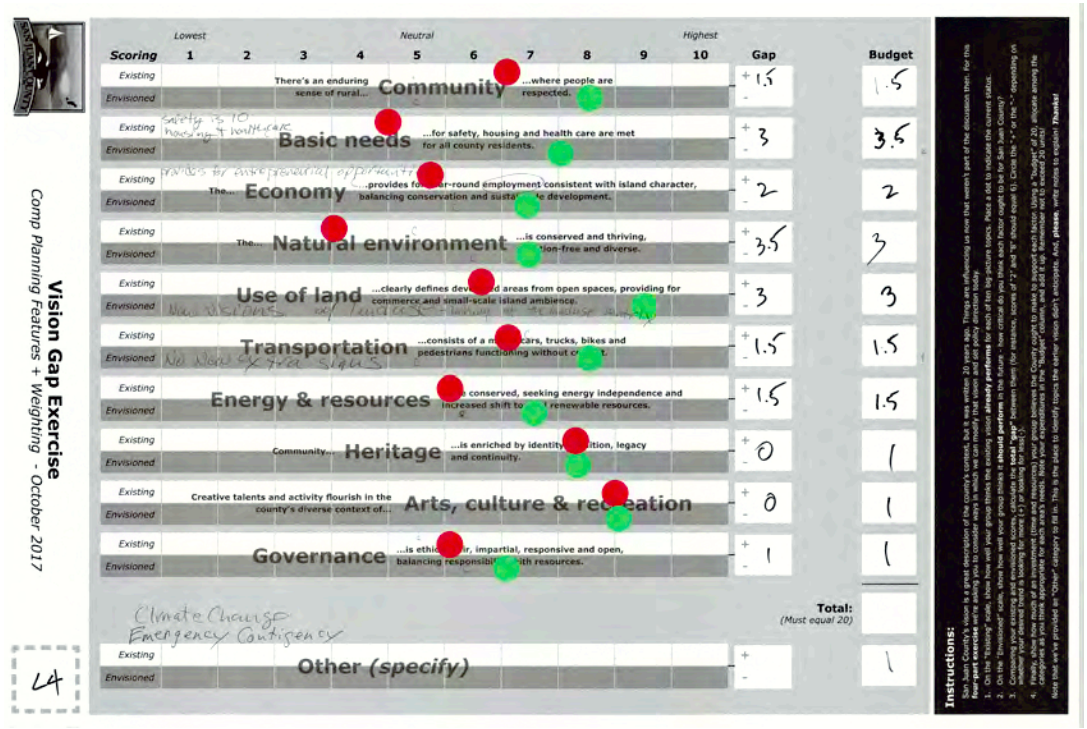
Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Water Conservation!
Other (specify)
Instructions: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L4
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
Scoring 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
There's an enduring sense of rural...
Community
...where people are respected.
Safety is 10 housing + healthcare
Basic needs
...for safety, housing and health care are met for all county residents.
The...
Economy
...provides for year-round employment consistent with island character, balancing conservation and sustainable development.
The...
Natural environment
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Use of land
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Transportation
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Energy & resources
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Community...
Heritage
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Creative talents and activity flourish in the county's diverse context of...
Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
Climate Change Emergency Contingency
Other (specify)
Instructions:

LOPEZ
Vision Gap Exercise
Comp Planning Features + Weighting - October 2017
L5
Lowest
Neutral
Highest
Scoring 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Gap
Budget
Existing
Envisioned
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Community
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Basic needs
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Arts, culture & recreation
Governance
...is ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open, balancing responsibility with resources.
Total:
(Must equal 20)
20
Other (specify)
Instructions:

Thoughts 2.2

PLAN FOR PEAK
- WATER USE BY VISITORS
- TRANSPORTATION / SAFE AREAS : walk/ride bike
- HOUSING
- TRANSPORTATION

Looked for housing for a year!!

SJmedia.org
- Lived here for 20 years
- Had plenty of money, fee!

Eco tourism → promoting beauty of is. without destroying beauty
environmental awareness — community + tourists — city wide ecotourism effort

TOO MUCH # coming in →
where will we go?

"I was married @ that chapel"
||

If you get hurt on the job, you can't find rehab healthcare on the islands → mainland

hard to find workers → where are they going to live?

Buying property for workers to live

housing a – biggest thing on my list

☐ PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE/EVENTS
- Sea level rise/roads
- Sea level rise/infrastructure
- Fire
- Water contamination from sea level intrusion

Recycling needs to be much more effective - Lopez access

Water supply analysis - what is our limit of service? How much can we support?

"less development"

Don't have enough water... even to support what we have

Ocean salinity - Ensure return of treated water to mitigate

Island was rural, now it's suburban

Might kill the goose that laid golden egg

How can we help make farming affordable? Co-op / farmland trust

- Invite new farmers into sector

Animal control / pet control - Feral / pet cats & bird kill / dog leash require

Would be open to pay more to limit development

Housing → kids can't afford to come back

Water → drought (supply of) & cost in town (can't live + work)

Care facility → retirement communities

day care or other services

Hi Speed internet not super reliable + for Startups business

disaster preparedness planning → startup incubators → local $ + talent

housing affordability

short term (vacation) rentals

widen for bikes, any new roads

R. Harbor → safer but still wouldn't take kids → bike paths

Sea level rise → wildlife presentation

Eco adapt Bainbridge Is. scheme →

communication → safety → emergency

cell service (T-mobile)

shared office spaces

① ~~HOA~~ → power outage (lose H_2O if lose pond)

② emergency food → self contained

ferry service - cheaper to build in Poland

Bike lanes

crosswalk angle → turns → School

miles (crossing)

≠ gentrification

Restrict use of chemicals to preserve H_2O quality / shorelines

~~Incubate local businesses / startups to jumpstart local job creation~~ (duplicate)

ferry

bike paths

whale protection zone

shoreline protection → fewer docks

if property is purchased @ as designated for multi-use, should be able to stay @ that designation

Prop. tax credit favoring residents

Cull the deer - too many!

Areas - Reinforce nodes & distination from rural landscape!

Maximum res. size limits on non-conforming (small) rural lots.

- Transperency on Full Build-out population
  - transparent process - Accessible information
- Carrying Capacity - Resources - water - power/energy - food - medical
  - Fire, Life, Safety
- Climate Change
- Communicate How input shaped the decision making process

purchase easement

wider bike lanes → bike tourism

Dedicate resources to construct bike lanes on main routes to major destinations - Fong, Eastsound, Moran

"Scenic roads" not happening now

→ cyclist ... Cars get upset @ bikers

would be nice if people didn't have to have a car

People who have owned property for a long time should have more say

landowners are losing opportunities to rent on their land
renters encouraged to live in higher density
↳ taking this revenue away from landowners

— We need to have an accurate assessment of build-out capacity, based on the current zoning maps, before we look at changes in zoning densities, etc.

— WE NEED TO HAVE BETTER ARCHITECTUAL REQUIREMENTS AS OUR COMMUNITIES GROW THEY ARE IN KEEPING WITH OUR UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT.

LIMITING FACTORS → ① water ② space

"I don't want East sound to be another Friday Harbor"
↳ too dense, no open space. maintain natural beauty, have to accept
maxes on growth + control individual rentals
limit Airbnb #s or as % of residences/rentals
rental properties lower overall quality of neighborhood

-Build a middle class

Water as a limiting factor?
WATER CARRYING CAPACITY!

Re-assess "buildout" population figures & adjust for transition AWAY from "Market growth"

DEFINE "Full" - When are we full and beyond carrying capacity?

Implementation of Vision Plan

ENVIRO - services - ~~can~~ Include FORESTED palustrine wetlands!
(Not "emergent" for every "mitigation" plan)

Shared building uses = smaller development footprint.

Moratorium on B+B permits in UGAs.

Second that!! we definitely need a moratorium until folks can figure out the true extent and threat of the problem, which is significant on many levels, Moratorium should be on all airbnb's, not just in UGAs!!!

There are no "permits" airbnbs! Best to encourage owners to offer affordable long term rentals instead of extra bedroom airbnbs also ~~are NOT a problem~~

Public transportation options year round

"Tree farms" - not a sustainable agricultural practice - what can we offer people instead for "tax breaks?"

tourism via airplanes? airport expansion → (ie Telluride)
commercial jets?

limiting factors ① drinking water ② ferries

... ABUNDANCE, "AND THAT
↳ community, helping your neighbor ~~kind~~
~~privacy~~ ~~independence~~ ~~personal freedom~~
and (cooperation)! along with independence and interdependence are values prized by islanders.

respect ... dignity, privacy, freedoms and points of view

MOST IMPORTANT ITEM — BUILDOUT ANALYSIS SO WE CAN DESIGN TO ESTABLISHED LIMITS RATHER THAN PLAN FOR MARKET DRIVEN GROWTH

Enforce rules that are adopted

CROSSWALKS

Lopez

Erosion - ~~Aget~~ Aget Beach

"small houses" for teachers / staff in area
employee housing

employees moving off-island due to lack of affordable housing
Encourage private landowners to build small (tiny) houses to rent at affordable rents – this costs the taxpayer $0!

hiring process → no real interviews, so desperate to find employees

food labs + seed banks + ag. culture

- Regulations increase cost of development
- Find ways to manage "growth" (vertical)
- Ferry priority for residents
- Electricity is too expensive
- Cyclists in danger - road width, lane sharing - speed conflict

Too many tax-supported institutions on island - create borders

- Had to get a permit to not get a permit

Pavement management systems!

Safety first - like de-icing @ ferry ramps

Interagency cooperation for efficiencies -
storm water planning

— Preserve Private Property Rights

- tonight's event is overlapping L.W.V. voting forum event → reducing turnout @ both events
- Lopez doesn't have same water resource avail as San Juan/Orcas
- Ensure those in publicly-supported hsg are working
  - Studios & 1-br not suitable for working families
- 12 structures per acre is too much
- encouraging people ~~[illegible]~~ who can't afford to live here to move here
  → tapping/exhausting the resource center (9 people team these days)
- ensure housing is reserved for people working @ Lopez institutions (schools, markets) rather than starting summer time businesses
- hotel tax promotes tourism, doesn't mitigate long term impacts

- Work hard enough, families can make it happen
- Encourage better use of energy consumption — heat pumps
- Harvest water for best use & efficiency.
- LEAVE US ALONE! (Lopez) Don't dig holes at Iceberg Pt.
- Don't follow Whatcom County.
- MORE WALKING TRAILS
- airbnb is concerning, locals want support from businesses (for non profits) but don't want to participate in business driving events (b/c tourism is encouraged)

Lopez growth limiters: water + ferries
developer fees for infrastructure, parks, school (impact fees)

REVISIT ADU LIMITS

REVISIT 10 ACRE DENSITY- WHAT DETERMINES IT?

How has land use changed since the last plan?

Ageing in Place for Elders

How much on Lopez? - How much development has happened?

Be watchful of language - ex: "Resources" - differentiate between use ... ie: forests are forests .... timber is a resource - salmon are fish - but to the fishing / tourism industries - resources. ✓

Concerned about the balance between those who live here and the environment. Often I feel like the environment often takes precedence over people's personal property rights.

BICYCLE MANNERS

TAXI SERVICE

Avoid gentrification - favor building of smaller homes

Stable rural economy - Not just agr. but other small-scale
- Strive for less reliance on tourism
- Farming creativity - like KWIAHT

Empower local community action

Possibility for increased local control in decisions & operations

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- Entrepreneurial spirit + opportunities instead of job creation
- let us build our funky little homes with outhouses + don't count us as homeless
- We don't need a bunch of services
- Ban motorized whale watching
- Plan for climate resilience
- Legalize greywater systems + composting toilet

November 30, 2017

San Juan County Council
350 Court Street, No. 1
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Council Members,

Transition Lopez Island, established in 2012 as the 152nd Initiative in the U.S., is part of a worldwide movement that strives to build resilience in its communities to not only withstand the shock of predictable as well as unexpected changes, but to thrive. We are passionate about anything that moves us in a direction towards sustainability, regeneration, and empowerment. Our membership comprises almost 140 Lopez residents and 16 of us, the undersigned, participate in the Steering Committee. We partner with many organizations in the San Juans, including the Lopez Community Land Trust, Lopez Locavores, Lopez Family Resource Center, Lopez Community Trails Network, Islands Energy, Friends of the San Juans, and Islands Climate Resilience.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. We have the following comments on the Vision Statement.

1. We understand the difficulties and complexities of categorizing various issues addressed in the Comp Plan due to their inter-relatedness. Currently, however, the headings in the vision statement do not match well with the elements in the detailed comp plan. Having reviewed a few comprehensive plans from other jurisdictions, we found some that are worth considering adapting from, if not during this update, then perhaps in the future. A notable example is the Martha Vineyard Comprehensive Plan. One feature that we appreciate is the side-by-side presentation of facts (current status of things and analysis of future challenges and opportunities) and strategies in their Overview document.

2. We have suggested edits to the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement as seen in the table below in yellow highlights.

A DECLARATION OF VISION AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF SAN JUAN COUNTY

PREAMBLE

WE THE PEOPLE of San Juan County recognize that these rural islands are an extraordinary treasure of natural beauty and abundance, and that inter-dependence, resilience, and personal freedom are values prized by islanders. By making wise choices now, we can make sure that the future communities of the San Juan Islands will be places we will be grateful to live in. Much of what we need to do to prepare for the challenges of climate and energy can bring us what we all want: a close-knit and healthy community; increased self-reliance; clean air and abundant water; local, nutritious food; and a thriving, resilient economy. Being a diverse people bound together by these shared values, we declare our commitment to work towards this vision of the San Juan Islands in 2036 A.D.

COMMUNITY

We envision a community that is primarily rural, made up of islands of varying character, each with its own unique qualities. The islands are places of peace and mutual tolerance, where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs respect each other's dignity, privacy, and freedoms. We communicate effectively and openly and work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, community and pride that has long been a part of our island character. Our island communities, ecology and economy thrive and are resilient in the face of a changing climate and a range of other stressors.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The community is deeply attuned to the gift of our island's natural resources and keenly aware of preserving our drinking water supply to ensure that it remains clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing and local food is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.

EDUCATION

Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning.

LAND USE

Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resources and environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. There is housing for people of all incomes in all seasons. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect affordability, private property rights, public rights, and our natural environment.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture and geography. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle, livestock and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Our town and village centers are compact, mixed-use and walkable. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only on the basis of demonstrated local public need. Public transportation and advanced interactive communication systems are encouraged.

ENERGY AND RESOURCES

Our community actively fosters renewable energy and resource conservation. Energy independence and

ECONOMY

We support a pattern of economic growth and development which serves the needs of our community enhances self-reliance and recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-Free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We support establishment of worker-owned cooperatives, home occupations and cottage industries, which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and rural land use activities. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation is considered first in our commitment to ~~and~~ sustainable development ~~are balanced~~.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

It is predicted that climate change will have a dramatic effect on our environment in the coming decades. Our region is likely to see summer droughts, increased winter rainfall, continued ocean acidification, rising sea level, and steadily warming waters, all of which will impact our natural resources. Every decision, politics, programs and regulations are informed by climate change considerations and the best available science.

Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soil and shorelines are uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we act to enhance soil fertility conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments, and to adapt to anticipated climate change impacts. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.

equitable and affordable access are encouraged. Composting, reusing, repurposing, recycling, solid waste, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Nonrenewable resources are conserved and replaced by renewable resources wherever possible and practical. We work determinedly towards a carbon-neutral future.

ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural and entertainment activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.

HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Our community is enriched by a strong sense of identity, tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present freely mingle. We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage the preservation of that heritage. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry.

GOVERNANCE

We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner, which recognizes the inter-dependent, resourceful, self-reliant nature of its citizens and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner.

OUR COMMITMENT:

AS FORTUNATE CITIZENS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WE COMMIT ourselves individually and communally to a future for ourselves and our children that reflects this vision. To this end, we, the undersigned individuals dedicate our time and our talents.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Our group will provide input on the different elements of the Comprehensive Plan separately. We are available to provide further clarification and respond to questions if needed. Our contact person is Ande Finley (email: andefinley@gmail.com, tel. 468-5199).

Yours sincerely,

Transition Lopez Island Steering Committee

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Mini-Poll

Material in this Appendix includes tabulated results from the mini-poll distributed at the pop-up studios and the three community workshops.

Q1 I reside on (Check one)

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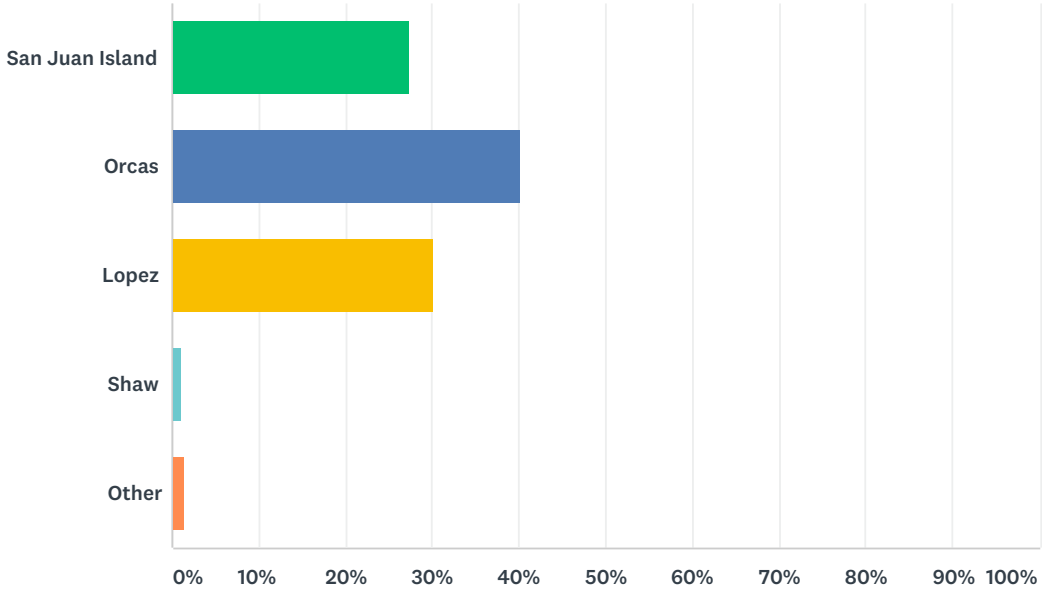

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
San Juan Island	27.36%	58
Orcas	40.09%	85
Lopez	30.19%	64
Shaw	0.94%	2
Other	1.42%	3
TOTAL		212

Q2 Please tell your priorities in regard to housing in San Juan County:

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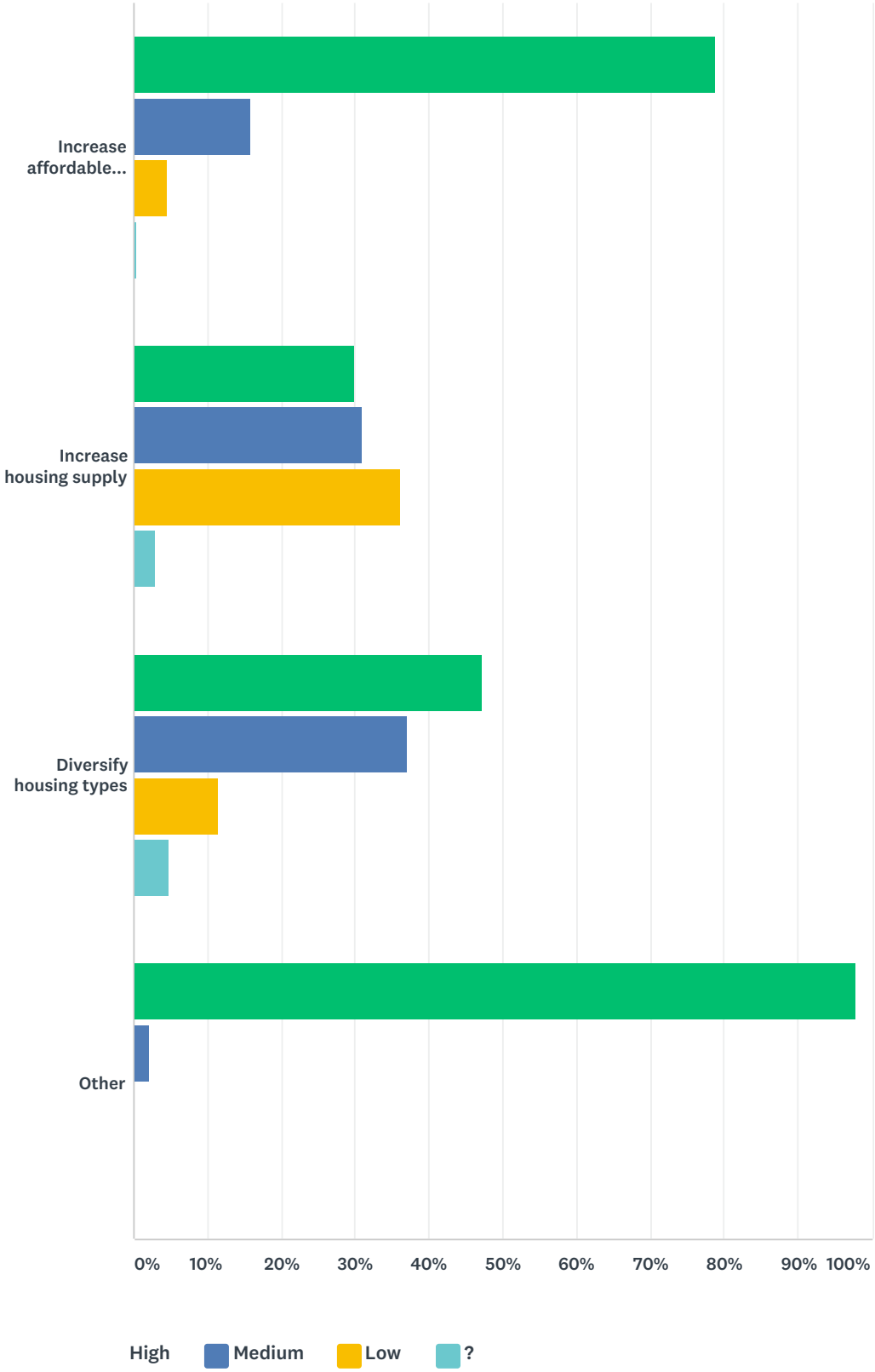

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	?	TOTAL RESPONDENTS

Increase affordable housing availability	78.87% 153	15.98% 31	4.64% 9	0.52% 1	194
Increase housing supply	29.89% 52	31.03% 54	36.21% 63	2.87% 5	174
Diversify housing types	47.28% 87	36.96% 68	11.41% 21	4.89% 9	184
Other	97.83% 45	2.17% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	46

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1	Regulate tourist rentals with required licensing, i.e. that will increase the long term rental availability. Too many summer VRBO and Air BNBs.	10/16/2017 10:19 AM
2	License and tax air BNB lodgings.	10/16/2017 10:15 AM
3	More affordable housing options.	10/16/2017 10:05 AM
4	Efficiency, conservation - energy, water	10/16/2017 10:01 AM
5	Yes, of course, increase affordable housing availability, housing supply and housing diversity.	10/16/2017 9:59 AM
6	Increase lot size. Reduce build-out projection.	10/16/2017 9:58 AM
7	Don't increase housing supply.	10/16/2017 9:49 AM
8	Allow zoning for cluster housing/senior-friendly	10/16/2017 9:42 AM
9	Regulating vacation housing (air BNB), etc.	10/16/2017 9:39 AM
10	Abolish air BNB, especially illegal (non-permitted) vacation rentals.	10/16/2017 9:36 AM
11	Sustainability	10/16/2017 9:30 AM
12	Smaller, affordable housing. Clustered/intentional/planned.	10/16/2017 9:26 AM
13	Low carbon footprint - encourage	10/16/2017 9:25 AM
14	Permitting for wide range of housing types/occupancies.	10/16/2017 9:24 AM
15	Carrying capacity must inform this - both water and land!	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
16	Short term transit housing	10/16/2017 9:09 AM
17	Assisted living. Limit population.	10/16/2017 9:06 AM
18	Change regulations so farms can house their workers. Zoning/guest house rules. Diversify housing types with one floor for seniors.	10/16/2017 8:59 AM
19	Prioritize permanent affordable when subsidies used.	10/15/2017 9:29 PM
20	Let's get a handle on density and limits to growth.	10/15/2017 9:28 PM
21	Year-round rentals	10/15/2017 9:23 PM
22	Senior housing. Seriously encourage modest, low carbon impact building.	10/15/2017 9:06 PM
23	Senior housing	10/15/2017 9:02 PM
24	Housing availability for seniors.	10/15/2017 8:59 PM
25	Be realistic about population.	10/15/2017 8:54 PM
26	Trailer parks	10/15/2017 8:50 PM
27	Increase affordable housing.	10/15/2017 8:40 PM
28	Limit housing sizes especially for 2nd non-resident homes.	10/15/2017 8:35 PM
29	Low-impact, modest-size houses	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
30	Increase housing supply for our workers, teachers, firefighters, plumbers, electricians.	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
31	We need a conversation on density and limits to growth.	10/15/2017 8:23 PM

32	Determine the number of houses that can be built before the vision is violated.	10/15/2017 8:20 PM
33	Be mindful of overpopulation	10/15/2017 8:15 PM
34	Consider retroactively undoing some trans. rentals which are adding to increased tourism.	10/15/2017 6:52 PM
35	We need to be reducing air BNB and second homes!	10/15/2017 6:14 PM
36	Not all affordable housing in Eastsound - Can we have in Olga?	10/15/2017 6:12 PM
37	VRBO & recreation homes/crossovers	10/15/2017 6:08 PM
38	Allow people to build ADUs but ensure they are forever affordable.	10/15/2017 5:28 PM
39	Encourage long-term rentals, discourage air BNBs.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
40	Decrease housing price.	10/15/2017 5:06 PM
41	Increase housing supply for year-round residents	10/15/2017 5:03 PM
42	REET to support housing - permanently affordable. Almost one housing unit per person - policy needed.	10/15/2017 5:01 PM
43	Non-residential homes seem to proliferate.	10/15/2017 4:51 PM
44	Adult RO parks - for residents over 55	10/15/2017 4:47 PM
45	Cap the number of air bnbs	10/15/2017 4:39 PM
46	Affordable & rentals. Tiny homes, ADUs made easier, housing for large families.	10/15/2017 4:34 PM
47	Tiny homes, ADUs- more flexible	10/15/2017 4:31 PM
48	Reduce all housing (sprawl).	10/15/2017 4:24 PM
49	STOP the conversion of rentals to air bnb which throws families out of housing	10/15/2017 4:16 PM
50	Housing for service providers	10/15/2017 4:09 PM
51	Affordable housing, not mansions. Commune.	10/15/2017 4:03 PM
52	Legalize tiny houses - revise land use/zoning code	10/15/2017 3:57 PM
53	Control air bnb	10/15/2017 3:40 PM
54	Empty 2nd (or 3rd) homes - higher taxes to fund affordable housing	10/15/2017 3:12 PM
55	Increase year-round housing supply. Encourage owner-builder and allow "mobile home parks" as low-income alternative	10/15/2017 3:06 PM
56	Use sustainable methods.	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
57	Control housing density-building moratorium.	10/12/2017 7:26 AM
58	Increase housing into mix use/urban promote renewable energy siting & use.	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
59	Increase housing into mix use in urban/UGA	10/12/2017 7:20 AM
60	San Juan needs much more affordable rentals	10/12/2017 7:16 AM
61	Manufactured homes owned not rented.	10/12/2017 7:10 AM
62	Improve energy efficiency of buildings,	10/12/2017 7:06 AM
63	Support construction of moderate size, low carbon footprint, low impact, environmentally sustainable housing.	10/12/2017 7:01 AM
64	Less vacation rentals.	10/12/2017 7:00 AM
65	Promote enegry efficiency and conservation.	10/12/2017 6:57 AM
66	Long term care for seniors on the islands.	10/12/2017 6:51 AM
67	DIVERSIFY HOUSING COMMENT: A rather vague concept. What does this imply?	10/12/2017 6:48 AM
68	Tiny homes, house boats, dorms.	10/12/2017 6:42 AM
69	Older population needs care facilities.	10/12/2017 6:40 AM
70	Efficiency, conservation-Energy, Water	10/12/2017 6:38 AM

71	Encourage tiny homes zoning	10/11/2017 1:01 PM
72	Regulation for small home communities	10/11/2017 1:00 PM
73	Restrictions on vacation rentals.	10/11/2017 12:59 PM
74	County needs to support the Town and Villages to have a variety of options for housing.	10/11/2017 12:53 PM
75	Diversify urban areas, restrain development in rural areas.	10/11/2017 12:47 PM
76	Co-housing	10/11/2017 12:46 PM
77	Create year-around rentals. Too many people are kicked out of their homes in the summer.	10/11/2017 12:44 PM

Q3 Please tell your priorities in regard to Land Use in San Juan County:

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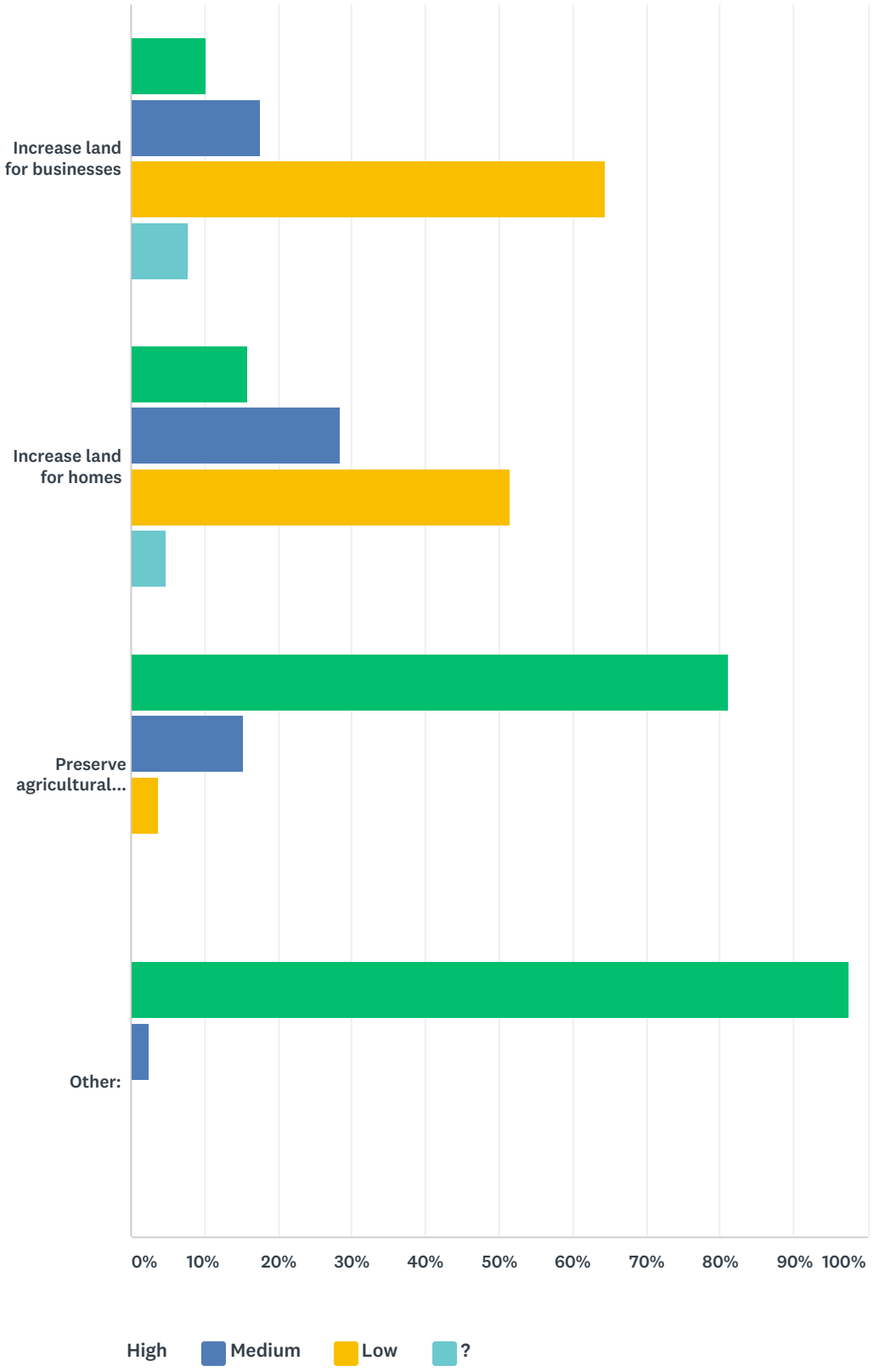

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	?	TOTAL RESPONDENTS

Increase land for businesses	10.24% 17	17.47% 29	64.46% 107	7.83% 13	166
Increase land for homes	15.98% 27	28.40% 48	51.48% 87	4.73% 8	169
Preserve agricultural land	81.15% 155	15.18% 29	3.66% 7	0.00% 0	191
Other:	97.50% 39	2.50% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	40

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1	Increase water holding capacity of lands for human use.	10/16/2017 10:15 AM
2	Protect forest lands.	10/16/2017 10:02 AM
3	We can't increase land!	10/16/2017 9:59 AM
4	Provide subsidy for maintaining open space.	10/16/2017 9:58 AM
5	Increase density in UGAs	10/16/2017 9:55 AM
6	Increase land for homes within UGAs!	10/16/2017 9:53 AM
7	Increase low-carbon businesses	10/16/2017 9:52 AM
8	Preserve more land (land bank) so we don't become like Aspen or Nantucket - save the San Juans from overpopulation.	10/16/2017 9:49 AM
9	Allow zoning for cluster housing/senior-friendly	10/16/2017 9:42 AM
10	Sustainability	10/16/2017 9:30 AM
11	Preserve open space	10/16/2017 9:29 AM
12	Clustered	10/16/2017 9:26 AM
13	Preserve open space for recreation.	10/16/2017 9:24 AM
14	Low-impact agriculture. Preserve forested/riverine/tidal wetlands.	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
15	Sell off land bank property.	10/16/2017 9:09 AM
16	Preserve wildlands, wetlands, beaches/shoreline.	10/16/2017 9:04 AM
17	Keep green where homes/businesses/apartments are being added. Make it easier to rent. We obviously need housing - increased rentals (less air BNB).	10/16/2017 8:59 AM
18	Increase land for infrastructure (storage for propane, diesel, gasoline)	10/15/2017 9:31 PM
19	Define priorities for open space and conservation.	10/15/2017 9:28 PM
20	Rely on natural carry capacity of lands - water	10/15/2017 9:26 PM
21	Preserve forests and practice restoration forestry.	10/15/2017 9:06 PM
22	Restore wetlands and forests.	10/15/2017 9:02 PM
23	Preserve agricultural land. Walking and biking spaces.	10/15/2017 8:54 PM
24	Increase land for affordable housing options only.	10/15/2017 8:40 PM
25	Increase public lands in Eastsound UGA.	10/15/2017 8:35 PM
26	Appropriate zoning- no propane facilities in residential areas. Preserve forest lands.	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
27	Parks, recreation, walking paths	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
28	Conservation lands/open space/recreation	10/15/2017 8:23 PM
29	Determine the amount of land to remain undeveloped to preserve island's wildness and harmony.	10/15/2017 8:20 PM
30	Enforce and implement restraints on development.	10/15/2017 8:15 PM
31	Preserve open space/parks/forest	10/15/2017 6:42 PM

32	We need to remain a rural community.	10/15/2017 6:14 PM
33	Work toward food/water security - feed our local population.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
34	Leave Iceberg Point alone?	10/15/2017 5:09 PM
35	Increase preserved land.	10/15/2017 5:06 PM
36	Increase land for homes only if permanently affordable.	10/15/2017 5:01 PM
37	Revisit the house density rubric.	10/15/2017 4:54 PM
38	Small-scale businesses on residential land. Ag land for actual agricultural use, small farms. Address non-residential homes	10/15/2017 4:51 PM
39	Review densities	10/15/2017 4:47 PM
40	Make farm stands at farms and elsewhere easier.	10/15/2017 4:34 PM
41	Much of land in UGA is privately owned and not for sale, so very limited opportunity to develop affordable rental housing.	10/15/2017 4:31 PM
42	Preservation	10/15/2017 4:24 PM
43	Allow cluster housing in ag areas.	10/15/2017 4:18 PM
44	Size of property minimum	10/15/2017 4:08 PM
45	Allow cluster houisng to support ag, education, EMT. Look at matrix of allowed uses in each zoned area.	10/15/2017 3:57 PM
46	Density in urban zones/villages	10/15/2017 3:45 PM
47	Keep some land wild and un-built upon.	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
48	Preserve open space.	10/12/2017 7:26 AM
49	Preserve ag. for farming.	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
50	Get more land used for farming designated to ag. What types of business (industrial, gen)	10/12/2017 7:20 AM
51	Set wide land for permanent parks not housing. Public swimming pool.	10/12/2017 7:10 AM
52	Conservation of forest land/open space/Down zone!s	10/12/2017 7:09 AM
53	Increase urban density-up rather than out.	10/12/2017 7:07 AM
54	Environmentally sensitive development.	10/12/2017 6:59 AM
55	Preserve open land & marine resources.	10/12/2017 6:57 AM
56	Preserve historic buildings regulate VRBO/AirBNB.	10/12/2017 6:51 AM
57	How much is enough land preservation?	10/12/2017 6:48 AM
58	If business that sell off-island can be encouraged, are year around and pay decent wages then the Islands prosper.	10/12/2017 6:45 AM
59	Limit VRBO, AirBNBs to keep visitors closer to towns/villages.	10/12/2017 6:42 AM
60	Protect water resources.	10/12/2017 6:40 AM
61	Preserve scenic views from seas to shore and shore to sea/mnts. by reducing allowance of building heights in residential areas.	10/11/2017 1:02 PM
62	Increase land for affordable housing only!	10/11/2017 12:59 PM
63	Recycle/improve waste disposal	10/11/2017 12:52 PM

Q4 Please tell your priorities in regard to Economy in San Juan County:

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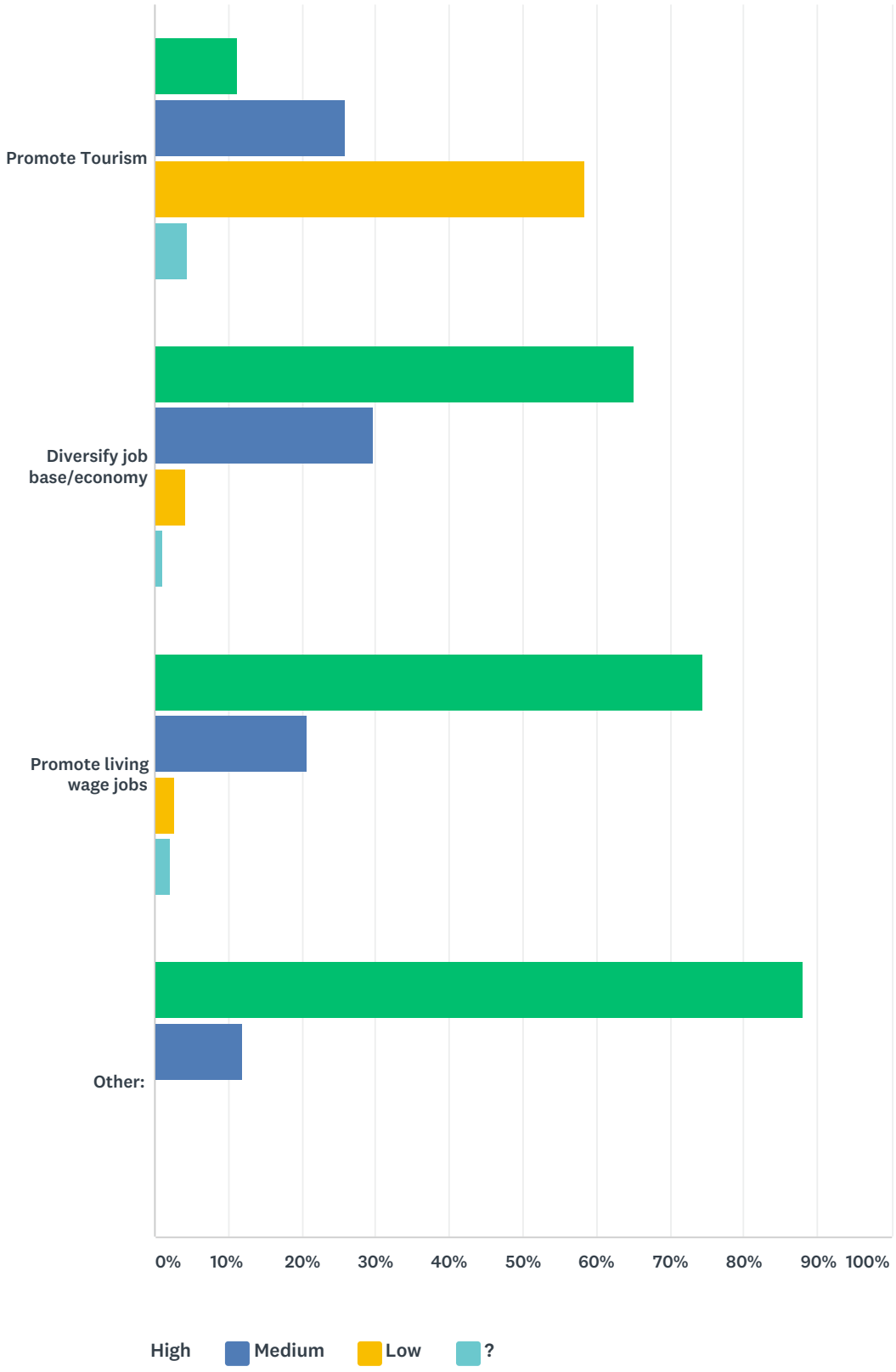

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	?	TOTAL RESPONDENTS

Promote Tourism	11.24% 20	25.84% 46	58.43% 104	4.49% 8	178
Diversify job base/economy	65.08% 123	29.63% 56	4.23% 8	1.06% 2	189
Promote living wage jobs	74.47% 140	20.74% 39	2.66% 5	2.13% 4	188
Other:	88.00% 22	12.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25

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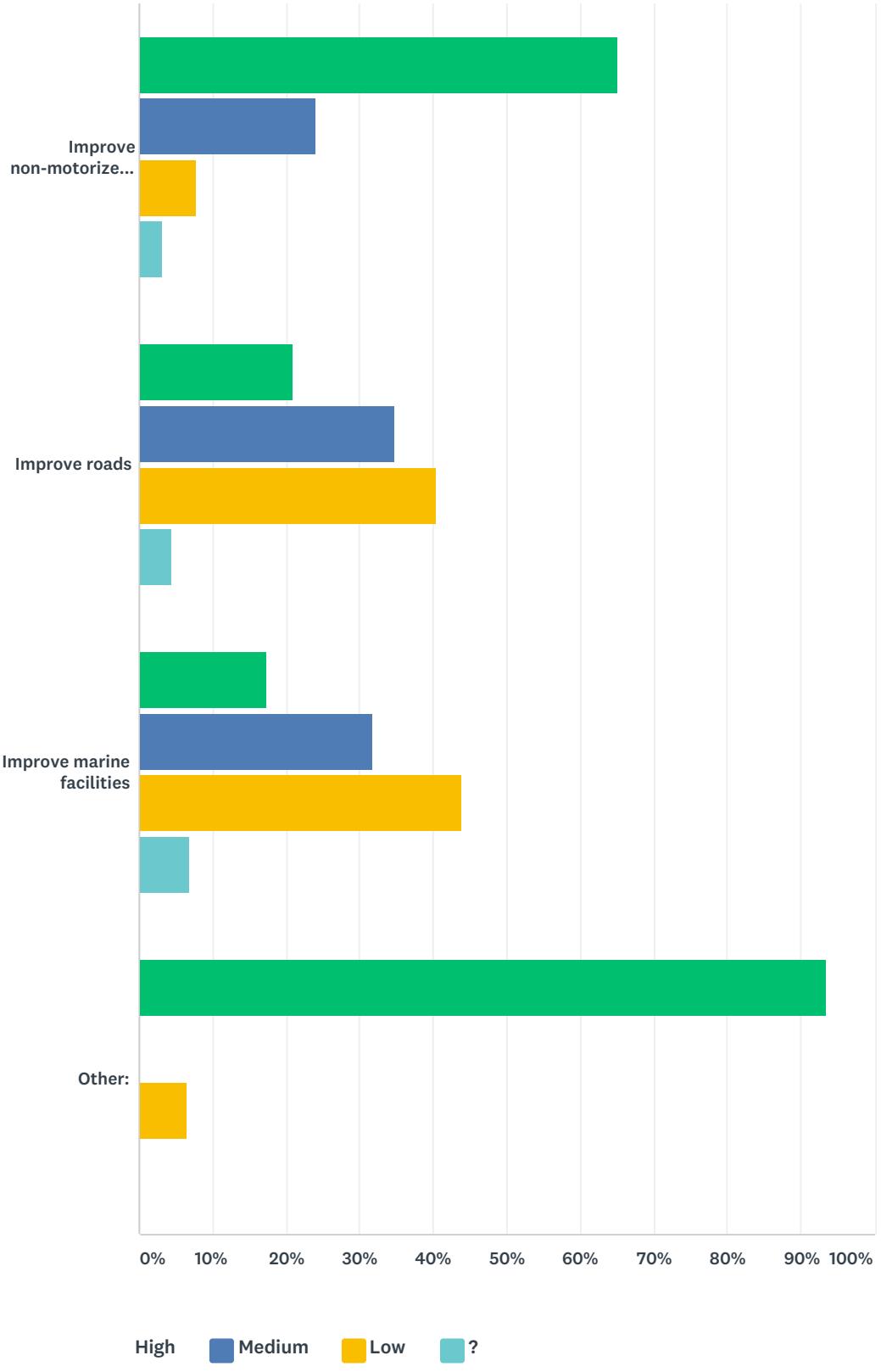
1	Enough tourism!	10/16/2017 9:59 AM
2	Reduce tourism.	10/16/2017 9:58 AM
3	Ecotourism	10/16/2017 9:53 AM
4	Ecotourism & jobs that make us self sufficient (trash) (energy)	10/16/2017 9:49 AM
5	Sustainability	10/16/2017 9:30 AM
6	Sustainable should inform job base diversity. Moreatorium on UGA water hookups and air BNBs.	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
7	County ferry ticket for residents. Bicycle path and biker's housing.	10/16/2017 9:09 AM
8	Keep semi-rural	10/16/2017 9:06 AM
9	Support sustainable/perma - agriculture.	10/16/2017 9:04 AM
10	Raise minimum wage.	10/16/2017 9:01 AM
11	Ferries will prevent promotion of tourism. Have service that helps people find jobs (workforce service centralize info).	10/16/2017 8:59 AM
12	Encourage sustainability.	10/15/2017 9:28 PM
13	Low impact jobs	10/15/2017 9:26 PM
14	Tourism needs no promotion and should absolutely not be at expense of environment.	10/15/2017 9:06 PM
15	Discourage tourism	10/15/2017 9:02 PM
16	Minimize expense to support county government & promote freedom re-rural	10/15/2017 8:50 PM
17	Need housing first	10/15/2017 8:40 PM
18	Ecotourism. Low carbon, sustainable businesses.	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
19	Arts, film, environmental jobs. Job training, stop no compete activity	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
20	Promote an economy that meets goals of sustainability and environmental quality.	10/15/2017 8:23 PM
21	Don't promote tourism at all - it's unstoppable now! More agriculture - think local	10/15/2017 8:15 PM
22	Downplay tourism. It accelerates all other needs. More tourists = more residents = more investment needed. Need to be able to be a closed circle community in terms of economy, energy, transportation to be more independent and resilient.	10/15/2017 6:52 PM
23	We need to diversify from tourism.	10/15/2017 6:14 PM
24	Figure out tourism: Low impact, sustainable	10/15/2017 6:08 PM
25	Community kitchen - value-added goods and food.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
26	Promote local financing of businesses	10/15/2017 5:16 PM
27	More ways to take tourist money	10/15/2017 5:06 PM
28	What type of tourism? Bikes - yes. Ocean liners - no.	10/15/2017 4:54 PM
29	Prioritize quality of life for rural residents.	10/15/2017 4:39 PM
30	Provide jobs with benefits.	10/15/2017 4:31 PM
31	Too much emphasis has been placed on tourism to the detriment of our communities.	10/15/2017 4:16 PM

32	Revise land use/zoning code allowed uses.	10/15/2017 3:57 PM
33	Disincentivize tourism	10/15/2017 3:45 PM
34	Promote entrepreneurial opportunities	10/15/2017 3:06 PM
35	Learn how to NOT rely on Tourism.	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
36	Enforce environmental laws that drive economy.	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
37	Protect environment-enforce enviro laws it drives economy.	10/12/2017 7:20 AM
38	Increase teacher pay.	10/12/2017 7:13 AM
39	Wildlife/whale tourism instead of industry.	10/12/2017 7:10 AM
40	Eco-tourism.	10/12/2017 6:59 AM
41	Promote tourism: critcial to our economoy Diversify job base/economy: with some thought to what fits in the islands. Promote living wage jobs: inherent with economic diversification. Protect airport! Critical to economic development.	10/12/2017 6:51 AM
42	Diversify job base/economy and promote living wage jobs coincide and are required for young families.	10/12/2017 6:48 AM
43	Sustainability	10/11/2017 12:52 PM
44	Support the EDC and new training programs that will increase employment in other sectors. Mentoring for high school students to learn local jobs/vaccines-lots of retirees coming on.	10/11/2017 12:46 PM
45	Encourage entrepreneurism; home occupation.	10/11/2017 12:44 PM

Q5 Please tell your priorities in regard to Transportation in San Juan County:

Answered: 202 Skipped: 10



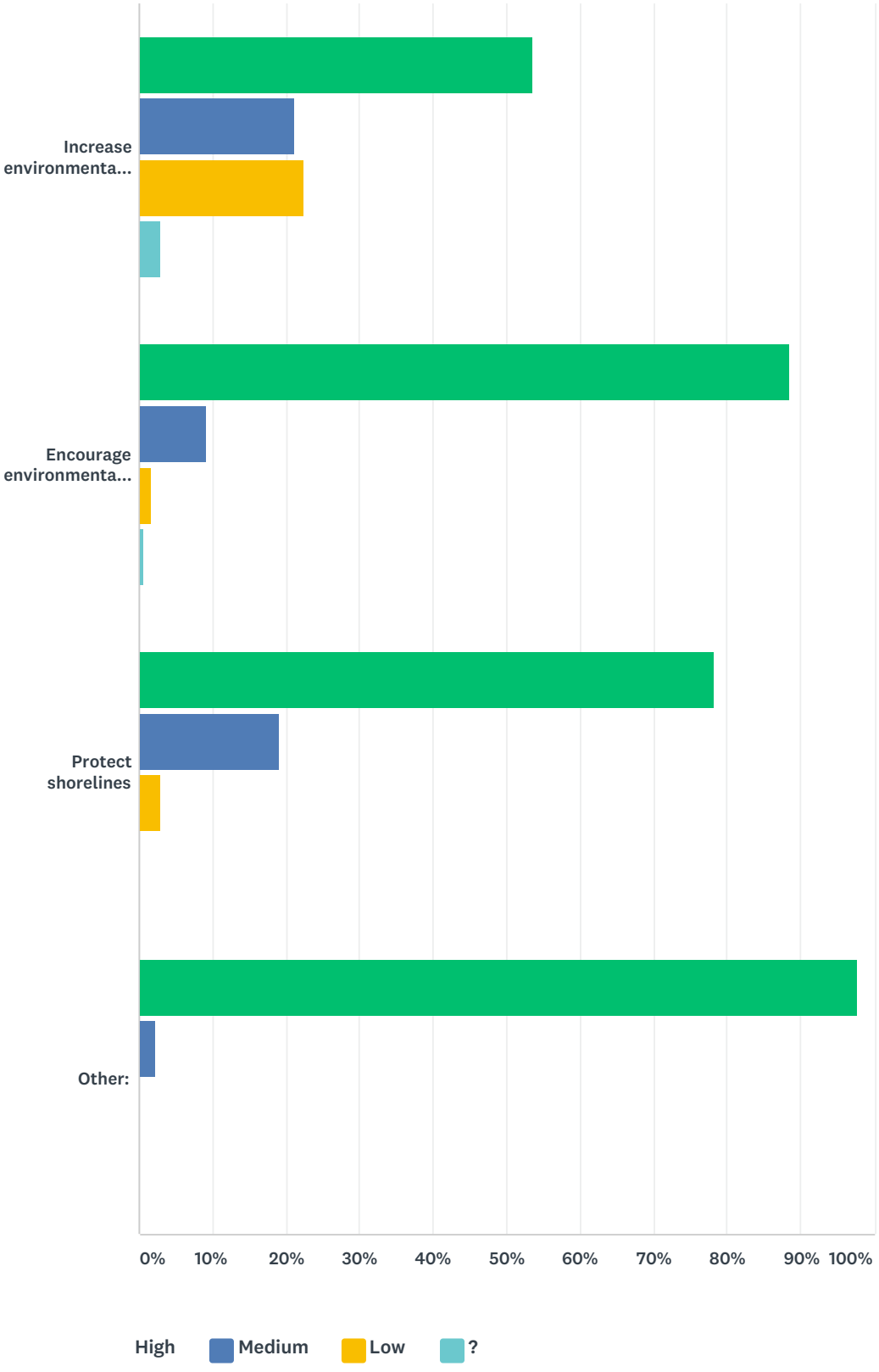
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	?	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Improve non-motorized transportation	65.10% 125	23.96% 46	7.81% 15	3.13% 6	192
Improve roads	20.99% 38	34.81% 63	40.33% 73	4.42% 8	181
Improve marine facilities	17.34% 30	31.79% 55	43.93% 76	6.94% 12	173
Other:	93.55% 29	0.00% 0	6.45% 2	0.00% 0	31

#	IF YOU CHECK OTHER PLEASE ELABORATE HERE.	DATE
1	Encourage state to allow out-of-state-/country purchase of more ferries.	10/23/2017 8:19 AM
2	Walking and bike paths separate from traffic.	10/16/2017 10:16 AM
3	Promote public transportation, stabilize ferry system.	10/16/2017 10:15 AM
4	Improve public transportation Round towner, Uber?	10/16/2017 10:08 AM
5	Better bike lanes/shoulders	10/16/2017 10:05 AM
6	Slow down.	10/16/2017 9:59 AM
7	Improve electric car/sharing cars available.	10/16/2017 9:52 AM
8	Don't improve roads or marine facilities.	10/16/2017 9:49 AM
9	Bike lanes on Orcas Rd!! Improved on eastside.	10/16/2017 9:45 AM
10	Make multi-use roads safe for bicycles/pedestrians.	10/16/2017 9:40 AM
11	Sustainability	10/16/2017 9:30 AM
12	Improve public transportation/non-car-based transportation.	10/16/2017 9:29 AM
13	Do not widen/straighten roads or increase speed limits. No large marinas.	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
14	Local bus transportation year round.	10/16/2017 9:09 AM
15	Good bike paths along highways	10/16/2017 9:06 AM
16	Just another plug for bike lanes and town trails.	10/16/2017 9:04 AM
17	Safety - white lines off bridge in Deer Harbor, etc. More mooring, etc. More shuttle buses + year round (thank you for TVPs)	10/16/2017 8:59 AM
18	Bikes? Parking areas?	10/15/2017 9:31 PM
19	Encourage EVs	10/15/2017 9:28 PM
20	Bike paths and lanes, wider shoulders	10/15/2017 9:26 PM
21	Transit options (Uber?); parking in Eastsound.	10/15/2017 9:23 PM
22	Improve roads by adding bike lanes. Add small interisland bike & pedestrian ferries.	10/15/2017 9:06 PM
23	Small interisland foot and bike ferries	10/15/2017 9:02 PM
24	But we do need more low tech/small projects - i.e. water bus.	10/15/2017 8:59 PM
25	Waterbus. Bike lanes! Shuttles	10/15/2017 8:55 PM
26	Bike support in safety	10/15/2017 8:50 PM
27	Improving roads to allow low impact/non-car use is high	10/15/2017 8:44 PM
28	Support safe bike transportation.	10/15/2017 8:42 PM
29	Improve roads for safety. Limit private docks.	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
30	Improve public transportation.	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
31	Shuttles to serve ferry traffic/electric vehicles	10/15/2017 8:23 PM

32	Bike lanes. Ferry.	10/15/2017 8:17 PM
33	Extensive non-motorized trail network. Incentivize electric vehicles.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
34	Island shuttle to reduce need for cars.	10/15/2017 5:16 PM
35	Add shoulders to all roads.	10/15/2017 5:06 PM
36	Bike paths please	10/15/2017 4:51 PM
37	Public transportation, bike lanes required!	10/15/2017 4:45 PM
38	Improve roads with bike lanes and pedestrian path.	10/15/2017 4:18 PM
39	Bicycle lanes. Public transportation, taxi, shuttle bus	10/15/2017 4:08 PM
40	Create safe pedestrian & bike lanes. Electric busses.	10/15/2017 3:57 PM
41	Biking safety - yes	10/15/2017 3:20 PM
42	Begin to utilize public transportation.	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
43	Connect non-motorized transportation to mainland buses and trains. Improve roads fro non-motorized transportation.	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
44	For Shaw we don't have public marine facilities, yes, we need some.	10/12/2017 7:20 AM
45	Public bus system.	10/12/2017 7:17 AM
46	Ferry	10/12/2017 7:14 AM
47	Improve and upgrade roads so that we have safe bike lanes-important for the environment, people's health (and tourism).	10/12/2017 7:12 AM
48	Provide bicycling paths throughout the San Juan Islands.	10/12/2017 7:10 AM
49	Improve public transit.	10/12/2017 7:06 AM
50	Improve sidewalks & bike trails.	10/12/2017 7:05 AM
51	Shoreline conservation!	10/12/2017 7:00 AM
52	Eco-tourism re: whale watching from land.	10/12/2017 6:59 AM
53	Improve bike safety	10/12/2017 6:57 AM
54	Safer bike lanes Continued investment in marine infrastructure. OTHER: Advocate for integrated transportation on and off island i.e. coordinate buses & airport shuttles with ferry & rail (and more rail connections).	10/12/2017 6:51 AM
55	Improve ferry service-reliable &/or more	10/12/2017 6:42 AM
56	Trails-connective & bike-cleaner more sustaible design of marine facilities-reduce individual and public. OTHER: Improve electric private & public municipal opportunities.	10/12/2017 6:40 AM
57	Improve roads limited to bicycle lands.	10/11/2017 12:59 PM
58	Minimize hazards between rental moped, etc. and cars.	10/11/2017 12:44 PM

Q6 Please tell your priorities in regard to Environment in San Juan County:

Answered: 182 Skipped: 30



	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	?	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Increase environmental regulation	53.61% 89	21.08% 35	22.29% 37	3.01% 5	166
Encourage environmental sustainability	88.57% 155	9.14% 16	1.71% 3	0.57% 1	175
Protect shorelines	78.16% 136	18.97% 33	2.87% 5	0.00% 0	174
Other:	97.62% 41	2.38% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	42

#	IF YOU CHECK OTHER PLEASE ELABORATE HERE.	DATE
1	Some "best science" studies are questionable. Follow the $.	10/16/2017 10:19 AM
2	Assure sustainable water supply/water management. Enforce environmental regulation.	10/16/2017 10:15 AM
3	Provide substantial tax relief for open space for farming, forestry and natural habitat.	10/16/2017 10:10 AM
4	Enforce - no penalties had. Protect water supply. Cutting trees, clearing land reduces retention and we are already running dry in droughts!	10/16/2017 10:08 AM
5	Climate change! Sea level rise!	10/16/2017 10:02 AM
6	Reduce carbon footprint - electric vehicles, electric ferry, electric bus/van	10/16/2017 10:01 AM
7	Enforce existing regulations. How about what is sustainable?	10/16/2017 9:59 AM
8	Prohibit subdivision of land.	10/16/2017 9:58 AM
9	Shoreline access for all.	10/16/2017 9:56 AM
10	Beef up land bank and preserve more land. Do sustainability carrying capacity study. Study climate change.	10/16/2017 9:49 AM
11	Energy independence w/wind turbine? Solar?	10/16/2017 9:37 AM
12	Enforcement. Plan for climate change impacts.	10/16/2017 9:36 AM
13	Fairly applied regulation.	10/16/2017 9:26 AM
14	Ecological rights need consideration in planning and politics. Land/water carrying capacity must inform all land uses.	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
15	Promote more food growing locals. Close down all out of state hiring of illegal people.	10/16/2017 9:09 AM
16	Preserve and restore habitats.	10/16/2017 9:04 AM
17	Retain sense of community (the best part of our island besides the environment - which needs protecting! Don't just build out.)	10/16/2017 9:03 AM
18	Rezone to lower density in rural. Protect environment rather than increase regulation.	10/16/2017 9:01 AM
19	Insure quality and quantity of water supplies.	10/15/2017 9:26 PM
20	Preserve public wild land.	10/15/2017 9:23 PM
21	Enforce existing regulations. Forest restoration. Wildlife. Protect native plans, clean ground water, adequate water for existing development, aquifer recharge, critical habitat.	10/15/2017 9:06 PM
22	Protect water, protect soil, protect air.	10/15/2017 9:02 PM
23	All hands on deck: We may lose our orca population.	10/15/2017 8:57 PM
24	Add public access to shorelines.	10/15/2017 8:55 PM
25	In support of the "traditional" rural populace who really don't want to take part here. Please respect privacy independence of freedom from over-taxation.	10/15/2017 8:50 PM
26	All roads are leading back to housing for middle income earners. We cannot grow or sustain the economy and quality of life without affordable housing and - most importantly - the County needs to be part of the solution. Right now alternate ideas are thwarted by bureaucratic blindness.	10/15/2017 8:40 PM

27	Increase citizen involvement-advice-expertise	10/15/2017 8:35 PM
28	Water: discourage trucking of water - limit exempt wells * conservation* Study Deer Harbor water issues. In bedrock shoreline areas.	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
29	Sustainability in energy, economy and housing and water and climate.	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
30	Climate action plan	10/15/2017 8:23 PM
31	Determine what population limit above which environment would be diminished.	10/15/2017 8:20 PM
32	Climate change	10/15/2017 8:17 PM
33	Protection rather than just regulation. Climate change - resiliency	10/15/2017 6:40 PM
34	Climate change plan	10/15/2017 6:12 PM
35	Protect shorelines for public access, too!	10/15/2017 5:33 PM
36	We have a granny cottage which we rent affordably - $600 per month. We had 25 people call to rent in in 48 hours when we had a vacancy. People are desperate!	10/15/2017 5:28 PM
37	Stop allowing extensive rehabbing of homes on shoreline.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
38	Create plan to promote water sustainability.	10/15/2017 5:16 PM
39	Incentivize doing the right thing	10/15/2017 5:01 PM
40	We must understand the environment is our life support system; without it we cannon survive!	10/15/2017 4:24 PM
41	My family has been on the San Juans since the late 1920s, and we are in danger of overloading the environment.	10/15/2017 4:16 PM
42	Protect waters from oil transport	10/15/2017 4:05 PM
43	Water conservation!	10/15/2017 4:03 PM
44	Encourage site specific review of land use to reflect the spirit of the code and desired outcomes.	10/15/2017 3:57 PM
45	More focus on water use	10/15/2017 3:40 PM
46	Climate change - zoning changes - mitigation - infrastructure	10/15/2017 3:22 PM
47	Enforce the laws!!	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
48	Green energy, especially tidal.	10/12/2017 7:28 AM
49	Protect and preserve open space.	10/12/2017 7:26 AM
50	Please incorporate climate change policies and goals in each element of the comp plan. Thank You!	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
51	How about enforce what we have and properly design are already identified.	10/12/2017 7:20 AM
52	Public bus system. Tiny house clusters.	10/12/2017 7:17 AM
53	Ban herbicide-it doesn't breakdown-they lied.	10/12/2017 7:16 AM
54	Regulations of pets (i.e. dogs/cats).	10/12/2017 7:09 AM
55	Better enforcement of existing regulations.	10/12/2017 7:06 AM
56	Protect whales from boating.	10/12/2017 7:05 AM
57	ALL SUPER IMPORTANT!	10/12/2017 7:04 AM
58	Properly enforce existing regulations.	10/12/2017 7:01 AM
59	Protect the SRKWs from extinction!	10/12/2017 6:59 AM
60	Build climate resilience & reduce GHG emissions.	10/12/2017 6:57 AM
61	Don't increase environmental regulation but improve content.	10/12/2017 6:55 AM
62	See coordinated transportation comments (reduce single driver car trips).	10/12/2017 6:51 AM
63	We have sufficient regulations to protect the environment.	10/12/2017 6:48 AM
64	The low priority does not mean they are neglected.	10/12/2017 6:45 AM

65	Protect whales & wildlife & surrounding waters.	10/12/2017 6:42 AM
66	More whale protection/rescue & permits-Reducing whale watch companies.	10/12/2017 6:41 AM
67	Plan for climate change-build in resiliency for opportunities well as shitts.	10/12/2017 6:40 AM
68	Reduce Carbon Footprint-Electric vehicles, ferry and bus/van. More local energy production & resilience.	10/12/2017 6:38 AM
69	Stop 34 foot roof heights outside of urban areas with exception of jorm infrastructure.	10/11/2017 1:04 PM
70	Resilience Planning	10/11/2017 12:56 PM
71	Internet Development	10/11/2017 12:54 PM
72	Save/protect Orcas	10/11/2017 12:52 PM
73	10.0 Earthquake!	10/11/2017 12:50 PM
74	Prepare for climate change-shorelines, water, temp, species migration.	10/11/2017 12:44 PM

Q7 Other Comments?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 176

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Use building codes to promote green solutions like solar, heat pumps, catchment for toilet.	10/16/2017 10:21 AM
2	Property rights need to be remembered when updating the comprehensive plan. We are against eminent domain "land grab" unless a state of emergency.	10/16/2017 10:19 AM
3	1) Potable fresh water is the "gorilla in the room" for San Juan County. The problem of assuring adequate potable water for all must be seiously addressed in comprehensive plan. 2) Consequence of rising sea levels in next 2 - 3 decades must be addressed. Current estimate suggest as much as 5 ft by 2040.	10/16/2017 10:15 AM
4	Growth has destroyed the cultural character and rural values. The original comp plan in 1979 was the death knell for agriculture and small farming. Growth is a process akin to cancer.	10/16/2017 10:10 AM
5	Are there any penalties for avoiding regulations? I have seen zero enforcement - all we have are advisory regulations. No one is fined - we just "talk to them." A travesty!	10/16/2017 10:08 AM
6	More local energy production and resilience.	10/16/2017 10:01 AM
7	The challenge is to allow for slow growth that does not change the nature of the islands while providing living wage jobs and affordable housing. Water carrying capacity should be determined. Growth cannot exceed this.	10/16/2017 9:44 AM
8	Thank you for the public outreach!	10/16/2017 9:39 AM
9	Cluster housing	10/16/2017 9:25 AM
10	-Density in village centers - Microgrid local renewables - Reduce ICE access - more EV chargers & ped-only access - Electric ferries - Connected walking paths - Support small agriculture - Permit constraints on large square footage and incentives for efficiency in building.	10/16/2017 9:24 AM
11	Please put all old and revised documents, with color maps that are copy-able (in notebooks!) in the public libraries! Thank you. Also - please revisit the original comp plan vision and ask the people what we want - as you are doing. Thanks!	10/16/2017 9:15 AM
12	We have to do something to address the lack of summer housing for temporary workers. Transient rentals are increasing tourists and limiting the housing supply dramatically.	10/15/2017 9:26 PM
13	Support land bank. Support affordable housing. REET bank.	10/15/2017 9:23 PM
14	Consider a vision statement as noble as: Our vision is to insure that the orca population is protected and doubles in size by 2035. If we did what is necessary to make that a reality many other goals would be attainable. Imagine an indigenous viewpoint beyond human needs.	10/15/2017 8:57 PM
15	This exercise was interesting, but everything is interdependent/interconnected so it's hard to break this down and separate it. Past failures favored economic "market growth" tourism over the environment. Please address & rectify this. Carrying capacity and climate change will inform all of this. Water is THE issue.	10/15/2017 8:53 PM
16	Practice prudence individuals are none of them common.	10/15/2017 8:50 PM
17	Sea level rise impacts on roads, wells, other infrastructure. Use biochar to address fire fuel overgrowth in forests - source of energy, too? Protect shorelines from vegetation removal, bulkheads, overwater structures.	10/15/2017 8:33 PM
18	We need rehab & nursing care for seniors. We need health care workers. We need more services on the Islands - less off-island workers. Too many workers are coming on the ferry system to services SJ Co. We have limited water and we need to not build more than we can sustain.	10/15/2017 8:28 PM
19	Climate change action plan!	10/15/2017 8:20 PM
20	Protection of the environment should be a priority not a second thought.	10/15/2017 6:11 PM

21	County must lead the way in limiting carbon emissions - through electric vehicles, conversion from fossil fuels to electric.	10/15/2017 5:23 PM
22	Climate disruption. Energy descent plan to create sustainable energy use.	10/15/2017 5:16 PM
23	Thank you!	10/15/2017 5:01 PM
24	I have a deep concern about the proliferation of air BNBs on Lopez. We had 90,000 visitors this summer using our non-renewable aquifer, roads, parks. I have seen an exponential increase in wild camping, illegal fires, littering, etc.	10/15/2017 4:39 PM
25	Sustainable means preserving what we have now. It does not mean keep adding more (people, houses, trash, air pollution, cars, etc.). If we care for the future of life (our own included) as we say we do, we need to take the present environmental degradation seriously. Stop thinking of "gloom & doom" and burying our heads in "smile & denial" and instead embrace & practice "know & grow" (but not in the physical sense).	10/15/2017 4:24 PM
26	Invest in the ferry fleet! Enforce private beach laws!!	10/15/2017 4:16 PM
27	Housing issues on Lopez can be economically resolved if small cluster housing units and ADA for elders who live alone in your homes, where they can be in a pleasant, energy-efficient 400 sf homes and sell or rent out their homes.	10/15/2017 4:00 PM
28	Aging in place in Lopez - Support system, caregiving, community health & mental health support	10/15/2017 3:12 PM
29	It isn't just about all the rich people...	10/12/2017 7:30 AM
30	Water- support sustainable water supply without relying on carbon intensive approaches such as hauling and desalination.	10/12/2017 7:25 AM
31	In general commit resources to implement existing plans.	10/12/2017 7:02 AM
32	Zoning should be revised to have more light industrial. Light industrial typically has year-round jobs that pay wages well above those depending on tourism.	10/12/2017 6:48 AM
33	If you don't have a a year around vibrant economy the Islands stagnate and die.	10/12/2017 6:45 AM
34	Basic needs-rural health care/insurance. Disaster Planning.	10/12/2017 6:43 AM
35	Priorities all require qualification so its hard to speak high/mid/low without stating reason behind choice.	10/11/2017 12:59 PM
36	Perform "water carrying capacity study". It's been on the county books for 15 years!! Address climate change & natural disasters.	10/11/2017 12:50 PM

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Online questionnaire

Material in this Appendix includes tabulated results from the on-line questionnaire.

Q1 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:We envision a community that is primarily rural, made up of islands of varying character, each with its own unique qualities. The islands are places of peace and mutual tolerance, where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs respect each other's dignity, privacy, and freedoms. We communicate effectively and openly and work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.

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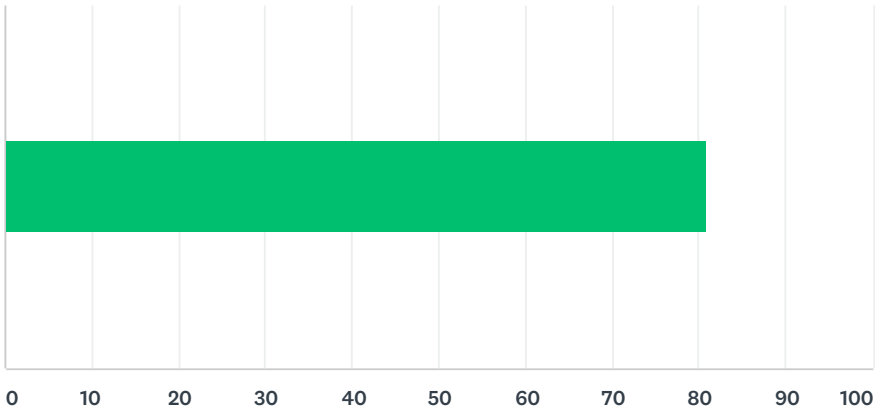

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	81	44,143	545
Total Respondents: 545			

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2	2	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	98	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	69	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	75	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	76	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	75	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	95	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	90	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	50	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	95	11/30/2017 9:24 PM

Q2 Comments?

Answered: 233 Skipped: 327

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would make sure to add the word "Resilience and pride" after community on the bottom line of the statement. What about a community that values the rights of Nature.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	add "interdependence" after "self-sufficiency"	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	Include words that reflect a community that values the Rights of Nature as paramount to its own survival. At a minimum add the word "resilience" in the last sentence after the word community.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
4	In terms of effective communication - more time and more widespread advertisement of the comprehensive plan survey and general update is needed. More citizen engagement on this topic requires plenty of prior notice and outreach.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	The population of the islands should reflect the whole range of diverse economic backgrounds	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	This is a great statement and I think the County does a great job of embodying it. I would only add (1) The County endeavors to become an example to other American communities in its resource conservation measures, including utilization of renewable energy and environmental technologies; and (2) the county fosters a sustainable food system which provides its population with access to affordable local food.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
7	In the first sentence Add the words "and natural scenic beauty" to the end of the sentence after the words 'unique qualities'. Several of the statements below do not adequately emphasize the importance of preserving scenic vistas and views both from the water towards the interior of the islands, and from the land out to sea, as well as interior views of valleys and mountain ridges. In the last sentence add the words "respect for the natural world" after the words ' self-sufficiency,'	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
8	A community where the protection of the natural environment Is the top priority	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
9	We envision a sustained tourism community...	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
10	You bet	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
11	a small, rural, quiet, slow paced community is what I came here for 35 years ago and have savored and helped to care for ever since. please please do not give out to those who will treat our land and our sweet communities like a commodity to exploit.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
12	This statement is sorely outmoded and does not reflect the rapidly changing social fabric of the islands.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
13	This is a well worded statement and good enough to guide our communities through the next few years!	11/30/2017 5:41 PM
14	Would like to see the word "resilience" between the word community and pride on the last line of this statement.	11/30/2017 5:02 PM
15	I would like to see the islands maintain a rural sense of community while establishing some benefits accustom to suburban living, such as 24-hour emergency medical services, and increased allowable residential development.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
16	Maintaining the rural and communal nature of our islands is a paramount goal.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
17	The islands are already not "primarily rural" for any useful economic or ecological meaning of that word. They will only get progressively less so over the next 20 years. Other than that, the statement is fine.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
18	we can do better at putting these words into practice; tolerance, respect, privacy, freedom, self-sufficiency.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
19	This might include allowing each sub-area plan to be different.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
20	The statement is far too whimsical for something I consider needing to guide acutely, a "long-range comprehensive plan, setting direction for policy, development and investment for the next 20 years."	11/30/2017 12:33 PM

21	I strongly agree with the intent of the statement, but feel there is a lot of work to do to achieve the goal.	11/30/2017 10:34 AM
22	I 100% agree with most of this! However, I think there may need to be pockets of development (in/around the towns, perhaps) that feel less rural, to ensure that people of all incomes can afford to live here. I also think that there needs to be more room to allow people to use their own property as best suits them.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
23	Commitment to honoring and preserving the natural environment and sensitive ecosystem of these islands.	11/30/2017 9:13 AM
24	I think something needs to be added about the inevitable growth in tourism and tolerance of it.	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
25	Rant and Rave on the island should go away. It divides people and creates bitterness.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
26	Great vision!	11/30/2017 2:58 AM
27	OUR ISLAND COMMUNITIES, ECOLOGY AND ECONOMY THRIVE AND ARE RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE AND A RANGE OF OTHER STRESSORS."	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
28	Make it clear that this is the Vision, as it is certainly not the present. It would be a good idea to represent the other living species of the islands, and also think of our relationship, our role in the global community.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
29	What we do locally on the Islands, is being done on a sinking ship with respect to the life of Nature/Earth. We are not doing what we easily and best could contribute to repairing the hole, rather we tend to increase it. The life of our Planet is increasingly in deficit and since we share that life, its demise adversely effects everything we do. Things go better with Nature. To our loss, this past year we went out of Nature/Earth balance and further into our personal, social and environmental miseries on August 2, 2017. Our present way of life is 45% bankrupt and it denies rather than addresses this issue. By supporting recreational tourism that revitalizes our visitors' excessively destructive socialization and attachments we are increasing rather than remedying the misery of Earth Overshoot. This will catch up with us shortly for with respect to the life of Nature and its optimums of harmonic purity and beauty, there is no substitute for the real thing. Learning how to consciously tap into and enjoy the 54 sense, organic wisdom of our planet's life in our local natural areas improves our relationships with the natural world and each other. It is re-creation via recreation. The fact that we can easily accomplish this and teach it to others and are not meeting this responsibility is an overlooked Earth Misery factor that secretly pollutes and degrades each of the 25 categories in this survey. What we are locally achieving is being unnecessarily and unethically accomplished at a loss of life to people, places and things. We could instead have our economy help bring the world into balance and sanity while bettering ourselves in the process. See www.ProjectNatureConnect.com or www.SaneEarth.com for details or contact me at 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
30	Additionally it should be a goal to be a template community for sustainable development.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM
31	Aspiring	11/29/2017 9:58 PM
32	Private Property Rights is tolerance. Too many lawsuits. We need our county to have clear rules that stop picking winners and loosers. Seems the insiders get preferential treatment	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
33	Agree	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
34	While this would be wonderful, I'm not sure differing backgrounds and opinions are always respected. 75	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
35	Delete the statement "for the common good" that is socialist	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
36	And our governing body will uphold the laws that support such a statement.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
37	Is it appropriate to add to vision statement (or add elsewhere below) more strident, specifically-enumerated goals? If so, mine would include: 1) active stewardship of the natural environment so it may be preserved for future generations and held above the wishes of corporate & other monetary gains or goals 2) assistance & community design so that individuals of all monetary incomes, all ages and and all physical abilities are universally comfortable & accommodated.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
38	It sounds good but this is not how the county actually is	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
39	We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, INTER-CONNECTEDNESS, and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
40	This feels like more of a statement of "hope" and not an accurate depiction of life on the island.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM

41	This does not speak to the costs and benefits of tourism. Do the costs outweigh the benefits? is there some way to rebalance? Can we create other kinds of light industry jobs that are not polluting?	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
42	That is a good goal, but doesn't always happen in my neighborhood	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
43	none	11/29/2017 2:33 PM
44	This has more to do with the residents (all of whom have moved in in less than 100 years) than the land itself (which has been around for 100 MILLION years). Adding language about the land, natural resources, flora and fauna is critical here.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
45	Do not paint all buildings white - no character.	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
46	I think there is a lot of work that the community as a whole needs to do to provide an environment that is truly welcoming to everyone.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
47	More specifics about protection of natural habitat, aquatic & scenic treasures, location in context of Salish Sea, conservation of resources, sustainability and visitors, part time & full time residents are needed.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
48	I would love to see a statement added that talks about the islands themselves, rather than just their occupants. We are a county that is dedicated to being good stewards of this unique archipelago. We want to ensure that future generations enjoy islands that are as recreationally and ecologically vibrant as today, or even more so.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
49	there is not nearly the neighborliness there was in 1999, tired of others forcing their idea of farming on us	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
50	Self-sufficiency is good in principle, but we also need the public health and safety services we pay for in our county taxes, even on the smaller islands (which are currently not adequately or fairly served).	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
51	Its tough being independent when everything comes on a ferry and business's depend on summer tourism to survive.	11/29/2017 11:58 AM
52	We are much more interdependent than self-sufficient because we all live on an island.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
53	To ensure that the county is “primarily rural,“ Requires supporting agriculture and small farming, as well as preservation and conservation of open spaces.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
54	There has been a divisiveness in this county since I moved here in 2003. Neighbors are fighting neighbors when it comes to developing land. The Comp Plan needs to be written to support quantifiable land use regulations that are based on sound scientific analysis so that people don't have to spend thousands of dollars in environmental studies when submitting land use and building permit applications. If a proposal meets these quantifiable regulations it should be automatically approved.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
55	There should be some wording related to sustainability and respect for the long term health of the land and marine environment.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
56	Please consider management classes that teach assertive communication, stress management, and current laws. Please consider a (free or sliding scale) Dispute Resolution Center to resolve conflicts peacefully.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
57	na	11/28/2017 9:40 PM
58	I do not like the term pride. To me, it can seem arrogant. We hold our ecology. Land, Sea, Water, Air, Animals, Plants, Nature, and Quietness, paramount to life and inseparable. We ensure, and enforce, that land is affordable, and easily sustained by lower and middle income citizens.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
59	Wish you would include something about retaining some natural wild areas. Rural could be just farms. Also need to include stewardship of natural shoreline and beach ecosystems.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
60	Can we communicate this message to the visitors on the island - via the ferry system, the airlines, the marinas? Restate - rephase- and highlight	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
61	This statement makes no mention of the physical environment. The need to protect fragile plants, animals, shorelines, and other ecosystems should be given high priority.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
62	sounds good	11/28/2017 6:04 PM

63	I strongly agree with this statement and would simply emphasize further the matter of unique qualities to include the exceptional natural history of the county that requires stewardship and monitoring -- it is the very character of our islands	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
64	There are some pretty mean spirited people around here I have to say however.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
65	Please add the following. "We are willing to share our home with visitors, but protecting our environment and our way of life is of paramount importance."	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
66	Building and maintaining community is always a "work in progress", but we have great traditions of working together and honoring the unique characters of the islands.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
67	Too much private property! The signs alone are not welcoming to locals and visitors alike.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
68	I would like something to include the enjoyment of the beauty of the marine shoreline environment.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
69	While the emphasis on rural is essentially correct, there is also a need to recognize the importance of tourism and the infrastructure to support that tourism on the islands.	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
70	good summary	11/28/2017 3:54 PM
71	#1 is a good statement but it is definitely not adequate.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
72	Who identifies the goals and what are they?	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
73	This is only possible if an economically diverse population is restored and maintained by creating ways for middle income folks to afford to buy housing here.	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
74	protection of the environment must be one of our core values.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
75	I would like to envision effective communication, but from my past 50 years of life in the islands I am not optimistic. Residents have disparate goals and often disparate beliefs about the consequences of their actions.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
76	The species that are in this area need to be protected since this is a rare and fragile environment which must be protected.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
77	We can hope	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
78	.	11/28/2017 11:57 AM
79	There must be less focus on individual property rights and increased commitment to whole systems resilience	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
80	I would agree more strongly if the statement mentioned that we value the beauty and pristine quality of the islands' natural environment, which sustains our economy and feeds our souls.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
81	Add: Our communities invest in affordable housing to maintain economic diversity and support those working in farming and service careers.	11/28/2017 10:50 AM
82	I did not put 100 because I am not sure about the privacy aspect	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
83	I think there should be more emphasis on the importance of self-sufficiency due to our unique ISLAND community, this includes locally produced food	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
84	If only this was true. There is so much divisiveness in our community! Name calling, finger pointing, threatening phone calls do not contribute to working together.	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
85	We seek to protect our natural environment and its functions	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
86	In terms of neighborliness, what land in the islands needs to be returned to the tribes who lived here first? I think there needs to be a caveat in the county plan that includes those who are indigenous to these islands.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
87	Please put in the forefront a vision of a sustainable, low-emissions county that is resilient to climate change impacts and other stressors—not only during the period covered by the new Comprehensive Plan, but for generations to come (like 7).	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
88	This is great as guidance for the next 19 years, but should not be misconstrued as an achievement record.	11/27/2017 9:05 PM
89	Maybe "we communicate respectfully..."	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
90	Preserving our unique environment is an intrinsic part of our culture.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM

91	End the second sentence after, "respect each other." This piece needs to include (in the last sentence perhaps) the idea of interconnected-ness or interdependency. We are do-ers and makers as well as thinkers and planners and we value all people. I am not sure community pride is the right value, maybe satisfaction in or contentment about our community identity" instead of pride?	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
92	Should add something concerning the importance of a low carbon footprint with the County leading the way	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
93	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
94	I believe that the islands are inter-connected in many ways and we should add this to the statement	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
95	We foster a sense of neighborliness, self-sufficiency, inter-connectedness, and community pride...	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
96	...that is primarily a sustainable rural, made up of islands..with its own unique qualities. The islands are places...differing backgrounds, incomes, beliefs...and freedoms.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
97	There is no mention of economic opportunity to enable people of diverse educational and skill backgrounds to be ablr to find work so they can live here.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
98	Grammatically difficult: "island character". Use Islands', or some other descriptor.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
99	This is a rather utopian statement. While I certainly agree that it is what the county should be striving towards is it realistic? Are rural economies sufficiently supported to allow such a statement to be met with success?	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
100	The only thing I want to add is: "Who would NOT agree?"	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
101	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
102	I love the rural makeup of our island. I love the smells, the colors, the productivity, the food, the community.	11/22/2017 8:59 PM
103	"believe in .each other's ... freedom IS NOT FOLLOWED. Instead we've installed a massive bureaucracy to delay, increase costs and generally frustrate citizens' ability to build new or modify their property.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
104	Value local food production and food security.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
105	The ferrydependent populace of San Juan Co. is not in any way selfsufficient. Especially in matters of fuels and food.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
106	There is nothing in this vision about economic development	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
107	Not enough mutual tolerance exhibited lately IMHO!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
108	Doesn't work in practice because of the extremism and intolerance of the Left.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
109	The description "primarily rural" is good except where it applies to roads with no shoulders and no room for non-motorized transportation: walking and bicycling especially. Rural is great, but make room for biking and walking too. Otherwise our "rural" character is going to be overrun with automobiles.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM

110	The portion of this text in regard to being "primarily rural" is unfortunately breached by the realities of the comp plan as it was adopted. In it's current form it lays out zoning regulations that provide for development into a suburban community. I do not think of the islands as rural any longer nor have they yet become suburban but we are on a suburban trajectory. This is why a buildout analysis is so important. It would clarify where the county is actually heading. I believe a community has the right to decide how big it wants to become and how it wants to distribute growth between 'rural' areas and the UGAs. Each island community should have the opportunity to decide their future with regard to growth. The County Council has been remiss in it's failure to address this, to place the question before each respective island community. Why not plan for the final parameters of growth rather than for growth in increments of time? Growth should be driven by the will of the community and not just he market. The issue is not about growth vs. no growth. It is about how much growth are we willing to accept and what mechanisms for controlling growth and the pace of growth we want to implement	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
111	Take out the "mutual tolerance" stuff	11/19/2017 3:09 PM
112	This statement paints an ideal pastoral picture, but does not accurately reflect the current reality. We are a small county surrounded by urbanization and huge global influences. I think to accurately set the stage, we need to acknowledge our small part in a much larger setting and then highlight into the positive qualities we have to address that reality -- qualities of resilience, innovation, tolerance.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
113	"Respecting each other's dignity and freedoms" seems like a perfectly adequate statement without using the word "privacy." "Privacy" just makes me think of the overabundance of "private property" signs here, which definitely do NOT add to the "sense of neighborliness" we'd like to foster.	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
114	include stewardship of the environment and doing our part to reduce waste and carbon footprint, supporting innovations in energy efficiency, living lighter on the land etc.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
115	Love it! The most important part for us is maintaining the Island Way-- the slower pace of life, the rural setting, the wildlife and beauty, and the break from hectic fast-paced concrete societies. Full-time islanders, not vacation rentals, should be our 100% focus.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
116	I'm not sure rural truly captures the County since we seem to have more of a mix of population density.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
117	As there is a large number of non-conforming parcels (a little less than 70%? the "rural" aspect is threatened, especially if the comp plan were to be fully built out.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
118	We need planning department to inform people of how many build able parcels exist and how many new buildable lots may be created under the existing comp plan. This potential development must be illustrated in graphs and charts and art work simulations of the transformed island landscapes showing the reduction in forest and open space caused by this potential development. The resulting increased traffic on roads and ferries must be analyzed and clearly presented and the increase in real property taxes calculated and presented to the public illustrating how they will rise if new growth does not pay for its own services, which at the moment it does not. Projections of impact of this population increase on the local economy must be made and explained. What viable farm and forestland will remain intact? Several weeks before the updated comp plan is presented to the Planning Commission this data must be made publicly available or the public process cannot possibly be meaningful and their opportunity to comment to the Planning Commission will have been taken from them.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
119	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
120	I wish that all of this is true. Our community is changing in it's character to a more crowded and not as congeniel community as it has been in the years that I have been a resident here in SJ County.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
121	None	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
122	inter-connectedness	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
123	Sounds about right	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
124	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM
125	Too much "privacy and freedoms", not enough "common good". This is not Idaho, after all.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
126	It seems our community has fallen short on that intent. There’s been some pretty harsh disagreements between groups and between individuals.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM

127	Diverse perspectives in government & support for voices particularly of FULL TIME & long-term resident's needs should also be a priority for governance in the islands	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
128	I would underscore self-sufficiency. I think we need to begin to veer away from the tourism based economy model and instead begin to look for ways of sustaining year round residents.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
129	Lovely ideas - how do we make this work when there are disagreements?	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
130	Well put, I would only add that "we foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, "inter-connectedness", and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
131	The absence of any statement expressing the value of our natural environment and our commitment to defend that environment is somewhat striking. I would like to see language that addresses how the well being of the Salish Sea, the health of the forests, air, soil of our islands in integral to our well being and is key and core to what holds us here. Were we to lose the near-pristine nature of the waters, were the resident Orca to disappear, should our soil fail to sustain us, our quality of life would be greatly diminished. If we are unable to protect and defend our natural environment, all that's true in the above statement would be impacted.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
132	"the common good" is mentioned but no mention of individual's rights to own and develop property, to exercise personal freedom and religion, etc. This sure sounds like a way to eliminate anyone not agreeing with political correctness..	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
133	As a recent addition to the islands, i really felt this. I hope to continue to bask in this vibration and give as much of my energy back to the Islands.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
134	The county is no longer rural.	11/14/2017 9:47 PM
135	Please consider adding the all caps: "...where citizens AND RESIDENTS of differing background..."	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
136	It's very obvious to me that on Lopez Black people are made to feel very uncomfortable, that there is an almost arrogance on who is mentally ill and who isn't, that there is a heavy class status, and that some are more free to be than others.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
137	What is this? It is not related to planning it is a social engineering experiment with no guidance.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
138	As long as the "greater good" does not infringe on personal property rights. (Cough - Friends of San Juan - Cough - SJ Landbank Cough -Cough)	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
139	We strive to communicate effectively... (this change suggested because all of this takes ongoing effort)	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
140	While it is difficult to take exception to the vague and somewhat flowery statement, it would seem to not provide much guidance or recognition of the need to integrate rural character and sustainability with the essential tourism components that generate both community revenue and employment. We must also focus on infrastructure to seamlessly support the entire county.	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
141	Are statements #1 and #3 intended to be alternative vision statements or two parts of one combined vision statement? I think the more specific objectives in #3 are critical to include along with the more general in #1. One key objective to me (per #1) is keeping the islands primarily rural - that covers and serves many other goals.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
142	I would add to the statement that we care deeply and actively toward protecting the environment that makes up our home.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
143	I disagree with the statement "we communicate effectively and openly and work together" ---- we try to communicate ----- land use policies are decided by who you are and who you know!	11/14/2017 11:14 AM
144	none	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
145	Needs some statement of environmental preservation.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
146	It's a little obvious in the above passage that we have disagreed as islands and communities in the past. Maybe a little less words around how we deal with our differences. Perhaps envisioning a community that celebrates it's differences.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
147	Sounds ideal and not fully realistic ... but something to work towards. We need to respect and appreciate people from different countries and sexual orientations and make it very clear that intolerance is NOT tolerated.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
148	And financially diverse with programs and an environment that supports families raising children.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM

149	All the fluff that has nothing to do with PLANNING is, well, fluff. But neighborliness and self-sufficiency are important--no extraneous government programs just because they do it that way on the mainland.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
150	That's one of the reasons we moved here.	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
151	While directionally correct, the wording is nauseating, as if written by a freshman Polisci major ... way too politically correct.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
152	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
153	The value of protecting and preserving our natural environment needs to be strongly stated.	11/10/2017 9:03 AM
154	Emphasis on self sufficiency. Planning needs to think toward the future so that we remain self sufficient in our resources.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
155	0	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
156	I agree with the statement except for the communication and working toward goals for the common good.It appears that a small majority that is more vocal and work and participate seem to get through a process. There should always be a process that someone can apply instead of told no process.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
157	The self sufficiency, freedom and privacy sound like right wing rhetoric and not like the culture of our community. Neighborliness is a stale word. This whole thing does not read as the language of the community I know. There's also nothing here about diversity whether in racial or cultural or socioeconomic.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
158	who decides what is the common good	11/8/2017 2:05 PM
159	What is missing from the statement above is an acknowledgment of the natural world that is the basis of our existence here. I believe the well being of the islands, the nature that we live within, should be an integral part of the statement.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
160	Rural is a word that means many different things to different people. Farming is rural but requires machine shops etc and can produce odors. If shouldn't be viewed as equivalent to "pristine" and "natural".	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
161	Please add "self-reliance" to the last sentence.	11/8/2017 1:09 PM
162	How specifically are you going to do this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
163	It seems more appropriate than ever to include that we have to be good environmental stewards of the land and waterways by insisting on goals and policies that prevent, reduce and reverse the very evident and growing levels of pollution in our county. Community-building is essential, but also we have to protect the health of that community and the entire bioregion of the Salish Sea.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
164	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
165	I think it was more of this in the past. Now we have Rant and Rave on Facebook. The new comers to the island, even 20 years ago, are not so community-oriented.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
166	Very general, fits most of rural America.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
167	The present statement is more wishful thinking than the reality.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
168	The word "pride" can be synonymous with vanity and self-importance. I hope the intention is to foster adoration, appreciation, and love for our community.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
169	This statement is too vague and non-directional. At the very least we need to add an affirmative value statement about our commitment to the preservation of our beautiful environment.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
170	We need to acknowledge threats to our quality of life: these include the affordable housing crisis, drug use and the impact of tourism. Tourism must be converted from a threat to our islands to an advantage. We neglect environmental issues st our peril	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
171	no	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
172	No	11/6/2017 2:13 PM
173	I think it would be difficult for the County government to promote some of these goals (self-sufficiency, mutual tolerance, "freedoms", neighborliness, especially when so many property owners in San Juan County do not live here for most of the year.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM

174	Mostly agree, as long as we adhere to general Federal laws. Any differentiating situations from general Federal Law should be voted consensually..	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
175	A far cry from self-sufficiency, what with the food coming in by boat, and the waste leaving, everyday.	11/6/2017 11:01 AM
176	This seems like a statement of social justice goals, and not a guiding vision statement for for the comprehensive plan.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
177	Change "citizens" to "residents".	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
178	I don't believe this statement was true back then, nor is it accurate now.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
179	no	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
180	I would like for there to be a strong statement about sustainability and environmental protection	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
181	Given the current (and I hope temporary) divided political climate in the country, it is more important that we treat each other with respect and civility and live the promise of our Constitution and rights of all, including immigrants.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
182	We are a long ways away from this. But nice sentiment	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
183	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
184	While the above ideal sounds great and was great at one time, we have to acknowledge that in our desire to keep the county rural, we have contributed to the affordable housing crisis.	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
185	lack of code enforcement for a dog business at 96 Navigator Ln. it has been operating without a permit for years in this neighborhood causing our quality of life to be affected and the value of our property to diminish.We would like you to move the business to a proper location away from this location.	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
186	It would be nice if the country would enforce its laws regarding dog kennels in residential areas. There is an illegal kennel on Navigator Lane that has been a disturbance to many neighbors in the area. Inspite of numerous letters and personal visits to the county enforcement department, nothing has been done to rectify the matter.	11/5/2017 8:58 AM
187	Have witnessed other small islands lose their special character due to population/ transportation issues and know the same could happen here with increased flights. Also, communities turned into summer/ service oriented employment from livings derived from sustainability based on natural beauty and resources.	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
188	The vision recognizes clearly what the islands are all about!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
189	Would prefer more emphasis on community than on freedoms and self sufficiency.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
190	Yes, in a perfect world it would be so. envision yes, in truth, NO. Friends are not friends anymore. I was here in 1970 when friends meant stopping salmon pen, gun ranges, nori farm lighting, jet skis, campground at the limekiln. Now the "friends" have a mission of their own and are totally off base on many many principles. friends don't let friends join friends! disgusting	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
191	would like to see an emphasis on inclusiveness and encouragement of diversity rather than just tolerance	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
192	Sure, we are (and should remain) a primarily rural county made up of different islands aiming at the most attainable self-sufficiency. ... but the rest is platitude about "varying character," tolerance, diversity, mutual respect, and community pride, all of which I love and agree with, but I don't think it has much of a place in the comprehensive plan vision statement because I don't think it helps comprehensive planning. ... primarily rural, yes. Different islands, yes. we put hope in cooperative problem solving, yes. I don't think the platitudes that should apply to almost any community anywhere help in the vision statement. Keep the rural, of course different islands can have different solutions, proposed solutions should be the result of cooperative problem solving.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
193	This is an excellent goal statement. This Comp Plan update provides an opportunity for the county to do more in the areas of effective communication, and self sufficiency - particularly with regard to renewable energies.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
194	Keeping it rural is highest priority for most residents. It is crucial not to go in line of the rest of the country, in which business and profit overrides quality of life and the wish of the majority. We must stay rural and retain the quiet and natural beauty. We also need to expand the access of residents to the beaches and to views.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM

195	Consider adding: We support sustainable, low impact development; we strive to maintain a vibrant, diverse, healthy community; we proactively work to protect our existing quality of life, and to achieve this vision for the benefit of our residents; and we prevent our community from being dominated by part time residents and visitors.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
196	protect farm land . not every beautiful piece of land can be snatched up by second home owners who build houses not in keeping with the theme of the island	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
197	"where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs...." This statement is too narrow and generalized to be of use in forming policies. The demographic of the community on SJI is very white, very old/very young, highly educated, mostly retired and often home owning absentee landlords. There must be mention of encouraging lower income families of all stripes to rebuild our greatly diminished, yet essential middle class cohort here.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
198	The entire second sentence is a gratuitously extraneous declaration of ideals that are hardly unique to San Juan County. It is something that goes without saying for ANY state, county, city or other community, and is thus superfluous.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
199	respect goes two ways when it comes to "dignity, privacy and freedoms" if one person's "dignity, privacy and freedoms" impinge one another's. Mutual respect is important as well as mutual tolerance.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
200	This is a good statement of community. It should also include, "The natural environment, biological resources, and beauty of the San Juans nurtures the economy, culture, and well-being of its citizens and visitors alike."	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
201	Who is 'we'? And, I don't see anywhere that talks about actual development. Where to tourists fit into this plan, as aren't they a major driver of income for the islands?	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
202	strongly agree right up to and excluding the statement, work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. This statement is grossly incorrect. and misleading. there is no equal protection here at all!	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
203	This is what we still want, but development makes its realization more remote. Our sense of rural community is at odds with all the inappropriate construction of mega homes, many or most of which are usually unoccupied and consume land that is needed for agriculture and the rural character of the islands. The same is true of mini-suburbs that grow up on adjacent R-5 lots here and there, whose inhabitants enjoy frequent "commutes" to town for minor errands. A lid is needed on such construction.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
204	primarily rural does not align with goals of having half of development in UGA's. overall vision more vision than reality. we have a long way to go towards achieving	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
205	Too vague.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
206	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
207	Completely fictional. There are many irreconcilable differences among residents and exploiters---and no way of settling them!	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
208	Nice sentiment, but too vague to "guide the county through 2036."	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
209	The statement should include the fact that we distinguish ourselves from our mainland neighbors and feel our local government should as well.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
210	Although I embrace these sentiments this county has moved so far from these ideals, focusing almost exclusively on satisfying hordes of tourists rather than prioritizing citizens needs!!!!!!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
211	As a vision, while somewhat accurate at present, it ignores the suburbanization of the county driven by population growth and housing needs as well as realty being the county's largest private economic activity.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
212	none	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
213	We should seek a more dynamic economic environment that can support a balanced community and families that can afford to purchase the housing stock that is available. Rural should not be a primary descriptor and should be replaced with one that is more representative of the reality of the islands for all residents.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
214	Common good goals seem to lack recognition of property rights.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
215	maintaining an eco-friendly enviornment is a top priority	11/2/2017 1:00 PM

216	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
217	The islands are primarily a tourist destination. Tourism is the primary industry of San Juan County. Planning should use that fact as a primary guide in developing a comprehensive plan that promotes tourism. While we wish communication was effective and open, it rarely is on the islands. Most planning and governmental decisions seem to be pre-ordained or decided in offline communications outside of public purview.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
218	need to address governance and administration	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
219	Need to add: 1. preserve land, water and air natural resources 2. preserve dark sky and quiet 3. preserve animal and fish natural resources	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
220	It needs to acknowledge the importance of maintaining our natural resources, environment and marine waters.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
221	well done.	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
222	none	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
223	our island character is defined by all the characters in the island	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
224	I'm concerned about the rhetoric around vacation rentals, especially, as one who owns one (just one). We can't ignore the fact that this economy is tourism based for the most part.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
225	could add respect for our environment, but otherwise...very good!!!	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
226	This is more the philosophical underpinning, but does little to enable policy development, planning, and investment. It is interesting that “self-sufficiency” is brought up, given that it is getting harder and harder for islanders to be able to afford to live on their own islands. Hence, I think to probe some trade offs like balancing growth and sustainability, broadening our base of industry/jobs while not losing the pristine character of the islands we enjoy, etc.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
227	The rural character of the island is critically important yet we are moving further and further to suburbia. We didn't move here to have suburban roads and services.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
228	I would be proud of living in a community that exuded these ideals.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
229	Neighborly to me means being respectful of noise pollution from barking dogs and gun shot noise. Many feel it is their digs right to bark at will which disturbs the overall peace and serenity of neighbors.	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
230	We will not be as rural in 20 years as we were 20 years ago.	11/1/2017 4:22 PM
231	This is an excellent goal for Islanders to continue to live by and strive always to be	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
232	There is no mention of maintaining or improving our natural resources. The primary reason people come here or live here is because of the natural beauty which needs to be protected.	11/1/2017 1:20 PM
233	What is the definition of "primarily rural"?	11/1/2017 10:50 AM

Q3 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.

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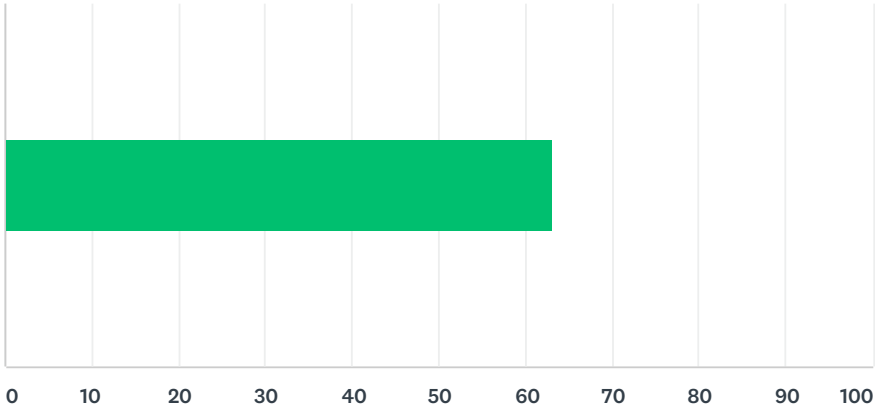

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
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1	50	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	3	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	30	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	85	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	0	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	74	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	25	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	50	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	53	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	72	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	92	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	95	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	94	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	66	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q4 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	too vague	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Agreed the islands are safe with clean water and accessible health care, but the supply of affordable housing is far from adequate.	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
3	Housing, Housing, Housing, there is no affordable housing for the working class on the islands, especially on SJI.	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
4	Retain enough water in streams and wetlands to protect water quality and support diverse, healthy, and abundant plant and wildlife communities. Integrate water supply planning with growth management planning and determine the availability of water supplies in approved growth areas. Establish a county resource management program that addresses all water use, including exempt well and alternative sources, and includes decision-making based on long -term developement and analysis of resource information. I would add a statement about local food being adequete.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
5	This is too narrow and should express our desire to foster a strong local food and farm culture as a core part of our identity. Change to "Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
6	Retain enough water to protect water quality and support diverse, healthy, and abundant plant and wildlife communities. Integrate water supply planning with growth management planning and determine the availability of water supplies in approved growth areas. Establish a county resource management program that address all water use, including exempt wells and alternative sources, and includes decision making based on long term developments and analysis of resource information. And local food is adequate.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
7	The islands historically produced enough food to export to other communities. Now a lot of food is brought in, and housing prices make it difficult for farm and other workers to afford housing. Additionally, new developments placed on ridgelines threaten agricultural and drinking water quality. Therefore the vision should articulate: "Healthy local food is available to all, regardless of income level. Our local food system provides access to fresh healthy food grown on thriving island farms with fertile soil" and, "The drinking water supply is clean and adequate, with regular monitoring and sensible development policy ensuring its continued quality for generations to come." and, "The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population, including seasonal farm, lodging and tourism based workers."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
8	Please include: Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils. Please consider: less substantially constructed dwelling made with local forest products could serve the needs of seasonal workers and tourists and take some of the pressure off of better built homes for year round residents. I think someone has already put that idea out there and I think it's a good one.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
9	Make sure that there is a supply of year-round affordable housing, and sufficient locally produced food to supply the needs ofd the island populations	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
10	With respect to drinking water, I think the County should take measures to monitor the rate of drawdown on its aquifers and their rate of recharge, and ensure that water is being used at a sustainable rate.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM

11	While this statement is still relevant it is not reflected in the community today. I think adding statements that are more action oriented that get at the specific needs would help this goal. For example, it is not safe to walk on many of the roads on the island as there is little to no shoulder, much less to bike, and especially at night. I would say it is life threatening, much less safe. With the Life Care facility closing recently, a statement stating the need for a similar facility and operator to replace it or serve the same purpose is needed.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
12	This is a nice ideal, however healthcare on the islands is today much more expensive than that which can be found on the mainland. Also, the increasing number of vacation rentals has had the unfortunate effect of making long-term rental options nearly impossible to find, which is negatively impacting families from mid to lower income brackets.	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
13	Share ideas, bicycle, boat, and drive.	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
14	... meet the needs of our diverse limited population.	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
15	We need more places where young people and lower income people can live. To me that means that we must limit the number of homes that are used for Airbnb, etc.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
16	yes, of course, who would not agree with this? BUT, we can't have a population that just grows and grows and keep expecting to have safety, clean and adequate water, accessible and affordable halt care and housing. There needs to be a limit.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
17	we need to focus on water. we have a finite supply and not everyone here seems to know that. The county needs to let people be more creative with their water catching and holding, allow for ponds and not require drilled wells. Affordable housing is important, but what about affordable land? It is now almost impossible for younger folks to buy and build on a piece of land here. We need to discourage second and third home owners from building here. My family, for one, owns and operates a 40 year old unique island business, yet we may be forced to leave due to our inability to find affordable land.	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
18	Strongly disagree. Affordable housing is in crisis as is the presence of adequate long term care for seniors.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
19	"Affordable" is the key word that makes my rating lower.	11/30/2017 5:41 PM
20	I think the islands are relatively safe. The drinking water is becoming scarce in parts of the island. Healthcare is coming around. UW integration is currently trying to streamline personal care with up to date technology. We still lack access to machines and tools used by hospitals to keep a larger portion of patient care on the island. I think there is room to improve on-island care. That is not to say that OIFR does not do a great job. The men and women who serve OIFR do a tremendous job. It would be nice if they had more on-island support with emergency medicine and patient care. Affordable housing is an obvious issue that needs to be addressed because supply of available and affordable housing does not meet the current and growing demand.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
21	Adequate and clean drinking water I think will become more of an issue as the population grows and needs to be considered carefully in development decisions.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
22	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of year round affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils. To ensure permanent affordability for those units, create funding mechanisms. e.g. Real-estate excise tax, is key. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability), subject to other considerations such as water availability, etc.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
23	The population of San Juan County is not diverse by any racial, ethnic or religious measure. It may be diverse by some measures of attitude. It may have been diverse at one time by economic class and age, but even by those measures diversity is decreasing rapidly. This matters for this vision statement because it is the increasing homogeneity of the relatively wealthy, retired population that contributes to problems with affordable housing and healthcare. Aspiring to keep these necessities "available and affordable" is a fundamental goal. The problems with doing so are so severe that a merely aspirational statement is inadequate.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM

24	I don’t want the lack of affordable housing to be an invitation to developers to create cheap high density housing. Instead I would like to address the transient vacation rentals which draw investigators who priorities are commercial and financial. I believe that is what is increasing housing costs and is degrading the environment of the islands by overuse.	11/30/2017 2:14 PM
25	Would like to see less focus on providing short term rentals, more focus on promoting long term rental/owner occupied residences. Meeting the needs of our diverse population should not also include meeting the needs of non-resident parties profiting off the tourism industry of the islands.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
26	Housing that is affordable and suitable for singles, single parents and working families is a serious problem. Failure to deal with land costs, utility costs, GMA constraints is changing the demographic and character of the islands. The private sector must have conditions that allow for rational economic decisions for housing investment. Punting to new taxes and government housing is a bandaid that has not worked anywhere else and will not work here.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
27	I like the safety part. Not sure if affordable housing is possible within capitalism, unless we can budget it through government. Which I'm not against, but I think it needs careful thinking. I like Lopez's solutions, they seem quite sane.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
28	It seems like there is a need for more affordable housing, and health care as well. At least on Orcas, which is what I am most familiar with.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
29	Include ability to live without substantial noise intrusion that impacts the livability and health of citizens of this County.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
30	Using, "the drinking water is clean and adequate," for example does not indicate that we wish to not over populate the islands such that the naturally-available water supply can sustain the population and VISITATION that is getting out of control; that part of the statement suggests we'd be just fine trucking in "clean and adequate water" from the mainland. Moreover, "affordable housing" is so generic and overused, we should be setting target house / apt prices that are stated to help evaluate what is actually affordable, or use a more specific metric like "average cost of housing should be no more that 25% of a household's income"	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
31	I agree with thee first two statements, but cannot agree with the statement as to adequate affordable housing.	11/30/2017 12:03 PM
32	The affordable housing is NOT adequate to meet the demand.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
33	Affordable housing and hospital is expensive	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
34	Great goals! Let's hope that we can make them come true.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
35	Affordable housing is inadequate across the county. Many working and middle class residents struggle to afford rental housing and the pool of available housing is very small, largely due to vacation rentals and retirement homes. The cost of a rental has risen considerably in the past 10 years. Also, by denying maternity services (and in turn abortion services) at Peace Health on SJI, the hospital is not providing access to critical health care for the community. The hospital's religious affiliation should not stand in the way of providing access to reproductive health services. Finally, while drinking water may currently be clean and adequate, conservation measures need to be encouraged through education and outreach.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
36	Clean Water is available for drinking and Sustainably produced local food.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
37	Homes for islanders is getting excessive. Friends of the San Juans-were to sell back land they never have. Friends and land bank should be eliminated- they have plenty of land now.	11/30/2017 9:01 AM
38	There is not adequate year round affordable housing.	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
39	Yes we can walk safe. The town water has so many chemicals that my dog won't drink it. Seriously. Health care should be free. It is waaaaayyyy to expensive here on the island. Affordable housing is scarce and we need more tiny house communities as well as possibly building taller apartment buildings. Otherwise this will continue because of human population growth. This is happening in every desired community around the country and in Canada and Europe.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
40	although we can still safely walk or play day or night, our water supply is limited, the population increasing, affordable housing is almost non-existant	11/30/2017 7:40 AM
41	there are public access places and there are safe places, but most of the islands are under private stewardship and replete with natural hazards and risk. Individual safety depends on diligence and respect for others' privacy.	11/30/2017 6:54 AM
42	Year round affordable housing, access to bounties of Local non GMO foods. support farmers!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM

43	Three issues mentioned--water, health care and affordable housing--are no longer adequate , accessible, and affordable. If there were clear paths back to a situation where these things were true, the statement above might be defensible, but as a statement of fact, it suggests that the Comp Plan is fantasy.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
44	Nope. Good idea	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
45	The final sentence in question 3 is the reason I strongly disagree- affordable housing is inadequate to say the least.	11/29/2017 11:20 PM
46	Sounds good	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
47	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
48	Lofty goals that we are not currently living up too.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM
49	Water is not adequate. Need more affordable housing.	11/29/2017 9:58 PM
50	$300,000+ houses are not affordable. Regular housing development outside of special tax programs is prohibitive due to loose rules subject to the political winds of the day. Access to water is being used as a tool to stop development. It is a major issue and investment development of more water utility is needed.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
51	The islands are of a scale and size. I would like to see a future where rural communities are not overrun by development.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
52	I think there is a need for affordable housing...short term for high season workers, as well as long term for residents.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
53	I agree	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
54	In order to accomplish this goal the county will need to focus on more than tourism as an industry. There needs to be a SERIOUS study and ACTION to build housing, jobs and a stable economy in spite of tourism or we will lose our middle class and service workers in the county.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
55	Yes, these are goals we need to aspire to.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
56	Our islands are certainly safe but there is not adequate affordable housing!	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
57	Safe to walk & play. Healthcare adequate. Town water treated with bleach, leaving cancer causing byproducts, as shown several years ago. Water should be tested on a monthly basis and alternative filter methods applied. Affordable housing is becoming less and less available.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
58	Affordable housing is the single most significant lack in our county.	11/29/2017 5:39 PM
59	Please see above recommended wording. Perhaps instead of enumerated, smaller goals as offered in this statement #3 (safe drinking water, safety day & night) we should use broader goals as per above (i.e., stewardship of natural environment, seek to make all individuals in our community comfortable in terms of the basic human needs.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
60	The housing is and should be an open market. We don't need government stepping in and telling us what we can and can't charge for rent. The water is questionable.	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
61	ADD THIS SENTENCE: Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The supply of YEAR ROUND affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population INCLUDING SEASONAL AND YEAR ROUND FARM, LODGING, AND TOURISM-BASED WORKERS. OUR REGENERATIVE FOOD SYSTEM SUPPORTS ACCESS TO FRESH, HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD GROWN ON THRIVING LOCAL FARMS WITH FERTILE SOILS. ADD THIS SENTENCE AT THE END: TO ENSURE PERMANENT AFFORDABILITY FOR THOSE UNITS, CREATE FUNDING MECHANISMS, E.G. REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX, IS KEY. THESE HOUSING UNITS CAN COME FROM A COMBINATION OF INCENTIVIZING OWNERS OF EXISTING VACANT HOMES TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS AND BUILDING NEW ONES (BUT WITH CONDITIONS OF PERMANENT AFFORDABILITY), SUBJECT TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS WATER AVAILABILITY, ETC.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
62	Protecting water will require banning dangerous chemicals such as glyphosphates and neonicotinoids. Water for agriculture should be protected, as well as avoiding agricultural nutrient runnoff. Protecting watersheds to insure clean water is crucial.Cluster housing for farm workers will be required to keep agriculture alive.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM

63	I used to feel safe walking around town day and night. Not anymore- the population of unstable people is growing and the lack of resources for those individuals is becoming more glaring each month.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
64	I like the #1 better but I like that the basics are spelled out. If we lack safety, clean water, and health care we are not a healthy community	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
65	Health care is tough.	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
66	Again, this statement benefits only the humans that are here.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
67	Housing is a big issue and health care is limited and not affordable	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
68	Those are good goals, but not a reality at this point.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
69	Affordable housing is not guaranteed or adequate.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
70	Why is adequate housing with safety , health care and clean water? This should be part of #5	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
71	none	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
72	I'd add something about safe non-motorized transportation - which helps with safety goals, public health, and community cohesion. I'd also add something about easy access to outdoor opportunities for recreation, contemplation, and exploration.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
73	The phrase "our diverse population" implies that housing must meet the needs of the current population, without considering that the population is always changing. A more precise statement about the desired demographic make-up of the islands would be more contentious but also more useful in building a genuine consensus vision. Also, I think it's important to acknowledge that land use policy can determine housing scarcity, and that certain policies benefit certain demographic groups. Policy should benefit all equally. "Land use policies balance preservation of the environment with ensuring new housing opportunities for all socioeconomic levels. Development policies are not biased in favor of renters, home-owners, old-timers, or the newly-arrived; real estate values are stable but do not appreciate faster than incomes."	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
74	Safety isn't an issue but certainly affordable health care and adequate housing are issues of incredible need in the community! Water is also an important issue that needs to be better addressed with some individuals wasting the island's resource because they are "grandfathered" in to use any amount they want, while others fear salt water intrusion with the drawdown of the water table!	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
75	housing is a huge issue.	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
76	I agree with this up to a point, and that point is the absolute injustice of the county making an agreement with the primarily county-funded hospital to be managed by a Catholic organization that enforces its own religious beliefs on all citizens, including denying access to legal reproductive and birth control healthcare.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
77	Disagree with there is adequate affordable rentals or homes to afford to purchase - lots of businesses also have been lost due to lack of employees who can afford it here now.	11/29/2017 12:24 PM
78	The need for affordable housing will depend on the numbers of people moving to the islands. Having an adequate supply of affordable housing will be a major challenge.	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
79	Misleading question	11/29/2017 11:58 AM
80	Drinking water supplies are crucial and need special protection. Because of the low percentage of year round tenancy of many homes, the supply of affordable rentals is an increasing issue.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
81	The supply of affordable housing is sadly lacking!!	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
82	Affordable housing is not adequate: we need to address this.	11/29/2017 10:09 AM
83	The supply of adequate housing is not adequate	11/29/2017 9:54 AM
84	There is no such thing as affordable housing inn this county for the middle class. Low income families can get help through government programs and the wealthy don't need help. The middle class is left fending for themselves. Most end up moving off island to improve their quality of life.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
85	Not enough affordable housing	11/29/2017 8:57 AM
86	Health care has been progressively getting worse and less accessible since I moved here in 1989. Emergency access is good. The supply of affordable housing is poor. The supply and quality of drinking water varies significantly throughout the islands.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM

87	Some mention should also be made of adequacy of sewage treatment, septic systems and trash disposal systems.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
88	We have a lot of work to bring this section of the vision statement into fruition	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
89	Affordable housing should not just be adequate but widely available.	11/28/2017 9:40 PM
90	Affordable land, homes and year-round rentals meet the needs for equality, fairness, and democracy.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
91	Waste that we create, whether solid or liquid, is properly disposed of.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
92	Affordable housing is a major concern - can the models developed by the Land Trust on Lopez be used on other islands?	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
93	Citizens should also have access to natural areas and shorelines. The schools should be a vital center for learning.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
94	The supply of affordable housing seems lacking for members of the service industry. Consolidation of health care providers seems like it would reduce the need for increased taxes to subsidize multiple providers.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
95	Affordable housing is an issue that is as yet unresolved.	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
96	Our family has had property on Lopez, Makaye Hbr. rd. over the last 45 years the water quality and volume form our well (Artesian has decline in volume and quality. Believe increased in development may be resulting in salt water intrusion of the water table as we have a lot more hydrogen sulfide gas that wasn't there when pop had the well drilled.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
97	I don't think this is TRUE, but I want it to be	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
98	While the current supply of drinking water is adequate it is not unlimited it is finite and getting ahead of future problems with salt water invasion will require strong conservation and efficiency of use measures.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
99	Access to affordable housing is inadequate for working families and especially in the farming sector	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
100	housing = currently not so great, with some baby steps being taken in last few yrs.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
101	Please note these changes: 1) Our islands are places where citizens and visitors can safely work or play, day or night. 2) We recognize that water and other natural resources are finite and precious, and we work together to ensure they are managed properly.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
102	Affordable housing is not adequate and needs real efforts to establish a sustainable supply for working families, elders and others with limited incomes who contribute significantly to the larger community. Loss of the Life Care Center on SJI points out how vulnerable our healthcare system is to the fluctuations of the economy and corporate providers, and the changing tides of federal government support for affordable healthcare legislation put our local healthcare system at risk. There are places on the islands where water supply is only seasonally "safe" and the presence of saltwater intrusion in areas of heavy development points out the needs for longterm strategic thinking and protections for water supply on all the islands.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
103	Not enough affordable housing.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
104	If we build them they will come. If they come can we then provide all these commendable services affordably - clean water, health care, sanitation, etc.?	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
105	Affordable housing is not adequate but how do you build affordable housing without adversely affecting population density?	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
106	Perhaps add something about biking and other non-motorized travel	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
107	I think affordable housing is going to be an increasingly difficult goal to include.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
108	While the health care issue is in many ways being effectively addressed through changing health care delivery systems, the affordable housing issue is not being effectively addressed and is very difficult to address	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
109	none	11/28/2017 3:54 PM
110	Statement is incomplete. No mention of environmental quality, transportation access; energy costs; renewable energy potential; public parks and recreation. The statement us way too narrow for a 20 year plan.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM

111	Affordable housing is in no way adequate or even coming close to being available for many folks who were born here and lived here all their lives. Rental and other housing prices have made the islands a very difficult place to live unless one is wealthy. Health care is also not affordable for many people.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
112	When does the goal for Affordable Housing over reach or displace the needs of individual homeowners.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
113	All of these issues, lack of water, affordable health care and affordable housing need to be addressed now and into the future.	11/28/2017 3:18 PM
114	Affordable housing is NOT adequate. Meth is taking some toll on our youth.	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
115	Insufficiently visionary - while this includes some important objectives and metrics, it misses many others.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
116	Need to include local agriculture as a valued feature of the islands, in addition to safety, health care, and affordable housing. This is in line with the islands' rural character and also the vision of self-sufficiency (referenced in the vision statement in number 1, above).	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
117	There should be something about providing adequate open space and natural areas	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
118	Town water is so bad my dog won't drink it. Housing as we all know is unfathomly bad.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
119	The islands are safer than many other places. Water supplies vary. Health care is remarkably good but I don't know how affordable by those with lower incomes. Affordable housing is scarce and vacation rentals are a problem for availability of housing and neighborhood water supplies.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
120	housing costs need to be accounted for in local businesses being able to pay for workers. There needs to be creative private/public partnerships to get reasonable quality housing on rural lands.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
121	Housing too expensive, water is scares and we need to find safe alternatives such as catchment,	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
122	Neither healthcare nor housing is affordable	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
123	While the islands are relatively safe, water is clean, and health and emergency services are reasonable (if not excellent), houseing is not even close to adequate or affordable.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
124	Add ‘work’ to safely walk and play	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
125	Affordable Housing is the key lacking issue.	11/28/2017 11:29 AM
126	Add: Reliable transportation to and from the mainland and within the islands is provided.	11/28/2017 10:50 AM
127	It seems there should be scientific information that would show how many people our islands can sustain with our limited water supply and that should help guide our decisions	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
128	Really disagree with the statement of adequate affordable housing in the County. Not true, and can only see it getting worse in the next 20 years. Growing up on the island for the past 40+ years there were hardly any homeless/couch surfers until recently.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
129	In order for this to be true, we need to put a cap on land costs. Raise property taxes. Consider rural clusters. Put a cap on the wealth coming in. Put a moratorium on using precious drinking water for landscape that is NOT for growing food. Have economic incentives for developing off grid solutions, like compost toilets, rainwater catchment. Creating more affordable housing and safe housing for those struggling with addiction and mental health is crucial- we have amazing healers in the island who could work at a healing center that is also a housing/economic revitalization project.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
130	Adequate health care is at risk and not affordable. Revenue streams for public health programs have been cut or eliminated. There are risks with federal cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Lopez has had to form it's own hospital district to keep it's only clinic open. Health care for the self employed householder is unaffordable and often are forced to go without health insurance.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
131	Same as my comments above. We have fallen short on providing adequate affordable housing, and opportunities to diversify the islands.	11/27/2017 9:05 PM
132	Add: Healthy local food is accessible and affordable.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM

133	Please add: The supply of year round affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population and workforce. Island agriculture and the county food system supports access to fresh healthy food grown on thriving island farms with fertile soils. To ensure permanent affordability for those units, create funding mechanisms. e.g. Real-estate excise tax, is key. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability), subject to other considerations such as water availability, etc.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
134	There is not enough affordable housing.	11/27/2017 8:38 PM
135	Clean water is disappearing faster than it can be replenished.	11/27/2017 8:22 PM
136	I mean, this is the way we WANT it, right? Because right now affordable housing is definitely inadequate.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
137	What a singular idea about safety. It encompasses only the ideas of physical assault, not the idea that we don't want to need to lock our front doors and we also want to be able to express our opinions without harming one another. Expressions of xenophobia, homophobia, misogyny are not welcome here. There is more to safety than work and play, night and day. To clean water, add air, soil, health of the Salish Sea and our other ecosystems. To health care add quality health care of all types (conventional and homeopathy and natural remedies) To affordable housing add the specifics of rental and home ownership, variety of housing types, that we want housing that will include all income levels, all ages, and support a year round community.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
138	Our islands SHOULD BE all of these things. Include bicycle after walk	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
139	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of year round affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils. To ensure permanent affordability for those units, create funding mechanisms. e.g. Real-estate excise tax, is key. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability), subject to other considerations such as water availability, etc.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
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142	Our islands are places where everyone can safely walk or play... (People do not need to be citizens!)There is an abundant supply of clean drinking water. Everyone has access to affordable health care and health care providers. Housing is accessible and affordable for all income levels.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
143	There is a need for affordable housing.	11/23/2017 8:42 PM
144	Do we understand that each of these statements are stand-alone??	11/23/2017 6:28 PM

145	Again this is a laudable goal for the county but there are going to have to be serious considerations of how climate change impacts may affect the drinking water supply. Additionally the islands are certainly facing an affordable housing crisis. For a rural community that also has significant wealth coming in from the outside the county needs to address how the working and middle class can continue to survive and most importantly thrive on the islands.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
146	If taken as desiderata, these statements are so dreamily idealistic that no one would disagree with them: "Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population." You need only add "and where the sun shines all day." But if taken as literal descriptions of where we are now, they are far from the truth.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
147	We need more affordable housing	11/22/2017 9:29 PM
148	we need more affordable housing for essential workers such as teachers, fire persons, medical personnel, store clerks, etc, etc, etc	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
149	Affordable housing is not adequate.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
150	Utterly meaningless. These items are normally expected by citizens and should not require redundantly stating them. BTW: most of these normally expected "services" are diminished since we voted to participate in the GMA program.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
151	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking and agricultural water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
152	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable YEAR-ROUND housing AND LOCAL FOOD is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
153	Fog, Wind, and unplowed icy winter roads often paralyze travel and access to medical help, food, and access to the American mainland. Housing is often not available for youth and young families, ie. affordable clean housing.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
154	Housing needs to be available across the islands, not just in UGA’s	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
155	Healthcare is becoming less affordable and "affordable housing" is an oxymoron at best!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
156	I think that there is a demonstrated lack of affordable housing.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
157	Can't have affordable housing with unnecessarily strict land use laws.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
158	What does "affordable" mean? What one can pay or what one is willing to pay? This is subjective, as is the term "needs". Trying to meet all "needs" only attracts more "needy".	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
159	We need truly affordable housing.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
160	It is a worthy goal	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
161	I love this as a vision, but it feels hollow to me. We have many citizens who are not safe, because of domestic violence, and there are more citizens who lack access to housing now than when this vision statement was written. If we're going to state a vision, let's have it be something that we can honestly aspire to.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
162	The lack of affordable housing (both for purchase and for rent) is so critical now that I think this needs more emphasis.	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
163	We need to say that our development is sustainable and our population lives within the limits its resources, and, in particular, to guarantee that the drinking water supply remains adequate.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
164	Safety, housing and water supply all are of concern	11/18/2017 4:40 PM
165	drinking water to be conserved as precious resource, and be managed responsibly so it's sustainable	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
166	Currently our built environment with roads and lack of connectivity with side walks/ multi modal trails does not support our safety for active transportation. Affordability from a health care, oral health and housing is an ongoing issue.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM

167	Safety-many roads aren't safe for bikes and walking as there are not paths. Drinking water is great now but if the population increases due to allowed population at full build out, then other ways to obtain water may be needed and I don't know how safe or economically feasible desalinization makes the water. There is not enough affordable housing. The waits to see a dr on island are very long now as UW on Orcas hasn't transitioned.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
168	Our town water seems to be not the cleanest, with health concerns being mentioned. Recently the Life Care Center closed, leaving us with few affordable options for long term care and housing for our elderly community members. Affordable housing is a huge problem at the moment, for long term residents and seasonal workers alike. Short term vacation rentals have pushed out long term rental availability. Rentals are exceedingly high in price, as well as scarce.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
169	Our critical areas ordinance does not adequately protect our ground water from contamination or our acquirer recharge areas from identification and protection. Are more swales needed to protect groundwater from contamination by road run off? More public transportation and bicycle paths from ferry to town and beyond.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
170	affordable housing is not adequate.	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
171	Affordable housing is nowhere near adequate for people who clean houses, serve food, etc. Other points I agree with.	11/16/2017 6:25 PM
172	Affordable housing is a can of worms. Needs to be market driven, not heavily subsidized.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
173	Dasagree as to Health care accessibility and affordable housing	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
174	These are 2 conflicting issues! There may be significant compromise in drinking water quantity and quality if growth and density are allowed to increase unchecked. Supply of affordable housing to meet needs of population (diverse or not) needs to be linked to growth and density...both of which should be restricted based on available natural resources for sustainable development -- not the other way around which your statement implies!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
175	Drinking water could/should be better than it is... The SJI natural/ecological environment is, in many ways, pristine, relative to, say, any large city.... And yet, our drinking water (especially in FH) is of sub-optimal quality, and is expensive... Affordable housing is, of course, NOT adequate. I have experience as a local, licensed builder, and I still don't know what to do about it. We are reaching a point where the only "affordable" work will be bartered, or done "under the table!" I struggle to see how to make a even a very modest living, play by the rules, and contribute to the affordable housing solution, here, without additional financial/other assistance.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
176	It appears that the crime rate has increased over the years. The health care is not really affordable for all. The housing is not necessarily affordable and available.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
177	Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population, including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
178	I agree with all of it, except the affordable housing. I dont believe there is affordable housing that meets the needs of our diverse population.	11/16/2017 10:14 AM
179	This statement should be the goal, but it is not the reality. In recent years of drought, wells have run dry or had salt water intrusion. MUCH more attention needs to be placed on water conservation, possibly by limiting the drilling of new wells. Without clean adequate water there will be no community. The lack of affordable housing is well documented, and a huge obstacle for too many.	11/16/2017 8:19 AM
180	Currently healthcare is not accessible or affordable in many cases and affordable housing is nearly non existent. A focus on safety could reduce freedom, which is an important part of our community.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
181	Without these things those that add character to the community will be priced out.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM
182	Local healthy food. Small farms and gardens supplying local restaurants and kitchens. Curbs on GMO's and some agricultural chemicals in order to safeguard our land and food ethic.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
183	Healthcare is NOT affordable but that’s a nationwide issue.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
184	fresh water is a natural resource and not slwYs as abundant as we would like	11/15/2017 3:28 PM

185	Speaking of water, what is the county's plan in keeping that water supply adequate? With restrictions on septic design, but not say on home size & water use, the county seems to have thus far drawn a line more on the side of wealthy second-homers, than locals more adept at conserving water and understanding the necessity of alternative models, as our annual rainfall decreases and more people put wells in?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
186	I disagree with this statement purely on the housing basis. It's a crisis, and instead of encouraging seasonal residents to snap up that nice vacation rental so the economy can get a quick but short lived financial fix we need to be doing what we can to discourage things like vacation rentals and housing for such short term recreational residents (how about higher tax rates on vacation rentals which subsidize housing for people that actually live here).	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
187	How is the water statement qualified and measured? Elderly health care is no longer available. Housing is not affordable.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
188	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk, ride or play, day or night. Healthy local food is accessible and affordable for all. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm, lodging and tourism based workers. Our sustainable food system supports access to fresh healthy local food grown on thriving local farms with fertile soils.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
189	Our water supply is tenuous. Friends come to fill water containers at my water source when their wells run dry. Health care is in flux and what is offered on Lopez is in a time of uncertainty and some scarcity. And, obviously, availability of affordable housing is in a crisis mode. At a meeting recently, discussion about this arose with much finger pointing -- I looked around the room and determined that approx 70% in attendance had been living on the island for less than 10-12 years. Affordable housing has always been a challenge but with such a high number of 2nd homes on the island and cost of living creating pressure for people to supplement their cost of living by doing short term vacation rentals, it's a complicated mix of pressures, with no easy answer.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
190	Affordable health care and adequate housing need seriously attention!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
191	Government should have limited roles in our lives. Free market systems should provide housing and healthcare.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
192	housing is of course still a big problem....	11/15/2017 8:01 AM
193	Housing is an issue i hear about often, the land seems to be very expensive and divided up based on $$$. Though this is typical in the world, having a close knit community.... could there be a way to include the residents in the discussion or distribution of Land?	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
194	Again, consider including "residents" as well as citizens. "Walk or play" seems a bit childish. Consider "...can safely travel, day or night." Friday Harbor's drinking water is putrid. Affordable housing is non-existent on San Juan Island and should be a top priority. The town should buy the Roche Harbor Rd trailer park, a majority of whose residents are poor Latinos, and build public housing that is "clean and adequate," creating jobs concurrently.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
195	I think we know that housing is inadequate. Especially rentals. I questions the drinking water since I see how many people spray pesticides and herbicides during the spring and summer.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
196	Statement is weak. It combines drinking water for entire island not just regions on island and affordable housing in same statement. Two separate entities.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
197	Narrow and odd. This reflects a few loud voices who came to a meeting, not reflective of the county population. Sounds like a nightmare with no vision- just a laundry list.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
198	All well in good if that is what is actually practiced. Our health care is lacking, our community safety is beginning to reach the questionable stage... Housing, that's one that's hard to fix. We need low income housing but we want high income people...	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
199	We value that our islands are currently a safe place for citizens and visitors alike to to walk, and play. The drinking water is a very tenuous situation, most likely we will need to regulate water #wells to avoid salt water intrusion Access to affordable Health care is also extremely tenuous with just one clinic on Lopez now dependent on tax revenue to offset the inadequate reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid. The supply of affordable housing is inadequate, In a county where the average income is below state average and the property values at the highest level.	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
200	I was under the impression that on the whole we need more health care and more affordable housing... perhaps the statement is not the simple declarative it appears to be	11/14/2017 2:06 PM

201	Again, protection of the environment should take center stage in this statement.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
202	Add "Food is healthy, locally grown and adequate for periods of isolation from mainland sources."	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
203	Strongly disagree, housing is not adequate or affordable - it should be but it is not. Landlords charge first, last and deposit - not sure if that is even legal but they can basically do what they want with the severe housing shorage.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
204	These things aren't true now; they could be. rural community may not reconcile w/ timely medical help, tho we're not talking about large distances-just rural roads (do we really have to pave them all w/ asphalt?)	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
205	Affordable housing is not in adequate supply	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
206	Agree, but not I think there is some serious rejiggering that needs to happen with the population. If we are to preserve our "rural" setting, we need to curb the growth of population in the islands. The folks who need affordable housing already can't find it, and there are more people in general moving to the islands every day. The only way to provide affordable housing for everyone is to either build a ton more, or cap the real estate values so people can actually afford to buy homes here. Maybe there should be a cap on third and fourth vacation homes so areas already zoned for houses could go to low income families at a reasonable price?	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
207	We do not currently have enough rental housing, but it is a long term vision.	11/14/2017 8:24 AM
208	Affordable Housing is a problem. I have need to share housing with roommates because there were no other options. This put me in a domestic violence situation. Also finding out that I made too much money to be able to qualify for Opal housing. Stuck in the middle, I camped until I found a safe place to live.	11/14/2017 6:16 AM
209	Our county-grown food system is thriving, economically viable, and accessible to all.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
210	I agree in principle ... but health (which means "medical") care is not affordable. Peace Health charges outrageous amounts for basic medical care. And for housing: there's certainly not enough affordable housing to meet the needs of the average middle-class person/family, and certainly not enough to meet the needs of lower-income people. County officials need to ensure that housing prices don't continue to creep up.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
211	I agree with the first three sentences, but I don't think we have adequate housing.	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
212	Healthy sustainably produced food grown from local farms with fertile soil is accessible and affordable to all. Food Security through emphasis on healthy soils and working farms. The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population including seasonal and year round farm and tourism based workers.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
213	You had me until you got to the affordable housing part of the statement.	11/13/2017 9:49 AM
214	There is little affordable housing here.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
215	Clean water isn't always available due to sea salt, lime, and lack of sufficient ground water. Individual residential water tanks for rain catchment are used here more than else where in the state.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
216	I'd like to see something about food security	11/12/2017 9:43 AM
217	And our night sky is dark and stars are visible because people are required to have dim or diffused exterior lighting.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
218	AirBnB is hollowing out our communities. We need more affordable, year round housing.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
219	Peace Health is VERY EXPNSIVE.	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
220	No way that health care can be guaranteed affordable and accessible is a relative term. I consider what we have now to be fine. For serious stuff, helicopter/fixed wing evacuation. As for affordable housing, we need to realize that the island is costly because it is paradise--we need to pay more to live here, and people who can't earn enough cannot live here and businesses who cannot afford to pay a living wage don't belong in business. The notion that we can house anyone who comes along regardless of what they might offer the economy is nuts. And we need RENTAL housing in rental complexes! Flexibility. Summer camps and tiny houses and RV parks, appropriately screened.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
221	Disagree on the affordable housing being adequate.	11/11/2017 4:04 PM
222	Housing?	11/11/2017 6:12 AM

223	An "adequate guide"? For what? These are gross generalities. It is the "how" that is difficult. Where's that?	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
224	that statement seems pretty weak. what about environmental stewardship, global warming, the idea of community resiliency, promoting local businesses, including local food production, etc., etc.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
225	Health care will become an increasing challenge. The changes from Island Hospital to UW Medicine have not been easy. And it may happen again in the future.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
226	Housing is as affordable "at least as can be expected" and more affordability only creates less affordability in other sectors	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
227	affordable housing is not housing for the very poor and housing for the very wealthy but also the average working class citizen.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
228	3 is a good vision statement but it is not true, today. The data in the "Islands' Weekly" (11/7/17) on our affordable housing dilemma speaks to this issue.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
229	Affordability of housing, water and health care is definitely an issue on the islands.	11/9/2017 9:17 AM
230	Although this is a clear statement, I feel that the county is far from living up to its requirements. We are far from making the streets safe, we are quickly depleting our aquifers, and we have lost control of real estate in favor of off islanders. We need better pedestrian and bike paths. We need to promote water catchment systems and gray water systems. We need to disallow private building for sole use as tourist rentals.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
231	0	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
232	Need more housing opportunities for middle class, either small parcels or lots. Something they can afford.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
233	Badly written. Also how about everyone and not just citizens should be safe.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
234	I agree with the vision but the statement is not true as of today, particularly in terms of health care and affordable housing. Much more needs to be done	11/8/2017 3:45 PM
235	IT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COST OF CONSTRUCTION VERSUS LOW INCOMES)	11/8/2017 2:05 PM
236	What is needed in the above is an acknowledgement of the true carrying capacity of the islands.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
237	Affordable health care is ambiguous and beyond the control of county government. "Affordable" housing is also vague and is already contained within the word "adequate".	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
238	Housing is NOT adequate nor affordable. We need multi-unit rentals, manufactured housing zones, more areas of smaller lots, government-subsidized infrastructure costs for building new low-income and affordable housing. A desperate need!	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
239	The possibility of limited zoning changes to allow for affordable housing options should be reviewed.	11/8/2017 11:52 AM
240	Again --how SPECIFICALLY are you going to do this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
241	This is a question of semantics. What is accessible, affordable, and adequate? My answer might be very different from yours.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
242	There is no way we can control the price of housing to make sure it is affordable. Affordable to whom. And, there is no possible way we could ensure access to healthcare in our county outside of possibly Friday Harbor. This is a loaded and completely untenable statement that has no place in a vision statement. A lot of people live here to be away from government creating a nanny state. I don't want my county government taking tax dollars to build medical facilities and subsidized housing.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
243	Housing is a crisis situation now	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
244	We need affordable and permanent housing. Every summer there is a mass migration of people who are kicked out of their rental housing so the landlords can make more money from summer rentals.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
245	We need more unit and more affordable housing for the wage earners that service this county. We should have fountains with dechlorination filters to refill water bottles. We should have more recycling available in the public spaces. Public transit would be nice.	11/7/2017 8:12 PM

246	Housing and cost of living will never compete with the mainland. Healthcare, same. Affordable housing, not on the islands.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
247	More wishful thinking. Water is mostly fine and emergency medical too. Affordable housing is totally inadequate and county policy is entirely ineffectual notwithstanding an obligation to make adequate provision.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
248	This is an excellent aspirational statement, but in the 18 years since the 1999 vision, we certainly have not provided anywhere near enough affordable housing, particularly rentals.	11/7/2017 1:11 PM
249	While I'm happy to see health, water, and affordable housing addressed, this statement misses some large issues, including support of a thriving local economy that supports family wage jobs, and preservation of healthy land and marine environments.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
250	How can we commit to affordable health care? How can this possibly be actuated by the county?	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
251	I feel less towards safely walk or play at night. Yes I am for personal safety, but not for sidewalks etc through the islands so can walk safely at night.	11/7/2017 9:22 AM
252	What kind of Kumbaya utopian bullshit is this?	11/7/2017 8:41 AM
253	Employment and educational opportunities are enhanced by access to all the information technology innovations as they arise	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
254	no	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
255	This needs to be prioritized.	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
256	These are items important to the County's vision: health and safety, water supply, and affordable housing. I suspect that they will continue to be pressing issues in the next thirty years, and worthy of our government's time and resources to address.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
257	We're not quite there yet, but I believe this is the right vision for the island life. I feel safe walking alone, and when I see kids walking to school or home I know they're safe too. The drinking water is not that great, nor is healthcare. Affordable housing is really the biggest issue that we need to work on fixing!!!	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
258	Affordable housing is in short supply.	11/6/2017 11:01 AM
259	The health care affordability statement seems to be out of place in a vision statement for the comprehensive plan.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
260	Should Sea Level Rise be included?	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
261	This is pie in the sky, I wish it were true. I moved here 2.5 yrs ago, the lowest house prices have increased about $100k in that time with fixers now over $300k. Wells around the islands went dry in 2015, and FH cut them off from water deliveries. Look at the front lawn of the County Council bldg, women are not safe here.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
262	I hope this is the case in 2036. I'm not sure it is 100% true in 2017.	11/6/2017 10:04 AM
263	Housing is not affordable or available.	11/6/2017 9:54 AM
264	Change "citizens" to "residents" or equivalent. Change "The drinking water supply is clean and adequate" to "The water supply is local, clean, sustainable and adequate."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
265	These islands are no longer safe, they probably were never safe, and until law enforcement takes action against the drug dealer it will never be safe. Clean water in good supply? No. Affordable housing? Not even close.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
266	n	11/5/2017 9:30 PM

267	Here a variety of conclusive vision statements are mixed together, such as water availability, personal safety, health care and housing are included in one over arching statement. These should be separated into individual conclusions or married with those which are of a similar nature. I do not believe there is adequate potable water, particularly when sea level rise is taken into account. Trucking in water, rainwater catchment systems and desalination are potential answers, but all come with undesirable financial and environmental costs which should only be considered as a solutions of last resort. An additional concern, which is yet unknown, is how changing rainfall patterns will affect aquifer recharge. Concentrated heavy rains will result in more runoff and less recharge than our typical more prolonged persistent rainfall. Housing, particularly for low and middle income households, is inadequate. Without addressing this problem the population spectrum becomes distorted toward the wealthy, an unhealthy shift that is already underway. Health care availability is improving but in grave danger if the ACA is unsupported and fails through administrative sabotage. The general safety of our islands is not at risk except from external events which are largely out of our control.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
268	Again, fine words. But our current policies work against these goals	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
269	housing is a roblem	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
270	Great policy, but we have fallen short. 1) Affordable housing is inadequate. 2) While health care is accessible, I find that it is much more expensive than what the same service/procedure is off-island. 3) Perhaps the two issues are linked?	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
271	Add: The supply of food is mostly generated on the islands and does not need to rely on mainland imports to be adequate. Sea level rise will most likely, intermittently or permanently, interrupt mainland distribution of goods in the Burlington/Mt. Vernon/Highway 20 area.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
272	I do feel very safe here	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
273	I am afraid that the statement about housing being "adequate" is not quite true. There is a large need for more affordable, lower income, housing. The workers on the island can't afford to live where they work.	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
274	Clearly more affordable housing is needed to maintain a diverse population	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
275	affordable housing is NOT adequate.	11/5/2017 10:12 AM
276	Believe we should take care of people here and not solicit for more houses	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
277	Sadly, affordable housing is extremely hard to find, but all concepts should be explored to provide secure housing for islanders with limited means.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
278	really affordable housing adequate? huh? BS	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
279	I there is a way to strengthen affordable housing beyond adequate- maybe use the word sufficient, which suggests more than just adequate. Sufficient reflects comfortable levels whereas adequate suggests barely enough	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
280	I'm not sure where this statement is going ... sure, walk and play day or night, especially on an island, this is a great goal. Obviously preserve the drinking water supply. I like the health care comment. Affordable housing should be available ... but what is the degree of diversity in our "diverse population" ? Please don't mince words: i guess i'm not sure what this even means: if affordable housing must be available for the "diverse" population, if you really mean something beyond simply affordable, please say so. I think it's enough to say here anyway that the supply of affordable housing is adequate, period.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
281	Is this the place to say that citizens who want jobs should be able to find them in the county and be paid adequately?	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
282	There is so much more to guide our county. Culture, organic living and agriculture, providing walkable and bikable life (currently not available), reducing population, retaining and expanding views in town and access to beaches, retaining open natural spaces, reducing traffic and much more.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
283	Be cautious that we don't create a welfare. Support business and a free market that creates jobs so people can afford island housing - no Subsidized housing.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
284	The old folks home on the island that accepted Medicare and medicaid has been closed and only a private pay facility exists which has a minimum of $4,000.00 permonth. Very few can afford that .	11/3/2017 8:48 PM

285	The last sentence is folly at best and disingenuous at worst, given the track record for over 20 years now. Not only is the availability of affordable housing declining yearly as we speak, but is hundreds of units behind in a very slow game of catchup by non-profits. And the more successful of those non-profits allows neighborhood built houses to quickly end up on the open market thus becoming unaffordable. There is no data on the loud sucking sound of potential talent, skill sets, kids for the schools and trickle down effects of money spent in the community by the masses who want to but cannot afford to live here.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
286	Health care in time of need is anything but accessible on most of the islands, insofar as there is no doctor.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
287	We are so not on target with affordable housing. However a balance must be achieved such that we are not destroying the island character called out in the vision statement. Locations for long term and more adffordable housing and rentals can be created and limits on VRBO's permitting that are reducing (yes, we know the statistics say not but we don't know the REAL number of VRBO's do we?) should be established.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
288	Housing is not affordable or available	11/3/2017 10:03 AM
289	Needs to include safely bike. Drinking water supply needs to be more than "adequate" - add "used sustainably."	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
290	Wouldn't it be lovely if this were the case?	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
291	Mid and low income Housing is not adequate right now	11/3/2017 5:40 AM
292	the affordable housing supply is ridiculous, although the leading cause of missing affordability is over regulation anyway	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
293	Housing for ordinary families near or in town is unavailable to most of the people who work here. Healthcare is expensive and unavailable on the weekend or overnight unless one wants to go to the emergency room. There was a time when one could call the family doctor at those times. From my perspective, town water is not safe to drink.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
294	statement as vision is reasonable, our committment, policies and performance in achieving walkable, night friendly, and accessible healthcare has not been in keeping with this vision.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
295	Nothing here about energy, food, population density or sustainability.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
296	Affordable house is a huge issue along with access to healthcare on Orcas	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
297	Again, completely fictional and propaganda. Especially the statement on water supply.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
298	Love the sentiment, but seems incredibly vague, even for a vision statement. How is drinking water provided? What does accessible healthcare mean? I want to know there are laws to protect water, or that no resident will be more than, say, 30 minutes away from a medical center.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
299	Fresh water resources are protected and monitored to ensure drinking water is clean, with adequate water supply to meet the needs of the islands. .....The supply of affordable housing meets the needs of our diverse population (delete "is adequate")	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
300	Housing is more affordable on this island than it is on the mainland. You can still buy a 1000+ square foot home on a private lot for less than a 700 sq ft condo on the mainland.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
301	We do not focus near enough attention, time and resources on water conservation, food security or affordable housing. Instead of using LTAC funds properly for infrastructure improvements the county has chosen to give the first cut back to the Visitors' Bureau in order that they may bring more tourists and therefore get awarded more funding to bring more tourists etc…..	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
302	Housing is completely out of sync with the needs of county inhabitants, and skewing the availability of labor and talent.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
303	none	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
304	Lack of affordable housing a big problem	11/2/2017 1:16 PM
305	Relaxing some regulations on the private sector could result in more affordable housing.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
306	need more affordable housing for full time residents	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
307	drinking water supply not adequate	11/2/2017 12:45 PM

308	Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean and adequate. Health care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. The only issue with affordable housing is the County's overregulation of ADUs and other forms of affordable housing. Existing affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
309	Need to address issue that islands are significantly a second home community where over a third of homes are for non residents and that these contribute over 70% of property tax revenues	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
310	Health care will never be accessible or affordable enough, for all, on a rural island. To make it a goal is unrealistic. Perhaps better to strive for better (less expensive, more convenient) transportation to medical care on the mainland.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
311	We do not have sufficient housing to meet the needs of low and middle income people wanting employment here or already employed, struggle with year around housing.	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
312	Affordable housing has not been managed correctly. It is not available to local residents while off island people are filling vacancies. This must be reviewed. Suggestions include opening up more ADU possibilities to maintain our rural community, reduce high density housing and make affordable housing more available to the people who are already here.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
313	we need policies to back up affordable housing	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
314	We must address affordable housing. I would like for our county representatives to seriously look at ways to access Land Bank funds for this purpose.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
315	Affordable and accessable housing on Lopez Island is very slim.	11/2/2017 10:58 AM
316	housing supply is down because of vacation rentals	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
317	We really need to work hard and be innovative as far as the affordable housing goes.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
318	Question - who ends up paying for health care and housing? I don't think it's the county's job to do either.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
319	Affordable housing, availabity of housing will become major problems for all residents on all 4 ferry served islands. This concept must be addressed now so that as San Juan County matures there is evidence showing this concept was addressed and is an ongoing situation.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
320	While there are things here that are clearly aspirational, the question is how they will be paid for. Assuming continued growth, these precious (but very limited) resources will be increasingly strained. Managed growth; clean industries that provide yearly, salaries jobs; and a realistic taxing scheme are things that could help us reach those aspirations, but we can’t be silent about that part of the equation.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
321	Affordable housing is a term that has no real world meaning. Affordable for whom? Shouldn't people earn livable wages? We're often being asked by local businesses to subsidize them when they pay below living wage, especially for seasonal workers. Pay more, raise prices, we'll pay them or the business wasn't meant to succeed. Having the county undertake ANY building or management of housing is crazy. Modernizing codes to allow for creative housing during the season makes a lot more sense. Finally, not everyone can afford to live here. There is no "right" to live here. If your labor is needed, fine.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
322	Kind of vague. Clean and adequate aren’t specific enough criteria for me to trust from a government standard.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
323	Great emt system	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
324	Excellent goals - maybe hard to quantify and that makes this statement agreeable to me	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
325	We need more affordable housing, especially for seasonal workers.	11/1/2017 11:52 AM
326	How will the elements in this statement be used to guide the county? For example, at what point might the drinking water be inadequate? What process will be used to assure adequate affordable housing to meet the needs of our diverse population? How is "adequate" defined?	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
327	This is stated as a fact, rather than an goal. As such it does not actually "guide" anything.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM
328	Affordable housing is not accessible anymore.	11/1/2017 9:27 AM

Q5 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, participants noted that there is much work to do related to housing. It's difficult for families who work on the islands to find housing that's affordable. In response, the plan must...Include creative policies to increase the number of housing units affordable to full-time residents.

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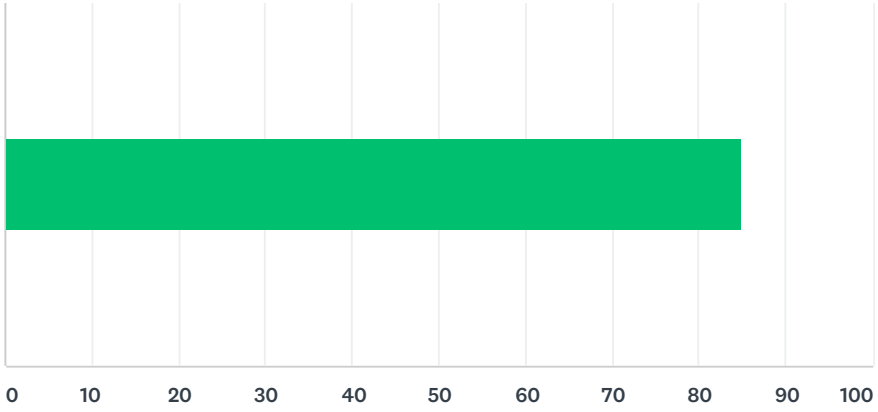

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	85	45,487	536

Total Respondents: 536

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1	100	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	4	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	98	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
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10	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
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12	95	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
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14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
15	83	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
16	85	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
17	100	11/30/2017 8:38 PM

Q6 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Review tax breaks on private property/parks to determine what percentage of San Juan County is off the property tax rolls and what is the max percentage of county land that can have property tax breaks.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Also, I strongly agree with the Islands Climate Resilience comments regarding housing issues. We need to factor in climate change impacts and the relationship between affordable housing and employment on the Islands.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Consider adding after "full-time residents" "as well as temporary residents working in seasonal industries such as the agriculture, lodging and food service sectors.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Also, I strongly what to echo Islands Climate Resiliency's comments regarding all housing issues and the need to factor in climate change impact.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	More clarity is needed around policies regarding vacation rental properties versus year round housing rentals to residents. Rate controls, subsidies, and more oversight is needed.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	Use taxation to Incentivize owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents, and build new, affordable housing (e.g. small houses in designated clusters)	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
7	With preference to people who have lived here for 5 plus years, and have steady employment or are actively volunteering in the community ona regular basis	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
8	There also needs to be a limit to the population of the islands. This will of course drive up the costs. There is a balance that is tricky to achieve.	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
9	In addition to limiting the number of homes that are short-term, vacation rentals, we must encourage the county subsidized housing for lower income people.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
10	there are just too many unknowns to be definitive about this question. It is not just a matter of housing for families - it is how people who own houses are choosing to use them. Now folks are buying here simply to profit from short term rentals and to invest in the booming san juan islands. I do not believe the situation can be fixed by just building more "affordable" homes.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
11	Not just "housing". I don't live and work here to live in "projects" or a dense inner city atmosphere. Rich folks can have whatever they want here, we need to level the playing field.	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
12	What does "creative policies" mean? And who is making these policies?	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
13	Interested to learn what these creative policies will include.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
14	This goal needs to be funded through additional sales tax or real-estate excise tax, or additional tax on owners of vacation rentals, with incentives to convert to long-term, affordable rentals. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability)	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
15	I agree that affordable housing is a major issue for all the islands. I am concerned though that in the rush to provide affordable housing that we need to still keep in mind the values of keeping the islands rural in character. I think design of denser housing needs to keep the rural and pastoral nature of the islands in mind - e.g. designing to incorporate as much of the tree cover as possible rather than clearcutting lots.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
16	while limiting an increase in construction that would strain our islands (and the worlds) increasingly precious resources. There is not a shortage of dwellings on the island, we must find a way for ALREADY EXISTING structures to be affordable to year round residents.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
17	Creative? How about just encouraging more dense, multifamily housing? We probably know what to do, it's just that we don't want to admit it. For instance, maintaining the fiction that we are a unique, rural haven where the experience of the rest of the world doesn't apply is only going to make it harder to address problems.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM

18	I agree if the creative policies include promoting policies that will encourage some of the overwhelming number of vacation rentals to return to long term rental or owner occupied residences. Building low income housing is only part of the only solution, in my opinion it does not address the root of the issues.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
19	Note comments above. Under current restrictions land prices are too high, allowed density in all but urban growth areas inflates land values, utilities outside the urban growth areas (that can not access urban infrastructure due to GMA) is expensive, and even in UGAs costs are so high for land and utilities that apartments are not a useful investment. The Comp Plan need to allow for modular home, RV parks such as the Oaks on San Juan.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
20	I think attention must be paid to aesthetics, and to preserving the rural character of our islands. Affordable housing should not consist of apartment blocks, for example. The Lopez solution of building small houses with sweat equity seems good.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
21	Small corrections to zoning code could allow for more housing without a negative impact on the land. For instance, we have conservation zoning and can have ag but can't have ag worker housing. Not only could we provide a job, we could provide housing if the zoning permitted this.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
22	The lack of AVAILABLE housing is directly correlated to the number of legal and illegal VRBOs. Absentee home owners should be given incentives, like reduced or eliminated property tax if they sign a 2-year lease with someone for $1,250/mo for a 3 bd/2bath house (for example) or less, commensurate with the size of the house or unit they are renting. Not everyone who needs "affordable housing" wants to live in an apartment building in friday harbor, and we don't need more slumlords taking advantage of people and tax dollars.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
23	I prefer mixed used housing close to businesses and stores.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
24	Yes, more affordable housing needs to be built. The only reason this is not 100% is that I disagree with any attempts to limit people's ability to rent their properties on a nightly basis. It is a misguided effort that will not much increase affordable housing. However, it would limit the ability of homeowners on the island to run their businesses or to bring in a little extra income needed to support themselves and continue living on island. It would also damage the tourism industry that we all depend on to make the island economy work!	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
25	Housing must create long term enduring value to the community.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
26	let these plans help local contractors. Homes for Islanders take away jobs from subcontractors and general contractors.	11/30/2017 9:01 AM
27	Tiny houses and building up will help solve this as well as people having less kids....sorry...it's true.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
28	To achieve this, creating funding mechanisms. e.g. Tax breaks that would be incentive for home owners to rent homes long term. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability), subject to other considerations such as water availability, etc.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
29	I do agree with this, but I also think that there should be serious disincentives to certain kinds of housing. Perhaps second homes should be required to contribute a higher percentage to the Land Bank or other pro-local housing. I also wish that the state would institute an income tax so that wealthy individuals could not claim to live here for the tax break, but stay only parts of the year (officially 6 months and a day) while leaving homes empty the remainder of the time. I realize that property taxes do contribute to our county economy. Housing (and jobs) for young and low income people MUST be a priority. I say this as an employer who has watched for labor force wither away to the point that I was only able to be open 4 days/week last summer (as opposed to 6 or 7 in the past).	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
30	I think it is important for the county to consider more alternative/creative housing options to better meet the needs of island residents.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
31	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
32	Building to combat the housing shortage while people are destroying perfectly good houses is not a solution.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM

33	This is not rocket science or even a cure for cancer. Stop packing people into hamlets and create county wide ZONING FOR MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT. ZONING FOR MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT. DID I SAY ZONING? Tiny home zoning, and or trailer park zoning. (gasp!) Use of ADU as rentals should be encouraged. Many places could handle these uses without a negative impact on "the view." Take the subjective out of the process. Living on a boat is a cool thing too.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
34	See comment #5. 100	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
35	I agree	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
36	Yes, fully agree. This has been said many, many times but there is no headway on this subject.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
37	"Creative policies" sends up warning flags-- we do not want to compromise our rural character.	11/29/2017 5:39 PM
38	YES YES and YES!!! :) But why stop there? What about: * universal healthcare for all * stewardship of natural islands' environment & the Salish Sea including stewardship of our fellow creatures - - land & sea - - for future generations	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
39	The housing market is what it is. Don't punish those who've worked hard because those who don't want to work hard can't find housing that fits their lazy lifestyle. By supplying or requiring low rent you diminish the value of surrounding houses. Houses that have been Paid for with hard work. If you want to live here, prepare to work your but off. There's a trade for living in a beautiful place.	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
40	Especially rural cluster housing for farm workers. Finding access to agland for farmers and places for them to live is important.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
41	This is a huge issue almost everywhere on the west coast where anyone wants to visit or live. No one wants to invest and receive a safe but low return on their investment. Cooperative housing where people buy their share seems like one cost effective solution instead of everyone having a large house with extra rooms, shops, guest spaces those things are communal and the actually living space can be smaller.	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
42	Low income housing should be restricted to towns/villages and higher density locations. We do not need this sprawling into the rural areas.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
43	As an owner of a local real estate firm, I know the market is beginning to rebound for available housing. In 2018, we will see a different landscape relating to available places to rent; more of them.	11/29/2017 2:33 PM
44	Also need housing for seasonal employees	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
45	The biggest task that faces us is to grow industries that actually pay a living wage, instead of pouring millions of dollars subsidizing business owners who can't or won't pay their employees a living wage, and marketing industries that offer only living wages to workers. I'm talking about tourism here. There is absolutely no reason to pick up the tab for business owners who aren't paying their workers enough to live. To do so is, quite simply, corporate welfare, supporting low-wage, low-satisfaction jobs.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
46	We need a few apartment buildings, and this can be done without sacrificing the local character. There needs to be not just affordable housing for purchase, but also for rent, that doesn't just cater to seasonal artists and wealthy vacationers.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
47	Zoning flexibility, density exemptions for sustainable designs and tax incentives for builders and cooperative community developments are all appropriate tools.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
48	Not clear how policies can mandate affordable housing.	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
49	any new commercial construction should be required to at least investigate a housing component. Consideration should be given to some sort of lottery for transient housing permits so a fixed number of owners of short term rentals would have a limited number of years for that type of rental and then would have to wait out a few years before reapplying. That might encourage some units to be returned to long term rentals for a period of time. Some sort of tax incentive to long term rentals should also be considered	11/29/2017 1:10 PM

50	The islands have some hard limits on development, primarily drinking water supply, sewage disposal, and automobile traffic. Let those limits determine the population, letting the population expand not by trying to push those limits, but by conditioning new development on use of alternative technologies that reduce impacts, such as alternative water systems, alternative graywater and sewage systems, alternative transportation (bicycles, e-bikes, hypercars), alternative housing (tiny homes, ADUs, ISO container houses, trailers, tents, tree houses, etc.) Refocus visitor and seasonal housing on these alternative forms to help reduce demand for traditional homes, keeping them affordable for full-time residents.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
51	if the preservation trust and other such agencies were prevented from buying so much open land prices would perhaps be more within reach of working families.	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
52	Unfair ferry pricing practices are gouging low and middle-income families, and also contribute to the growing unaffordability of living in the islands.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
53	The policies need to be long term in nature--they should produce results that, in years to come, benefit, not disrupt, island communities.	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
54	Allow property owners to rent multiple tiny houses or other small dwellings on their property if they meet safety and health codes.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
55	“Affordable housing“ needs to be defined and should not exceed the means of minimum wage earners.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
56	Focus on the middle class!	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
57	creative policies are good, but there also needs to be public/private partnerships to provide an adequate supply of affordable housing.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
58	However, there must be a plan that does not void current zoning regulations. Current zoning regulations should be enforced. Developers should be given incentives to build smaller more affordable housing along with disincentives to build large houses for the wealthy.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
59	Please create policies such as refundable pet damage deposits, pet stain resistant carpets, metal door plates, a courtyard, and fenced dog yards so that large and small dogs can be allowed in housing units. Please create an affordable (that can be owned) over 50 (years of age) eco-mobile home park with rented fenced yards for large dogs. Please create affordable, sustainable, (studio) security apartments that allow interior bolts without exterior key access. Please create small, affordable, energy efficient, condos.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
60	And to ensure permanent affordability for those units. To achieve this, creating funding mechanisms. e.g. Real-estate excise tax, is key. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability), subject to other considerations such as water availability, etc.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
61	I would like this to focus on housing that is built in existing cleared spaces, rather than cutting down forest. I would like there to be incentives for those who have vacation homes to rent to full time islanders, and penalties for those who rent via Air BNB and other vacation sites.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
62	Work to include low-cost transportation options. (This would make more areas of the islands work for low-income people.)	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
63	See comments on #5	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
64	I agree, although I believe there is a deeper issue, which is defining the carrying capacity of the islands. How much will we give up to continue to bring more and more tourists /economic growth, which seems to be the main employer.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
65	How can this be done without impacting those who have lived in SJs for generations?	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
66	I think that there should be very high taxes on unoccupied second and third homes. And I think that some areas should be zoned more densely, while keeping most of the islands rural.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
67	There should be no creative solutions that involve part time residents properties. Long term investments need to be made, not enough has been done in the last 18 years	11/28/2017 6:00 PM
68	Anticipate rather than encourage growth for the sake of growth and stay ahead with planning for island residents and accommodating their housing needs. All the community must plan for affordable housing for those whose incomes are fixed or limited yet they are an integral part of the cultural and professional vitality of the Islands.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM

69	Rules regarding ADUs and other housing opportunities are too restrictive. The vision should include a statement to the effect that "all housing proposals shall be considered, and decisions regarding such proposals shall be based on safety and resource management factors as well as the overall contribution that such proposals can offer to the community.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
70	Should be a top county planning priority	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
71	Huge issue for ensuring that we truly welcome people of all economic backgrounds.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
72	Suggest a commitment to living in any dwelling built for a specified period of time as opposed to housing a transient population.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
73	Again, how does it affect population density?	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
74	and seasonal workforce?	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
75	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
76	Isn't the serious problem summer housing? If so, the statement should be for short term housing, not permanent. Which problem is worse?	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
77	Be sure these creative policies are workable ... just do whatever it takes to ensure affordable housing for full-time residents.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
78	Affordable housing concerns vs. the housing concerns of others homeowners who buy or build without county assistance.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
79	no apartment buildings. It would destroy the character of the San Juans.	11/28/2017 3:33 PM
80	Take the idea from Vancouver BC, tax houses that are not lived in full time and use that money to build affordable housing communities like the LCLT	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
81	OK, but doesn't touch on seasonal housing issues.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
82	I think increasing availability of affordable housing in UGAs is important. Outside of UGAs we need to be careful not to sacrifice other values, e.g., forests, farms, rural character.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
83	Have low cost, pre reviewed plans for accessory dwellings with low cost hook-ups to water or allow variences on septic and wells.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
84	Much depends on how affordable housing is provided. Environmental quality and natural areas are also important.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
85	efficient housing is important, but please do not rely only on the tiny house model, this is not sustainable long-term family housing. Long term local housing should be subsidized by people who do not live in their houses year-round	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
86	Obviously	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
87	The County needs to loosen the guest house restrictions to help increase the number of affordable housing units.	11/28/2017 11:57 AM
88	Ag land zoning permission needs review to increase housing opportunities	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
89	Yes, I think this is very important but not without considering the WHOLE picture, including water supply.	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
90	See comments to #5	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
91	We need to take some land out of the marketplace	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
92	What exactly are "creative policies?" Where is the acknowledgment that things are inequitable to begin with? If you are going to increase something, what will get decreased? We cannot have unchecked growth. We need a new economic model which includes re-invisioning the village and how we live and make life together.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
93	The development of affordable housing relies on the densities and density bonuses in SJC's UGAs. This combined with the ever-increasing demand for affordable housing and the fact that all SJC UGAs are located on the shoreline heightens the need for affordable housing units that remain permanently affordable. Islands Climate Resilience recommends that any UGA expansions explicitly consider climate change risks and avoid areas projected to have an increased risk of flooding, landslides, severe erosion, and/or water shortages as well as areas that are needed by shoreline species as sea levels rise; and include a permanent affordability requirement for at least 50% of the units created.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM

94	Designated housing strictly for farming/ers on Ag Properties & designation strictly for affordable housing i.e.: medical staff, teachers, EMT's etc...	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
95	but doing so in such a way as to retain the environment and agricultural nature of the islands...	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
96	Policies AND funding are necessary.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
97	Just building cheap housing so everyone can live here will turn the islands into the depressingly overcrowded places on the mainland. If affordable housing is to built, how about an additioanal property tax on, say, houses over 5,000 square feet.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
98	Not just housing, but AFFORDABLE housing. We don't need more Mcmansions, we need more affordable rentals and smaller affordable homes. We must look at all creative ways to increase the amount of affordable rental housing as well as home ownership, even when it means greater density in residential neighborhoods or incentivizing affordable housing construction adjacent to but just outside the existing UGA. We need the County to be more proactive in acquiring land specifically for affordable housing by implementing a REET, taxing vacation rentals, etc.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
99	creative policies and INCENTIVES. add funding mechanisms such as a real-estate excise tax	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
100	We need to provide more affordable housing for those with lower incomes.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
101	We need more affordable housing for people making 50% of median income or less.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
102	San Juan County must commit funds to make safe, clean housing available to full-time and seasonal workers.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
103	Should be primarily a private, not a county, responsibility. And recognize that the primary root of the housing problem is inadequate economic opportunity, mostly because of focus on low wage tourist jobs. If every reside t able to work had the opportunity for a well paying job, most of the housing problem would be solved. So let's address the cause more than the problem itself.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
104	This is an absolute must!	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
105	The only thing I want to add is: "Who would NOT agree?"	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
106	see #5	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
107	Most long time residents are here and remain here precisely because we don't believe in empowering bureaucrats to "do something." That many participants in such events think otherwise demonstrates mostly how they are out of step with most residents.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
108	Cluster new development in 'town' or already dense residential areas, no new sub-divisions. Relax farm worker housing rules. Heavily tax AirBNB uses to make existing stock of housing available to seasonal and year round workers.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
109	And to ensure permanent affordability for those units. To achieve this, creating funding mechanisms. e.g. Real-estate excise tax, is key. These housing units can come from a combination of incentivizing owners of existing vacant homes to make them available to year-round residents and building new ones (but with conditions of permanent affordability).	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
110	Change building codes to allow and encourage simple, primitive shelters and dwellings.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
111	Agri-hoods are being built across the country to provide more housing directly connected to farms. If the comp plan allowed for such (limited) development it could allow a significant increase in housing and improve not only the profitability of farming in the islands but also engagement of our population with agriculture in general.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
112	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
113	I don't know how much of the solution can be policy driven.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
114	See previous comment.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
115	"Creative policies" does not mean that government has to provide everything. Large employers such as resorts should be required to provide both permanent housing for full-time workers and transient housing for seasonal workers.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
116	I don't regard the affordable housing shortage as an issue for governance to resolve though the vacation rental permitting policies likely exacerbate the shortage. I also do not favor the use of density changes until a built analysis has been completed	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
117	The lack of affordable housing is due to global economic trends, but we can take steps to contradict that. We need a diverse set of policies and funding sources to make it so.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM

118	There is also a compelling need for short-term affordable rentals during the tourist season!	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
119	...within the UGA and village centers.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
120	It is discouraging to have such a disparity between homeless islanders and all the empty "extra" homes owned by wealthy non-islanders who only visit for a short time each year.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
121	As long as the housing in concentrated in the urban cores.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
122	There are many programs that benefit low income families but the families being left out are those who are middle income who earn too much to qualify for Homes for Islanders and yet are priced out of the housing market due to the inability to afford the high median cost of a home. It would be great to have solutions address these families as well since many are being driven off island due to inability to afford living here.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
123	Another way must be found. Perhaps density could be increased in some areas with a trade off to de zoning and decreasing density in other areas. Our community and way of life are threatened by the very large number of population that will be present if the county builds out fully in according to plan. In addition, the tourist season population to date has not been studied. I understand these effects are being studied but the results are not in.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
124	I am glad this is on the radar, housing is a huge issue for our community. Higher density and smaller structures?	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
125	Allow the use of very small houses but only #1 on those lots that don't meet the size criteria for their designation (i.e. are too small for their density designation) or #2 on those lots which are build able only because of the "reasonable use" requirement, for example those lots which contain such extensive critical areas they would be unbuildable were they not allowed some "reasonable use". Instead of “reasonable use” allowing for a Ssingle family dwelling…what if “reasonable use” was defined as a 350 sq. ft. cabin, w/ no outbuildings?…tightly defined as single story w/ max. height, plus 2 foot roof overhangs, and (say) a 100 sq. ft. area of un-roofed deck/jporch? Something which still required a building permit if used for human habitation.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
126	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
127	laudable goal. don't want to promote welfare and freeloading.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
128	I have no comfort with this statement "creative policies"? Really - what exactly am I agreeing or disagreeing with?? First need to assess definition of "affordable" and link that to available jobs and incomes for those that need housing and clearly understand the mechanism that makes available housing "unaffordable". This is a complex problem and cannot be addressed in a question such as this!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
129	Allow, and encourage, "tiny homes!"	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
130	We must reduce the number of large or expensive homes being built to reduce the population explosion, especially homes being built on potentially farmable land.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
131	Give incentives, or tax breaks for land owners to rent their shop, a yurt, mother in law etc.	11/16/2017 10:14 AM
132	By this I specifically mean reduce the cost of housing. This means reducing the value of housing and will require the county to find another source of income, to make up for falling property taxes. I do not mean increase the number of total housing units greatly.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
133	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM
134	Increase a family's ability and right to build their own house by lowering the power of banks, codes and taxing authorities. Change the energy code to allow more use of woodstoves.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
135	Seattle is allowing auxiliary dwellings to be developed. Garage conversions, mother-in-law apts, tiny homes. We could allow more of that while limiting the number of new air bnbs that get approved.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
136	Long-term full-time residents, ie. people who already live and work here and provide essential services. The continuous floating of "trailer parks" & "tiny houses" as solutions on part of residents with no plans to live in such "solutions", is classist and non-sustainable nonsense. Real solutions involve actually asking people who are long-term without permanent housing solutions here, what they would like, and not just floating solutions for a faceless "workforce" whom rich folk would like to keep around to bag their groceries & build their huge homes.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM

137	Not just so called "affordable housing units" but as stated in previous comment, lets see what we can do to discourage home purchases made for purely trophy reasons by seasonal residents who will only use their house for several weeks out of the year and/or use it as a vacation rental. Doing so might free up quite a bit of underused space on the real estate market to people that live here full time and would like to live on those houses full time.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
138	Little concerned about what the definition of "creative" policies is	11/15/2017 10:38 AM
139	Look at alternative housing along with traditional approaches. Re-zoning be streamlined to accept non-traditional options.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
140	The plan must be to balance between a thriving ecotourism model and local economy where full-time residents of this island are able to afford to thrive.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
141	"Affordable' needs clear definition as does full-time resident. Providing incentives to rent year round at affordable rates is a start. Land taxes, home owner insurance and power costs create a high baseline cost for rent rates. Addressing this would support the goal of providing rental rates that work for home owners and renters.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
142	Affordable year round housing for permanent residents is extremely important! Must be top priority!!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
143	Again, free market systems should drive housing needs. When the local government limited accessory dwelling units the housing problem was created.Fix that.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
144	Also, to attract creative / non typical land users. It would be wonderful to have incentives or programs for community living	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
145	See comments in 4.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
146	YES!	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
147	Participants in 'Pop-up Studios and Workshops seem different than families who work on the island. Which are you referring to?	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
148	Same as above.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
149	There needs to be solutions presented. However, we do not want to foster a stagnant low income pool (sounds harsh). There needs to be milestones created to assist in living here. Example: low income individual who has a full time benefitted position... is not really that low income on their own but add a family and they suddenly are. There should be assisted housing that comes with assisted education - personal finance, mortgages, how to save money.... give a leg up by teaching them how to succeed not just keeping them from failing.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
150	"Creative policies" is so vague as to infer little to me. Please include some range of ideas. Based on the next draft vision statement, this actually appears to be loosening County building, zoning, and land management standards. I do not support that without thorough public scoping and environmental review. Once loosened, virtually impossible to reverse.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
151	'Include creative policies' can mean many things. We need to create more affordable housing, without infringing on the rights of current property owners.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
152	Some of these policies might include inter-generational housing, tiny houses for farm worker housing, and cluster housing in resource lands.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
153	And fairly quickly	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
154	Mobile home parks need to be allowed as well as more smalll space should be allowed for camping trailer parks	11/14/2017 11:14 AM
155	Creative policies is pretty bland & generic; "proactive" may be more encouraging...	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
156	I guess there just doesn't seem to be an end to the problem until we figure out a way to reign in the growth. More and more people will move here, and more and more housing will need to be created. Maybe we should instead focus on a tax strategy that encourages more income diversity and discourage the rapid increase of real-estate value in the SJI, so low income people can afford to buy houses that already exist. Or maybe we could come up with a loan program so low-income people could afford to buy raw land and build their own homes. And also build some affordable housing... but seriously, the problem goes much deeper than just building more complexes. It's a societal problem.	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
157	This is hard because I 100% want affordable housing for full-time residents, I just don't want to see open area after open area become an affordable housing development.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM

158	This is important	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
159	it is not the task of the county to provide affordable housing	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
160	We need to have zoning/code refined to include the option, where appropriate, to have additional homes on AG resource lands as well as RFF lands. Many farms would benefit from housing another family for collective work on a farm business, as well as many other healthy ways supporting each other can offer. Like the hamlet/cluster housing idea	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
161	Somehow I can't click on the "Agree" button for this. My previous comment addressed this issue. We need more affordable housing and we need to rein in the creeping inflation of housing costs. Let's not let our island become another Aspen or Park City.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
162	Any plans must take into account affordability by the taxpayer.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
163	agree 100%, without young families, the islands become a haven for retirees and the wealthy only	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
164	Second homes and transient rentals need to be heavily taxed with proceeds going toward affordable housing.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
165	What is affordable? Who gets to live here? People all the time decide to come here and then start looking for a house for their three kids and two great Danes at $500 a month. Get serious. It shouldn't say "families"--don't most people have trouble finding affordable housing? And the draft housing statement is currently a word salad-lots of sentences with no reason why a statistic is even relevant and no logical flow. Blatantly erroneous in places--I couldn't find that WA is anywhere near ranked among most expensive. All the plan can do is try to make sure that land is available (there's plenty) and zone to allow multi-family apartments and creative uses like employee bughouses, summer camps, RV/mod housing parks and tiny house groupings. The County is not equipped to get involved in building or managing housing. And if it does, the resultant housing will almost certainly be available not to employed folks but to anyone who shows up off the ferry.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
166	Don't know who the "creative policies" are.	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
167	Better	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
168	affordable housing is an important issue, however no more important in my view than the issues mentioned in question 4 comments above	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
169	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
170	Same answer as 4 above. That is unless true affordable housing i.e. Trailer parks are created.	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
171	0	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
172	Housing for seniors and middle class where they can have gardens and a yard. Still enjoy a rural atmosphere and be able to afford. Not a based income.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
173	WHAT IS A "CREATIVE POLICY"	11/8/2017 2:05 PM
174	Again, an awareness of the true carrying capacity of the island should inform housing projections and requirements.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
175	"affordable" is not the underlying issue, adequate quantity is. Short of draconian government intervention, supply and demand will determine "affordable."	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
176	Include plans for all types of housing including multi-unit, manufactured homes and tiny houses.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
177	HOW???	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
178	I'm in favor of groups of tiny houses, Homes for Islanders, etc. I'm not in favor of taxing the rich or buisnesses.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
179	If you want affordable housing, stop allowing transient accommodation or reduce it. If you can't rent out your condo for $50 grand a year, real estate property values will drop and locals will be able to rent property. But, making it the counties job to provide cheap housing would be extremely expensive. That's not the county's job.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
180	Support more options for rental housing. Make it easier to build rentals.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
181	More multi-family housing that can't be used for AirBNB or vacations rentals is needed.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
182	we have a severe shortage of affordable housing	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
183	Sounds good, but: how ? Would cost somebody a lot of money.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM

184	Easier said than done. 1. Easiest step is to adopt some revenue for the purpose as a REET which should be directed toward small rental housing. 2. As a practical matter, Affordable housing should occur mostly in the UGA's, Friday Harbor and Eastsound. Those UGA's should be expanded to include more developable land. 3. Effort should be made to develop a RV park in Eastsound. That will not be popular, especially in my back yard. The Park in Friday Harbor is a slum but it provides a lot of affordable housing.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
185	The creative policies may have to include funding assistance from the county.	11/7/2017 1:11 PM
186	We must include this as part of the solution, however there is no single item that will solve this dynamic problem. While we look at ways to increase the affordable housing stock, we should remember to include access to living wage jobs, so our working class community can continue to afford to live here and perhaps become homeowners one day. SJC focuses a lot of effort on affordable rentals but home ownership and family wage jobs should also be part of the solution.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
187	We also need to recognize that policies aimed at giving density bonuses to developers to incentivize them to create affordable housing does not work in our very small, non-urban county. The only successful creation of affordable housing has come from our Community Land Trusts, plus another non-profit (Homes for Islanders). That is where we need to put our support, rather than hope that some developer, sometime, will take advantage of density bonuses.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
188	Look at how rural clustering can offer opportunities. How can multi-generational, cross family households flourish.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
189	We need rezone to allow cluster housing in rural areas where small, 1500 sq ft or smaller homes share a well, septic system and road.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
190	quality of units will be an issue; there needs to be an effort to create long-term affordable housing for islanders. tenement housing is not a solution	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
191	With something like 30 % of the existing stock of housing unoccupied for most of the year, the county should create stronger incentives for encouraging long-term rentals (vacation rentals are adding to the problem). Or, the stock of affordable owner-occupied housing based on income level needs to grow (USDA, OPAL, etc.). Housing affordability is important for our vision statement.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
192	It is imperative we alienate ourselves from ILLEGAL immigration and avoid the loss of funding from the Federal Agencies. This will boost the ability for readily attainable funding for housing services. Not solely for housing, and for ANY other Federally funded assistance our islands are able to benefit from. There is huge need here for affordable mental health and especially addiction counseling and rehabilitation. Which has been the source of a lot of crime and homelessness. It affects the children of our community across the board. Not only do we need to ensure we cater to and do not lose these families in the cracks, and we also have a great need for more LOW INCOME housing, which benefits those in special needs categories (very low income families, disabled, elderly, fixed low income type households). We are shooting ourselves in the foot if we condone illegal immigration.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
193	I'm looking to buy my first home. Our family makes too much money to qualify for homes for islanders, and we are renting out in the country and absolutely love the quiet and being in nature. My request to consider with affordable housing is not to force everyone to live in town if they can't afford to buy a home. Put up some houses out of town where it's quiet and peaceful.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
194	We are one of the most unaffordable counties in the state for working families to find housing. Zillah coupled with real estate speculation and the VRBO industry, has driven up prices for home ownership and greatly reduced year-around rentals.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
195	Change to "Include creative policies that effectively increase the number of affordable housing units to match the needs of full-time residents."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
196	It doesn't have to be creative, it simply needs to be.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
197	See comments in section 4.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
198	SJC has worked hard for 40 years to make housing scarce and expensive. Loosen the noose and let people take care of themselves and others	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
199	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
200	"Creative policies" sounds like a bandage. How about some real policies - like letting go of rural zoning in more parts of the county?	11/5/2017 1:07 PM

201	It still does not really help people who do not have a lot of money. The cost of gas, food and utilities is very high, there are no discounts to those here	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
202	"Creative policies" is badly worded. Consider changing to "Include sustainable policies proven to improve affordable housing units in other small communities."	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
203	Maybe some tax incentives to seasonal residents who provide housing for full time residents with jobs on Island	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
204	See previous comment.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
205	It’s going to require more than just “creative policies.”	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
206	This is one of the great challenges for SJC	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
207	this has to tie in with some type of policy restricting the number of vacation rental properties on the island. This combined with a high number of vacant homes reduces the quality of community	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
208	There are too many residents who do not work and some on drugs. I would prefer not to encourage them to live here because it is affordable for them to do so. They should live in an area where they can afford the living costs. This isn't a paradise for people to move to to be supported financially by the small community financially, food bank wise, etc. The ferry is expensive and the part of the population who work under the table or are on welfare and foodstamps should not be in housing subsidized by us or the government. The need for tiny houses isn't huge because most current residents have affordable places to live in the existing communities. Our population is not growing so fast as to need an increase.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
209	yes but .... primarily we must preserve the primarily rural character. it is a challenge to zone any additional affordable house in ways that enhance the county's primarily rural and cooperative characters and spirit of self-sufficiency, I believe. Putting something like this in the vision statement could lead to "helper housing" on agricultural tracts, centralized co-housing developments in villages, and building standards minimizing adverse environmental impact.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
210	Agfreed that it is very important to increase access to year-round affordable housing (both rental and homeownership options); however, at the same time SJC must change the regulations that encourage/enabe the development of vacation rentals. There is a limit to SJC's build-out and the Comp Plan must make choices as to the type of housing that fills the build-out potential.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
211	However, housing does not mean more building but fewer airbnb and fewer restrictions on renting carriage houses or having a second building on a property. The housing problem for low income can be solved with minimal additional development if we move away from profit for the rich, and into a commitment to a community living of all ages and economic statuses.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
212	Again, create an environment where people can get jobs that allow them to afford island housing. Also, relax zoning laws, where appropriate, that allow for auxiliary housing units	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
213	Our goals, policies and actions need to include those that deter the market forces that are driving up property values. Examples include limiting vacation rentals to properties that are owner occupied, and imposing fees and/or taxes on seasonally occupied homes, with the revenue used to build affordable housing.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
214	The old folks home could be purchased and used as a cooperative for young and old people to rent.	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
215	Front and Center! YES!	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
216	Affordable housing for part time residents who perform necessary work on the islands is also needed.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
217	I agree with the notion that we need to creatively address affordable housing, but would disagree if the proposal were to just build more housing stock willy nilly. Limiting the number of conversions to vacation rentals and providing incentives for urban infill could be a good place to start on this issue.	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
218	A lottery system for VRBO's may help to limit them. Enforcing the idea that SOMEONE on island responsible for the activity at each rental is reachable at all times when a home is a VRBO.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
219	Must be willing to work full time if possible	11/3/2017 1:18 PM
220	Affordable housing policies should not degrade open space and the natural environment. Affordable housing should be concentrated in UGAs	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
221	This statement is too vague.	11/3/2017 10:22 AM

222	I like the increased number of housing units that are affordable, and the focus on full-time residents. I'm not sure about "creative policies" - how about "effective"?	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
223	Housing on the islands is and should be a free choice, it has never been free or affordable in the way people think of it today. by old standards people were free to choose to live in tepees or trailers. today people expect to receive gifts of expensive habitat to the burden of others	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
224	Building new single family homes compounds the problem. As large homes are vacated, some could be converted to several small apartments for single people, retirees, couples. If one must construct buildings in town, I prefer attractive multi-unit attached town homes and apartments built attractively around common gardens.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
225	there are two issues with affordable housing, this speaks to the supply side, but a signficant portion of the issue lies on the WAGE side. Local business do not pay equivalent of mainland peers.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
226	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
227	It's not gonna happen. You can have a theme park or a community, not both.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
228	This *must* be balanced by clear guidelines backed by severe penalties for violation by e.g. building an apartment complex that blocks the view of a neighborhood, or someone renting out their moldy garage to seasonal workers.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
229	Housing options must balance need to protect our rural resource lands and rural character	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
230	Homes for Islanders is doing just this.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
231	Have lived in these islands since 1978 and am thoroughly disappointed in the county's handling of the housing issues.	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
232	The ability to build large part-time residences, or to create ADU units should be linked with contribution to affordable housing.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
233	The reality is that this is a problem endemic everywhere and will continue to be so as long as the population continues to grow.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
234	If private sector could 8 home on five acres as Homes for Islanders does, there could be more affordable housing.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
235	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
236	I agree unless the approach is taken of allowing increasing density suburban style in the rural areas. I do agree that there needs to be additional housing allowed on farms for reasons of succession farming, as long as it is clustered and smaller in size.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
237	Concerns about tourism and use of vacation rentals is generally unfounded and couched in terms of general fear and hysteria. If there is an actual issue with workers and their housing, the community should develop creative incentives: tax breaks and other financial incentives to encourage full-time rentals; incentives and other financial assistance for workers to commute from the mainland; amend County regulations to encourage ADUs and other small homes that could be used for rentals of any kind--vacation or full-time. There is only so much demand for vacation rentals, and by easing the County's overregulation, more ADUs and other living quarters can be constructed to many any actual need.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
238	Key issues needing to be addressed are: *Multi family housing must be encouraged, the problem cannot be solved with sfr's alone * Housing must be focused where infrastructure is in place, to keep cost down *There must be a tax and community support solution...no country has solved this issue without government initiatives	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
239	I'm afraid that to accomplish this our society must move towards a more socialistic form that, as many countries have found (England, for example) are crippling to their economies.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
240	Priority on permanent affordability such as the CLT model provides to protect our community investment and assets	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
241	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
242	yes but high density and coop solutions are NOT working. The coop solutions on Lopez have become more like country clubs. If you don't fit the clique, you don't get the housing, regardless of need. Case in point where a non citzen family was awarded affordable housing on Lopez over a local family (10 year residents) who were rejected. This isn't affordable housing, this is cronyism and elitism. This solution does not work.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM

243	creativity is key	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
244	Again, we need to address affordable housing and protect the rights of property owners.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
245	the economic diversity is changing rapidly and regular jobs don't pay enough for people to thrive	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
246	We need to be innovative as far as affordable housing goes....hamlets, nice park model homes or small mobile home parks and allow granny cottages, and small adus. We need to also put rules in place to assure that such units stay affordable.People should be encouraged and educated as to the value of offering year round affordable rentals instead of trying to make lots of money via short term rentals. Show them it is bad for our entire economy in the long run. Definitely, affordable rentals, hamlets, adus, communal living, farm workers and intern housing could be located in rural areas.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
247	Agree, but the policy part is pretty straightforward. The means to pay for the affordable housing units is the real challenge. This cannot continue to fall nearly entirely of the backs of the local nonprofits and the donor base that supports them.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
248	We need better wages for workers, not subsidized housing. Revising regulations to allow flexibility like seasonal camps and bunkhouses for employers to provide or tiny houses and innovative home groupings would be better than saddling the county with the complex task of building and maintaining housing.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
249	I get worried of businesses taking advantage of communities through loop holes, often touted as a creative solution.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
250	I agree there should be more affordable workforce housing - but not exclusive to permanent residents - our economy needs housing to support the tourist infrastructure and the island generally - such as housing for contractors, construction, etc. This statement seems to exclude this need and I think is not helpful to sustaining our economy which is heavily seasonal.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
251	This week 8 additional vacation rentals applied for permits. This is clearly (protests notwithstanding) a significant factor affecting the number of affordable long-term rentals.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q7 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, participants noted that there is much work to do related to housing. It's difficult for families who work on the islands to find housing that's affordable. In response, the plan must...Review regulations to ensure that a broader variety of housing options such as: mobile homes, duplexes and tiny homes are allowed, as long as they are consistent with rural character

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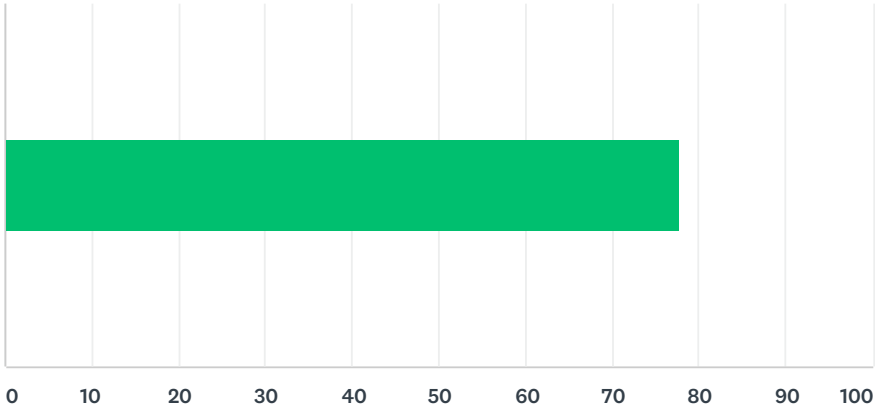

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Total Respondents: 533

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3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
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12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
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14	73	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	84	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	99	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q8 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Review tax breaks on private property/parks to determine what percentage of San Juan County is off the property tax rolls and what is the max percentage of county land that can have property tax breaks.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Can there be restrictions to vacation rental properties or to the number of properties that are only inhabited a few weeks out of the year?	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
3	I think mobile homes are a loose, loose situation, but time homes and duplexes would be a win, win.	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
4	Please see the Islands Climate Resilience's comments on housing. I agree whole heartedly with their insights.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
5	Tiny homes and lower impact and less expensive options would address the affordable housing issue while enabling farms to house workers.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
6	Again, Please review closely Islands Climate Resiliency's recommendations about houseing and sensitivity to climate change impacts on our natural resources.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
7	In addition, provisions for appropriate seasonal farm, lodging and tourism worker housing can reduce pressure on year-round residents' options for rental housing.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
8	Mobile homes aren't fit to live well in nor are they a sustainable housing option.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
9	Such houses must serve year-round residents rather than seasonal visitors	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
10	It seems unclear if the primary problem is really housing stock. If the County does go ahead with increasing the housing stock, multi-unit permanent homes would be preferable to mobile homes (more comfortable for the inhabitants).	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
11	I agree with the statement except I would remove mobile homes from the list of allowed options. the trailer park on Roche Harbor Road is a sad example of a housing option as it appears to be a fire trap, is an eyesore, no privacy from their neighbors and the people who live there deserve a better option that gives them a sense of pride and belonging to the community. For that reason I would remove mobile homes from the list above.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
12	However, these would likely be used as vacation rentals, increasing the number of tourists and perpetuating the current problem of shortage of long-term rentals.	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
13	Co op housing, with efficiency kitchens and a shared gathering space	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
14	I wouldn't want to see too many mobile homes go up as they are often environmentally unsound and lose value. I really do appreciate the tiny home movement which I consider environmentally favorable in many ways. Perhaps loosen the septic regulations so that they can use composing toilets, for example.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
15	As long as CCRs stipulations are honored	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
16	It is imperative that a broader variety of housing options be reviewed - and quickly - with strong movement to increase housing units.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
17	Maybe create a tiny home community where units can be parked and operate like an RV park?	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
18	Plus co-op housing and a moderate number of multi-family developments. We should look at relaxing some of the building codes to make such units possible, and make sure they are rented long-term and are truly affordable.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
19	Again I think the devil will be in the details. Assuring that any housing that bends density or design issues is for full-time residents rather than for short term rentals for visitors. I think maintaining density limits is important to maintaining the rural natures of our islands.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
20	However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM

21	I may have mentioned that "rural character" here is a blatant fiction. Additionally, mobile homes and tiny houses often only create low quality sprawl, with the costs of services deferred, hidden or subsidized. Dense housing inside the urban centers (Friday Harbor, Eastsound, etc.) will be cheaper overall, and will preserve more low density open space (which is not the same thing as rural character, I might opine.)	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
22	Tiny homes should definitely be allowed.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
23	A good start would be to allow a second living structure in the R5 density RFF when the property is greater than 5 acres. The restriction would be that the second home could not be developed and sold as a separate parcel.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
24	Sustainable building seems paramount, especially as we go into ecological meltdown. Mobile homes do not fit that. Duplexes seem fine, if they are built with green principles in mind.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
25	Impacts to septic and wells needs to be considered	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
26	We don't need MORE development, we need to find system incentives that better put to use the available inventory that has shifted from long-term residents to tourists. I just heard today that "tiny homes" were going in across from the SJI library at the owner was renting 400 sq/feet for $1,300. THAT IS INSANE AND NOT AFFORDABLE. People will exploit whatever they can, and if we allow more development, there is NO guarantee it WILL be affordable. It's the ADU problem continued.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
27	Objection is Mobile Homes!	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
28	What is rural character? Low income cannot afford "rural character."	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
29	There should also be further restrictions of vacation rentals and enforcement of vacation rental regulations.	11/30/2017 10:34 AM
30	Yes, people should be allowed to create homes how they like on their own property. Let's live and let live! But what does it mean to keep the housing "consistent with rural character?" Who gets to decide what that means? It is vague in a way that leaves room for people to police the lives and properties of others.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
31	HIgh quality, long lasting housing, no Moblie homes, as they have no enduring value. Yes on tiny houses.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
32	mobile homes- only if in a decent "community type" neighborhood. we don't need another bed for druggies and crime	11/30/2017 9:01 AM
33	It is also important that vacation rental units are allowed tbier freedom to conduct thier buisness.	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
34	There is a concern about the definition, quality and condition of mobile homes. Often they are in poor condition and result in unhealthy living conditions.	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
35	Mobil homes need more clarification. Construction standards must be good, not flimsy	11/30/2017 2:58 AM
36	However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they are low impact buildings, that serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
37	Again, allowing different kinds of homes only goes so far without reining in the ability of the wealthy to buy whatever land they wish at prices unaffordable to the average worker here.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
38	And greenhouses. Be a little more realistic and less traditional and precious with aesthetics	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
39	I'd like to hear more about how we define 'rural character'	11/29/2017 11:20 PM
40	I agree with this. I think we should have these options and they should be implemented in a way that does not negatively impact land use/environment.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
41	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
42	Additionally, recognizing that focusing development in the already “urban” centers will help preserve the rural character.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM
43	Support the work of the Home Trust.	11/29/2017 9:58 PM
44	Mobile homes should not be encouraged.	11/29/2017 8:38 PM

45	They need to be allowed. Take out the subjective, "consistent with rural character" Subjective it is how lawsuits are fought and NIBY's keep everything the same. (people suffer) Make the rules / zoning CLEAR and consistent. Allow multi-units, encourage it. We must get real about the costs of development and the only way to make things affordable is to develop multiple units on the same property. Hamlets seem to create more rules to prohibit development.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
46	I do have an objection to mobile homes. I'm very much in favor of small houses, but think we need to be more specific when we mention "tiny homes". I think it's important to preserve the rural character of the islands.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
47	Review and ADOPT regulations that support this vision.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
48	This may be opening pandora's box. I'm afraid rural parcel's may become trailer parks etc. We need to keep this kind of growth in more urban areas	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
49	Yes, and even off grid and alternative homes. Perhaps there is also a way to regulate or tax the spread of seasonal homes?	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
50	Agree regarding "consistent with rural character" but also: 1) must not unduly denigrate the natural environment or tax available natural resources (drinking water is finite, not add unduly to light pollution)	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
51	You can't have low value homes and maintain character.	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
52	ADD: However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
53	There are people who are on fixed incomes that would benefit from airbnb type vacation renting of rooms or buildings on their property.. There should be a way to allow that as well and not insisit that all rentals be long term.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
54	Limit number of unused second homes and tax unoccupied houses. Don't allow building on agricultural land, cluster housing in rocky areas out of the viewshed.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
55	Mobile homes and duplexes should only be allowed in towns/villages. Tiny homes would be acceptable in rural areas as well as high density locations.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
56	To reiterate: all of us - including elected officials - need to have the political and personal will to stop chasing after limited amounts of money from high-impact, low-wage industries. Yes, lodging tax makes our own property taxes go down, but is that short-term financial infusion enough for us to bear responsibility for subsidizing one industry? I'm guessing that it's a zero sum game if you look at the numbers, particularly in terms of quality of life. Having a profusion of mobile homes sounds like the absolute last thing we want to consider.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
57	As long as they look nice and fit in	11/29/2017 2:08 PM
58	Absolutely. We need solutions for working people who live here, not people who want a vacation home.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
59	An Island style mobile home park	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
60	The phrase "consistent with rural character" is too vague and could take on an unnecessarily limiting interpretation. What does it mean? There is nothing wrong with pockets of density as long as privacy, noise, traffic, etc. are carefully managed. The islands may be rural, in that they are isolated from a major population center, but they are no longer truly agricultural either. Large vacation homes have no rural character. Farmhouses without farms have the pretense of rural character, but without working farms, they fall short too. A more interesting way to avoid destroying the "feel" of the islands might be accomplished simply by limiting unoccupied housing. If a house is a four-season design above a certain size, it should be inhabited -- or perhaps it should be taxed at a higher rate if it is empty. If a community value is preserving the environment and reducing waste, there is little in the islands that is more wasteful than expensive, unoccupied houses.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
61	The siting of these housing options is crucial to retaining the rural character, and the character of settled neighborhoods. Thy should be located in places where they will blend in with the surrounding area.	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
62	Really need to define "rural character" when it comes to manufactured homes or mobile homes. There must be clear visual guidelines on that.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
63	Stated above	11/29/2017 11:30 AM

64	Community Treasures is also an important asset for those of limited means.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
65	These must be approached so that we don't create "ghettoes" or slum areas.	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
66	Siting and landscape design is an important factor to assure that these types of developments are aesthetically pleasing and do not degrade the visual impact of the islands.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
67	Not sure about mobile homes...	11/29/2017 8:57 AM
68	The regulations already allow much of this people are just not aware of the possibilities. The needs to be a better awareness of what is allowed where and a simplification of the code to make it more user friendly.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
69	See the previous comments regarding existing zoning.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
70	Please allow individuals to own clustered eco-mobile homes and tiny houses while renting upon fenced land that may connect by gates for yard share or that connect to a common larger area for large dogs.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
71	It seems likely that once these alternative housing units are s Approved they will be controversial and hard to find appropriate area for them especially the mobile house. Would this be allowed on personal property or in "parks"	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
72	I agree with rural character, but I do not want lower income people to be confined to town. Open space does not have to be only for the elite. start up farmers need land too. Now is the time to finally let people who want to be soft on the land and resources, to live in dignity, and legality, while catching water, and composting their human waste.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
73	No duplexes.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
74	Mobile home parks are unsafe and unsightly. Proper sewage disposal must not be sacrificed.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
75	We need to be careful about allowing rural sprawl, which will further fragment natural areas.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
76	I actually don't care about the rural character part. People can make their homes look however they want. They can make a house that looks like a giant penis. It's a free country.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM
77	Some tiny homes and duplexes should be allowed on a case-by-case review basis. We should strive to avoid trailerparks with mobile homes.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
78	There have to be multiple options for affordable housing.	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
79	Its just fine as it is.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
80	I am strongly against mobile homes. Tiny homes, sure. A reduction on the permitting process and bureaucratic headaches for tiny private homes is great, but allowing mobile homes or double-wides goes against local values.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
81	Rural character should mean 5 acre properties. Mixing in 8 tiny homes on an acre lot is not rural. Tiny homes should be placed so the residents can walk to stores and services, unless convenient public transit is available.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
82	Buildings should be for the long term. Mobile homes are short term solutions and should be discouraged	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
83	See above	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
84	County needs to allow additional dwelling units on large parcels (not suggesting subdivision). Currently detached ADUs are not allowed on Ag Resource land as an example that needs to change.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
85	not a big fan of mobile homes. Duplexes + tiny homes are a good options, in my opinion.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
86	Housing for farm workers should not be restricted to those properties that fall under the CUFA but should be allowed where deemed appropriate and beneficial to the community: its people, its resources, and its economy.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
87	Potential good elements, but how they are allowed to be integrated needs lots of discussion and input.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
88	Tiny houses-- yes!	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
89	More affordable housing needs not to translate into more housing for tourists. More mixed use, "grannie flats," tiny homes and duplexes make sense. Mobile homes do not - can't get a mortgage, they are energy inefficient, and decay more rapidly.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM

90	I feel that homes should be built upon a solid foundation (slab or perimeter cinder block or poured) as opposed to piers or pilings.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
91	The basic problem is one of land costs, development costs and particularly septic related issues. Not all rural land is appropriate for broader housing alternatives and more options for groupings on rural lands where septic related issues are minimal, should be allowed	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
92	Add to it utilizing barn structures, yurts, camping, boat moorage for full time living, etc.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
93	Not only "review" but change and implement said regulations.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
94	Again, the affordable housing needs vs the homeowners that buy or build without county assistance. Changing the dynamics of neighborhoods.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
95	i disagree with mobile homes.	11/28/2017 3:33 PM
96	7 suggests that these solutions can occur in the rural lands. This can only happen with major increases in density to pay for infrastructure. This does not maintain the character of the rural lands.	11/28/2017 3:14 PM
97	Not mobile homes they loose value and are very ugly	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
98	I understand the need to address affordable housing, but let's not forget that it is a symptom of a larger issue (income inequality). Zoning and easier access to rentals are very important, but perhaps there are other tools to address the underlying issue - like (for example) increasing the minimum wage, incentives for attracting employers, daycare/universal pre-K subsidies (phased out as income rises), access to broadband (to expand and diversify workforce), improved access to healthcare... some of these would be touch to implement (I understand!), but if we can get to full - and fair - employment, the market would ensure that housing falls into place...	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
99	Is rural character defined anywhere? If not, we some better metric.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
100	Much depends on location and layout.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
101	however these whould still adequately met the needs of families long-term. trailer parks are not what we are needing. Private land-owners need to step up to build long term rentals on their land.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
102	We need to be careful not to damage our fragile ecosystem in the creation of affordable housing.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
103	No mobile homes, yurts ok, duplexes, tiny homes ok	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
104	Reduce hoops	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
105	I think we need to consider some higher density housing, despite some thinking it isn't consistent with rural character. Mobile and tiny homes are not the solution for everyone. We need to find more areas where we can put in higher density housing with modern technology and a rustic flair, rather than sprinkling our entire landscape with tiny homes.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
106	None	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
107	Add: Farm worker housing is allowed on farms within the regulations.	11/28/2017 10:50 AM
108	We should definitely consider other options. Increasing housing density, but not without also considering all our natural resources, including farm land, water, waste disposal etc. But we should be careful that these units are used for locals not for tourists.	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
109	Who defines "rural character?"	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
110	"Consistent with rural character" Who decides this? How is this able to be consistently quantifiable?	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
111	Codes and regulations are so extreme that the cost to build are high. We need more positive and helpful people in planning dept who can actually help.	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
112	And allow more clustered development	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
113	There are enough houses to supply adequate housing. The tiny home reaction is a trend and fad more than anything, and many of us do not want to live long term in a tiny home. What about second home owners, and those who refuse to rent to tenants year round?	11/27/2017 10:41 PM

114	In funding affordable housing, include funding to improve the affordability of both new and existing housing through investments in energy conservation and/or efficiency, and renewable energy generation. Explicitly consider climate change risks in siting UGA expansions and other new affordable housing locations and avoid sites projected to have increased risk of flooding, landslides, severe erosion, or water shortages. Require that UGA expansions include a permanent affordability requirement for at least 50% of the units created.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
115	AG properties should be able to have seasonal & year round housing for farm hands on site regardless if the farm hand works on another farm as well as the place of current residency. Farmers are not paid enough to survive on working on one farm...there MUST be other streams of income for survivability. Do NOT limit housing for our young/future farmers.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
116	add: and serve year around residents.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
117	And as long as they are for year round residents. We must also review regulations to allow for composting toilets, grey water systems, rainwater collection and explore innovative systems that allow for incremental owner builders a more cost effective pathway to home building.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
118	Keep such additional development within the town of F.H.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
119	I would delete the"consistent with rural character" language which is subjective and has been used to limit density ("density is not rural whereas big lots and distance between neighbors is "rural") or the type of housing (single family instead of mobile homes, tiny homes, clusters or multi-unit projects.)	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
120	However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
121	If there are going to be zoning changes to allow these types of units, the units must be designated as year round rentals and not used for tourist rentals. They should also be subject to sustainability - how they impact the water, farmland and so on. They must have screening to reduce breaking up a rural view corridor.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
122	However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
123	Regulations on second homes being used as vacation rentals must be frozen at 2017 permit levels. The County is changing communities and land use by increasing the number of vacation rentals. We do not need more vacation rentals. We need homes for full-time and seasonal workers.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
124	Not sure what rural character means here.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
125	Relax larger lot regulations for ADU's. Allow a second dwelling to be more than 100 ft. from main structure, with it's own septic/water	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
126	The only thing I want to add is: "Who would NOT agree?"	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
127	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
128	I dread the thought of trailer parks on our island.	11/22/2017 8:59 PM
129	How about "consistent with the freedom that characterizes our citizenry?" The present minimum-10-acre-parcel does about as much as can reasonably be done. The notion of further reviews only insures that those that their will be a continuing diminishment of property owner's liberties.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
130	Housing should have long term enduring value to the community. Cheap, quick fix solutions are nothing more than poor planning. Hire a land planner to guide creation of a real land use plan. Focus density in existing dense locations.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
131	However, constraints must be placed on these units to ensure that they serve year-round residents (instead of visitors) and are affordable.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
132	What is " rural character?" Hillbilly slums? Fake farms? Big private estates for playing wealthy citizens?	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
133	Encouraging tiny homes by allowing increased density together with cresting more flexible siting of housing.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
134	Policies are getting more and more restrictive in EVERY regard. It's beginning to feel that current residents are in an "I've got mine, screw you" mode.	11/21/2017 4:20 PM

135	Yes, I think these can be part of a viable solution, however, they need to be implemented in a way that maintains the rural character and does not make the islands look like one big mobile home park.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
136	Include guest homes on smaller lots.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
137	Options listed are okay AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT INCREASE DENSITY OR OTHERWISE VIOLATE PROTECTIONS OF RURAL QUALITY. It would also help reduce housing costs if smaller homes, say under 900 square feet, could be built without the onerous construction requirements, permitting and inspection processes, built by the owner, using his own lumber and recycled materials. This is allowed elsewhere, why not here?	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
138	If this review includes increases in density I would not favor that until a buildout analysis was done	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
139	I don't think the lack of housing can be solved simply by "building more and building smaller" - eventually market forces will mean that tiny house will sell for $300K (see other resort communities). If we are serious about solving this, we need incentives and to steward long-term affordability through land ownership and deed restrictions.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
140	Affordable housing should be in the UGA. I don't believe that mobile homes and tiny houses are effective solutions, nor are they consistent with good urban density, design and planning. There are better solutions, including well-designed multi-family buildings. In any case a statement this specific doesn't belong in a vision statement.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
141	The answer is not more homes. It is making the already available homes and properties affordable for people to buy or rent. In town, there are plenty of empty storefronts, but they're too expensive to rent. The solution is not to build more storefronts no one can afford. Similarly, properties are exorbitantly expensive and housing costs are outrageous. Adding more mobile homes really won't help. We need to restructure the cost of properties so $1 million is not the starting point.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
142	Not a fan of the aesthetics of mobile homes and recent mobile/modular homes that have been built in some previous agricultural areas an in sight lines of the road and really detract from the pastoral landscape. Concern with increasing density on specific more rural tracts of land may lead to issues with water use, etc. In the town areas or located close to Eastsound or Lopez Village it would be acceptable to have well designed duplexes/ possibly tiny home but it's important to consider the aesthetic of the home and it's environment. Also while mobile homes may be a cheaper alternative in the short term for the home owner they are essentially not getting much in long term value. It would be better to think of more sustainable housing options that blend in to the environment.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
143	Again, any density increase must be offset by down zoning other areas. Full build out population will ruin the current community and rural nature.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
144	Don't increase density and create crowded ghettos. Use the oversupply to small lots that already exist as described above.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
145	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
146	Needs to be strictly zoned.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
147	Not keen to see mobile homes. The rural character is hard to protect with such structures.	11/16/2017 5:58 PM
148	We don’t do enough to add screening landscaping to preserve the rural environment that we profess to value.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
149	Again, need to discuss this from the perspective of density and future growth that is in context with available natural resources on our islands! i.e., water and sewer capacities! some of these housing options may well be viable, but this question is inane - to simply suggest it must be consistent with rural character!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
150	We must drastically reduce the number of homes being built. We are getting overpopulated! Current residents are becoming uncomfortable with the population explosion.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
151	Emphasize tiny homes made from high quality materials - people of limited means also deserve to live in a non-toxic home.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
152	These options for increased home capacity could be required to be screened by trees and bushes.	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
153	tiny homes and creative structures such as modified school busses have long been part of the island. stricter building codes have led to a transition to trailors that is rather sad.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
154	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM

155	Allow small settlements. "Hamlets"? Cut the rural character language and allow folks to live in small towns.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
156	Yes creative options	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
157	See above. Many of these are temporary solutions. Duplexes are solutions that benefit landlords, not potential home buyers. Taxing second homes and using the revenue generated to create a VARIETY of LONG TERM housing solutions would be a way more equitable way of actually addressing the housing crises here. But again, when one does not REALLY care for one's neighbors and just wants to make sure someone is there to clean your multimillion dollar home it's easy to say "the poors should put their tiny lives into tiny houses".	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
158	I urge you look at http://serenbe.com for inspiration. The exact design may not fit, but the concept of clustering in close proximity to nature and amenities is critical.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
159	Things like the Land Bank Tax and incredibly rigid zoning and code restrictions are a blight to anyone trying to do their best to purchase a home and live here.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
160	Cost of infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity, roads, etc.) is increasing to the point where "affordable" construction is no longer affordable. Tax credits for construction and maintenance of affordable housing?	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
161	Yes to creative solutions that maintain some rural character. Also, water catchment for grey water systems and for potable systems. Composting toilets that don't require elaborate and costly septic etc.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
162	What is rural character? Who decides?	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
163	Who is to decide what "rural character" means. Just make more housing .	11/15/2017 8:19 AM
164	Shacks in the Woods!	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
165	Housing should be decent, not substandard.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
166	yes, a better plan than #7	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
167	Vague. show what "rural" character is. 90 people per sq mi is not rural.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
168	Mobile homes are a slippery slope. I think a very tasteful, well hidden RV park is of much greater value. Lends well to a tiny home division as well.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
169	Not sure how anyone construes mobile homes as being rural in character... granted manufactured housing can be done well, it often is not...	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
170	I do not support allowance of mobile homes - they rarely protect rural characteristics.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
171	Duplexes and apartment buildings are good, mobile homes and tiny homes are questionable.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
172	The density of housing should increase in the areas that require it, such as businesses with housing built in, and clustered tiny houses on resource lands that need more workers.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
173	and again, quickly	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
174	Flexibility in housing types & well-designed, multi-residential development is of the utmost importance for affordability in SJC; not everyone can afford (or wants to build) an estate out here. Flexibility in governance also envokes a rural ambiance--this is a tricky balance.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
175	And yurts. I also think infrastructure surrounding these alternative homes needs to be looked at... Why on earth are homes required to have a septic and well in order to count as a residence that folks can get a loan on? If we're facing a water program, why shouldn't people be allowed to get water from alternative sources like rain and filtered ponds? And why can't outhouses suffice?	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
176	And blend into the natural landscape	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
177	These housing options should also be able to be serviced by an approved composting outhouse and suitable grey water system, or perhaps using the septic system of the property for grey water, but not for toilet use. The county needs to learn about low-tech ways of composting human waste and to teach and certify users of a given system.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
178	I'm not sure I agree with the mobile homes, but yes to the rest.	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
179	It is time to start high density housing in our city with open spaces around them for those living there. This is per GMA passed for the state.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM

180	Mobile homes I feel degrade the community. I would rather see unique small homes verses mobile homes.	11/12/2017 10:52 AM
181	Sounds right but I don't know enough to give an informed answer	11/12/2017 9:43 AM
182	I'm not stoked on the idea of mobile homes...but I do think we need more housing options in the UGA and intentionally develop hamlets and villages.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
183	Absolutely, rural character. Multi-family apartments built to an efficient model pre-approved by permitting.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
184	And not trashy.	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
185	Good	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
186	housing solutions need to be sustainable, energy efficient and build to last - we are solving a problem long-term, not just for a decade. Mobile homes do not meet these requirements.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
187	I would prefer to see fewer mobile homes and more tiny homes.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
188	For too long our community has steered affordable housing away from our community. Real affordability such as stated above. House sharing mobile homes rv parks tiny house communities guest houses	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
189	small conversions typically do not account for adjacent environmental resources. If a forest practice application is not required typically the county does not require SEPA.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
190	Consider adequate water resources	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
191	Let's not just build things which will devolve into a slum. We want healthy families and long term solutions for them.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
192	Mobile homes & duplexes don't seem as ecologically focused. We should be aiming higher. If duplexes are in an eco-village, great. Tiny homes have a small footprint, but I think it's unfair to ask people to do with less because of gentrification. If people choose tiny homes, great. You can build small footprint, green homes relatively quickly and keep them affordable.	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
193	Agree, but based on the feasibility of the project should not have to have a portion of a project low income unless its government assisted. Low income units can stop projects from happening.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
194	The local economy cannot function without both large and summer homes, as well as tourist facilities. The first part of this statement covers those options, but the middle and last parts are ambiguous and can be read to wreck the economic base.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
195	I just want to flag that tiny houses are not a solution for everyone and I worry that if they are called out specifically then the community will think "we can just put the poor people in tiny houses". That's not a solution and it's not a solution with dignity. That being said, I want people who want to live in Tiny Houses to be able to do that without extensive regulatory barriers.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
196	SEE COMMENT 4	11/8/2017 2:05 PM
197	"consistent with rural character" is a loaded and needless restriction. Mini-villages could be dense but fit in with Island character. Design parameters could produce the same result and allow flexibility.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
198	Yes	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
199	Tiny homes are great, There is no way to make mobile homes acceptable. Ask any contractor, mobile homes are built with the cheapest most toxic materials. We should demand safe quality construction of housing stock.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
200	Flexibility with more options is crucial for rentals and home ownership. These are much better options than the substandard conditions people live in now.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
201	Also clustering affordable housing as with Rocky Bay, etc.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
202	I think we should regulate the short term rental of private property. Without such regulation what will stop any new, mobile homes, tiny houses, etc. from being used for visitor , short term rental?	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
203	Mobile homes, sigh. Duplex and tiny homes ok.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
204	Th County has been "reviewing regulations" for 20 years. That is the Scarlet O'Hara solution, to think about it tomorrow. What affordable housing requires is funding. Stop thinking about it and do it.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM

205	Increasing density is a good thing, but affordable housing doesn't need to compromise on structure. A tiny home can be just as expensive as a small cabin to build. Sewage, water, and other utilities are a significant part of the cost, as well as land costs. We should be tolerant of various housing types without compromising on public health or long term sustainability.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
206	We need to be careful, however, in where we allow this "variety". We do not want to ignore zoning requirements in our rural areas.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
207	Yes for duplexes and tiny home. Not for mobile homes. Would rather see density and urban infill projects	11/7/2017 9:22 AM
208	Yes!	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
209	see above	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
210	Tiny homes are not a viable solution for "families"	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
211	I absolutely agree. Travel trailers are homes, too, and the county should make it easier for a property owner to have one or two on a property if it does not adversely affect neighboring lands. Nimbyism may be the biggest challenge. As regulations pile up, affordability becomes more difficult to achieve, so having variances should be straightforward and practicable. We should also consider houseboats. The Evergreen State was sold to someone for $350,000. It could have stayed here and would have been possible for conversion into housing.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
212	Not only consistent with rural character, and in which we have a vetting system in place for the inhabitants of such said type of housing. This could open up an array of issues, in the broad spectrum. We want to bolster productivity, health, safety, etc...	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
213	Again, please consider the fact that some folks want to live out of town.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
214	Affordable housing requires creative thinking. I would add the above list should also include composting toilets instead of traditional flush. We have to recognize our limited water supplies.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
215	How will we stay rural and increase housing at the same time? Those two things seem mutually exclusive.	11/6/2017 10:04 AM
216	Change to "Review and change regulations to ensure a broader variety of quality housing options such as: tiny homes, duplexes and small multiplexes, as long as they are consistent with rural character and do not geographically stratify economic or social classes."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
217	People that live here, people that work here shouldn't be forced to live in tiny homes or trailers.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
218	Perhaps property owners who do not live here full time should be taxed additionally to help subsidize low-income housing. Second home demand drives property prices so high. Additionally, I think many of the homes that rent short-term through Air BNB and similar sites should collect tax from those who rent to help provide low-income housing and support the people who support the tourists.	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
219	In addition to rural character and careful siting, any new and innovative housing should be LEED certified and as energy independent as possible making maximum utilization of renewable energy sources OPALCO should be able to be a lead partner in fulfilling this goal.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
220	No mobile homes.	11/5/2017 3:38 PM
221	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
222	Those are good options for low-income and/or seasonal housing, but fall short for plain affordable housing. How about more apartments, condos, and town-home type structures?	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
223	I think that mobile homes should be discouraged and tiny homes encouraged	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
224	I disagree with the "mobile homes" but agree with duplexes, mini homes	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
225	Draw the line at trailers which are substandard construction and an eyesore	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
226	Tiny homes, modulars, funky bungalows, off the grid alternatives are what the islands are all about!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
227	What about manufactured homes, cohousing and apartment complexes?	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
228	Consider incentives for property owners with guest units that are not fully utilized	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
229	Tiny homes only. Our island has room for only so many people on the island. Density is a huge concern of mine outside the village area.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM

230	... it may be with more than rural character the housing options should be consistent. Housing options should be consistent with self-sufficiency and sustainability so as not to impose undue environmental costs simply for the sake of putting up an affordable house.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
231	Consistency with rural character is defined by allowable density. A variety of housing options is essential; however, changes in allowable density could destroy the rural character.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
232	Yes, as long as it is not more development, and with consideration to keeping things attractive and natural looking.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
233	Suggest replacing "review" with "revise" regulations.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
234	I moved here because I didn't want to live in a city.	11/3/2017 8:06 PM
235	This is an odd and fantastical place where too many white retirees selling out of suburban areas land here and want a rural landscape that is noiseless, without odors, unlogged, unfarmed in a sort of bucolic landscape painting seen in a dream. Real "rural character" has always meant working landscapes and people using resources in respectful ways. Regulations here promise an end to real rural character.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
236	Regulations also need to be relaxed on creation of affordable housing by allowing additional 'guest cottage' type dwellings on lots that exceed the minimum buildable size.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
237	We should first make sure these aren't allowed already. And if the proposal is to shrink parcel sizes or increase density on parcels, that likely will not address the issue long-term as this continues to be a desirable place to relocate or offer vacation rentals and likely would lead to a strain on local natural resources.	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
238	Yes! The only way I was able to save enough money to buy the home I know (gratefully) reside in on SJI was to live in a tiny/mobile home for 3 years. This was "illegal" but was a brilliant way for me to be self-sufficient, have stable housing that I owned, provided rental income to the property owner I was parked on, and ultimately allowed me to SAVE $$ that created down payment money for my house.	11/3/2017 2:51 PM
239	Relaxing health, safety and environmental regulations to allow substandard and/or higher density housing in rural areas is not a solution, and will exacerbate the problem. Lower income working families should be encourage to find affordable housing in UGAs, where services and employment opportunities exist.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
240	what is rural character? Who decides what is rural? Without definition the description is meaningless. And, will the houses be in certain zoned areas?	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
241	Agree with duplexes. Very important that everything remains consistent with rural character. Honestly, all of these housing options are probably more consistent with rural character than the mega-mansions that are becoming increasingly common.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
242	I'd be 100% agree, but these options should be first evaluated for the UGAs, Hamlets, and Villages to understand if those areas can accommodate the growth, need. If so, the policies should push the housing into those areas	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
243	absolutely	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
244	Allowing mobile homes and tiny houses on existing rural or town lots is a good idea. Permitting a second house, possibly a rental, on a rural parcel is also a good idea. Where suburb-like communities already exist, increase density by permitting more guest houses or rentals on sufficiently large lots. Dwellings should be close together so that unbuilt acreage can be used for agriculture, livestock, or common gardens.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
245	Development of RV parks is another piece of the puzzle, but land use tables need to better accomodate	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
246	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
247	You must choose, rural or urban, you can't have both. Also, "rural character" weasel words.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
248	Again, painfully detailed guidelines are required to protect property owners and tenants; e.g. water availability, condition of homes, maybe even price limits.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
249	The county needs to encourage these affordable options.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
250	Cluster (including attached, thereby saving energy and its cost) housing should also be expressly permitted, whether or not rural. The concept of "rural" impinges on solutions of this nature.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM

251	So long as the housing follow safety and environmental codes.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
252	Enough with the "rural". Can't we be inclusive of dynamic town centers and multi-acre zoning?	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
253	It is difficult, if not impossible, to to have both. Housing results in loss or open space.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
254	no massive apartment complexes. Locations must be environmentally suitable	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
255	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
256	The qualifier on the end of the statement is unnecessary and does not reflect our actual community. Simply stick with the original statement without the qualifier: "Review regulations to ensure that a broader variety of housing options such as: mobile homes, duplexes and tiny homes are allowed."	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
257	We don't want to increase the aspect of rural slum, which can easily happen (and currently exists) where no standards for quality, screening etc. are enforced. The whole housing issue needs Leadership.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
258	Want high quality affordable housing regardless of construction method or square footage	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
259	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
260	Yes! And ADUs	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
261	Yes - land use needs to reflect our need for diverse housing options	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
262	Limits must be placed on the number of B&B's. Too many tourists ruin island life.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
263	Totally agree....we also need and need to permit farm worker and interns shared housing.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
264	Totally agree. And you need to provide incentives for people to do the right thing. For instance, the County (perhaps with some philanthropic investors) could create a low cost loan pool that would enable homeowners to build tiny houses, etc. on their lots for long term rental. Similarly, the owner would get a discount on property tax for that additional unit while they do long term rentals.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
265	As long as they are within specs, why not?	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
266	Tiny home yes. Mobile park no as they destroy rural character	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
267	No tiny homes or trailers	11/1/2017 4:43 PM
268	Yes, this is helpful and maybe more inclusive to meet the needs I previously expressed concerns about. Other code related issues need to be considered as far as density and impacts to infrastucture to make more dense housing sustainable (bike paths or wider shoulders for bikes and walking), water needs and sewer, etc.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
269	These regulations should apply to activity center character at least as much as rural character. GMA is designed around promoting residential growth in activity centers (UGAs) and keeping rural areas rural (w/o sprawl).	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
270	Mobile homes are almost always deleterious to the value (monetary and attractiveness) of nearby properties. On the other hand, the solution should consider clustered housing as one of the options.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q9 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning.

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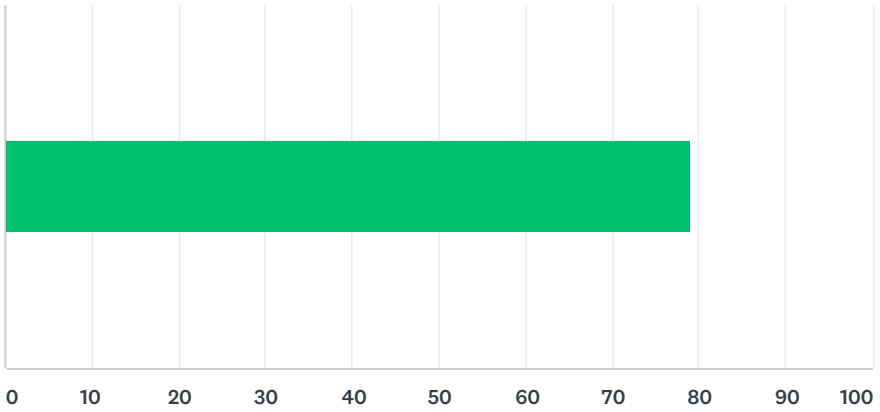

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3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
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9	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
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11	81	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
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14	88	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM

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1	Save money and only have one school district in San Juan County.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Community support for schools producing their own local food when possible.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	suggest adding "Citizens have a connection to where their food comes from and are fully informed about the importance of local food security."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	In addition, "The unique rural character of the islands fosters a wealth of land-based educational workshops, seminars, courses and schooling which enrich the lives of island citizens as well as visitors."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	Close with: Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
6	This statement should touch on technical excellence, too. Young people should be encouraged to view training in the trades as a respectable option. There are lots of great opportunities for vocational work in the islands and the community benefits from skilled tradespeople.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
7	Satellite community college campus would be a good addition,	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
8	Do we ever need it now!	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
9	"Families" is restrictive. What about single individuals who have made the islanders their home? Education is for everyone!	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
10	As a product of the Orcas education system I think that there were plenty of opportunities presented to me both in and out of the classroom. I have a child headed there soon. I hope that families and community continue to be part of the learning environment.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
11	I am academically oriented but think all the islands need to do a better job of including more "vocational" education for our students and potential work force - e.g. for those non-college bound students.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
12	Please add: Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security, as well as the importance of environmental ethics.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
13	A wonderful aspiration. A little short on actionable metrics, but a good statement of community values.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
14	That is a honorable and eloquent mission statement, but how does it get applied to real world problems? How does it address pressures to meet profit driven motives by special interest parties? How does it read between the lines?	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
15	Duh	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
16	I think there are some great education alternatives, but that the publicly funded options fall short of the above description. Unfortunately, this might be an issue that is out of our control at the county level.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
17	As long as the citizens support school bonds and levies.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	What does this have to do with land use planning objectives? Are we trying to rezone areas for education and art? If so, state that more clearly and be more specific about what needs to be achieved. Otherwise that is just a pat-on-the-back about how great, smart, and artistic we are; comes across very elitist and snobby.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	Technical craft should be included in this statement, mechanical and technical.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
20	Very important!	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
21	Education must include on the importance of healthy foods, preferably locally produced using sustainable methods.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
22	We are NOT WORLD CITIZENS	11/30/2017 6:24 AM

23	continue the garden project at the school, community involvement and funding to make it a real source of food for our children	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
24	No	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
25	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
26	And our communities tolerance of drug use throws it all down the toilet. We are from the San Juans, we are Washingtonians, we are Americans and of course Earthlings. "World Citizens," REALLY?	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
27	Yes!	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
28	Since I don't have school,age children, this would be difficult for me to ascertain.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
29	makes no sense	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
30	So, instead of focusing on tourism, put some effort into educational outreach. Expand Skagit College, expand the UW labs, encourage industries other than tourism. Foster farmers that want to grow healthy food, offer them breaks on taxes, better breaks on taxes, like forestry - there is a huge break in taxes for forest land.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
31	Absolutely!	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
32	Sounds like gibberish	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
33	ADD: Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
34	We have almost no adult education opportunities on the island and Skagit Valley college does not give a price break to seniors anymore. We need more classes of all kinds for adults.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
35	Community support for Art and education should increase. Support for the library, Orcas Center and schools. Investment in education is well rewarded.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
36	What does this statement even say? I find the educational environment on this island to be isolated, outdated and very limited. I continuously seek learning opportunities and find myself needing to leave the islands for any enriching experiences	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
37	I assume this includes adults as well as children. Is there any opportunity for learning for lifelong earnings--like an entrepreneurship incubator?	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
38	Adult education opportunities need to be affordable to the poor in order for this statement to be accurate.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
39	Add community support for education in technical and skilled trades, higher education, apprenticeships and community service learning opportunities.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
40	Edits in CAPS: "Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic RIGOR, artistic expression, AND REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES. This educational environment produces ethical, CAPABLE, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning."	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
41	But what "educational environment" does this refer to? It is silly that there are four separate school districts, with vastly differing offerings open to children on different islands.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
42	As a regular visitor to Lopez who has befriended residents, I know about and admire the independent schools and variety of educational resources developed by the very people who live on the island.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
43	Learning as opposed to brainwashing? "Learning" must include all perspectives and not focus on the agenda of one particular sector of our community.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
44	I'm not sure what this means, it's too general to break down into regulatory policies.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
45	Add scientific investigation	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
46	Kind of vague: sounds good but are there specific ideas or plans?	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
47	I would add, along with academic excellence. Trades people, and cottage industries, that seek a more self reliant local economy, that would be less vulnerable to national mainstream fluctuations.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
48	The library should continue to be supported for this reason.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM

49	Lifelong learning opportunities are so important and often taken advantage of on Lopez	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
50	Scientific involvement and projects should be encouraged to explore and support the unique ecology and ecosystem here.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
51	It is imperative that we support our schools and other opportunities for continuing education	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
52	Schools deserve more support!	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
53	I want this to be true. I'm not sure our schools are succeeding in all ways	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
54	I think formal education should be focused on academic excellence, instilling a love of learning in self directed citizens. The artistic expression should come primarily outside of formal education.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
55	Education is key to an informed and responsible electorate. These times we live in make it profoundly apparent that ignorance can result in catastrophe, poor choices and the lack of civility. Our responsibilities as U.S. citizens should be reviewed and our place within the ecological system we are a part of should be understood and exercised	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
56	SJC need to do more in this area for training and education and help for example Skagit Community College offer more courses and programs that are work/skilled based to provide more opportunities to those need additional training or career changes that line up with critical County needs.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
57	Developing additional facilities for artist creative and artiginal craft skill building for both personal fulfillment and job training would help expand options for all ages of island residents.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
58	Not sure if the public school emphasizes these characteristics enough.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
59	No idea what this means or how to apply it. Learning is great, but how would this inform practical decisions? It's like it's hinting at an issue I don't clearly see.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
60	Encourage opportunities for college credits towards a degree on the island.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
61	The above statement is essentially meaningless. An excellent example of the use of buzz words.	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
62	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
63	What is the outcome of having a statement like this for comprehensive planning?	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
64	No idea what this means. We could meet this goal with a used paperback book exchange on every island. Done. Is that what you mean?	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
65	I think the emphasis on academic excellence needs to be scaled down.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
66	Many citizens of San Juan County would not consider themselves either academics or artists, but their contributions both ideological and physical are essential to the continuing health of the county.	11/28/2017 3:14 PM
67	This is not an adequate guide in any way - no specifics, no actionable objectives.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
68	I'm not sure what this has to do with comp plan revision.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
69	Yes for evidence, reason, and the creative arts.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
70	if this means funding art programs then yes it is adequate, but it's pretty vague.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
71	We always need to keep an open mind and heart and educate ourselves with true science.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
72	Silly paragraph	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
73	Where does this language include individuals, elders who aren’t part if families	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
74	This is an ok statement, but fails to mention anything about the importance of the passing of knowledge from one generation to the next in regards to farming, fishing, home canning, foraging, etc. basic sustainable skills.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
75	We must fund exceptional education and training for everyone that wants it.	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
76	Most of our community is white, which means they've benefited largely by our primarily patriarchal capitalist society. We can only be free and actually thriving, when we begin to develop systems that are free of these dominant systems of oppression. How is the county addressing things like this?	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
77	This is no more than a lofty ideal unless experential learning can be applied and cultivated outside the classroom i.e. using applied technologies to promote sustainability and community resilence.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM

78	the library is the academic center of our community.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
79	We need a strong statement of support for public K-12 education. This is a vague. The last line is good. I would add a reference to the fact that experiential learning is valued.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
80	Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
81	We have a lot of artisans, farmers, trades people and small business folks in our communities who have a lot to teach our youth. The county should support initiatives to promote learning opportunities for our youth such as workshops, internships and so on. Citizens should be fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
82	In addition to citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
83	Again, are these stand-alone prime statements? pr in connection with the others?	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
84	I am not sure what this statement is trying to say. Again sounds very idealistic but not clear on how this guides county policy.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
85	This statement is NOT "adequate." We need much more than words of comfort and amiable co-existence. Tangible, financial, physical, emotional and ecological decisions that must guide our future. THOSE decisions will and should guide the County through 2036.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
86	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
87	A "love of learning" might exist, but there has not been nor is there a reasonable prospect that it will be increased or encouraged by "the County."	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
88	ADD: Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
89	Much of the SJC populace is not in legal families per se. Do unmarried adults not matter?Add " citizens" in the dream, not families.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
90	Sorry, but this is a bullshit statement incapable of being measured!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
91	I think there are good educational opportunities for a community of this size.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
92	Really? Look at the vitriol directed at anyone with moderate to conservative views.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
93	I don't know what this means as it relates to county government or governance.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
94	Again, a worthy goal	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
95	Utter nonsense!	11/19/2017 3:09 PM
96	This statement is flabby palaver, essentially meaningless. How about something like "We actively support high-quality, interactive community educational opportunities for all ages."	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
97	Educational options must be legal and ethical. These standards must be enforced for the safety of our children.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
98	Maybe include support for our educators who inspire the next generation of learners and that we foster educational growth and development from preK years into older adulthood?	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
99	.	11/17/2017 9:20 AM
100	We need to ensure that we are looking after the teachers of our community, with living wages and adequate support in and out of the classroom.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
101	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
102	Cute. Why is that statement part of vision plan?	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
103	Yup. Just look as our library addition!	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
104	Would like to see more educational opportunities specific to stewardship, local history, and the natural environment... less stress on "academic excellence."	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
105	Unfortunately, ethics seems to be disappearing and education is not nearly well enough supported.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
106	Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
107	I don't understand what sort of policy this statement would lead to. It is too vague.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
108	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM

109	Learning is a continuing lifelong process which is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning. Citizens are fully informed about the importance of local food security.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
110	Yes to this, tho I am not quite sure what it is addressing, how it would manifest as a county vision.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
111	Not needed nor the purpose of a comprehensive plan.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
112	There is so many learning opprotunities, just need to get myself to them!	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
113	School districts should consolidate under one superintendent and one school board. The fiefdoms that are now in existence among SJI, Orcas, Lopez and Shaw school districts cause excessive xpendiyures on six-figure administrators, when it's the building principals that should make the most important educational decisions.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
114	while there is some truth... it should not be the only guide and definitely would not reflect a biodiversity of people and a diversity of thinking that makes for a healthy community	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
115	How is this a governing vision?	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
116	Education always needs more... more money, more teachers, more kids, more programs. We cannot donate enough to education. It should be a priority.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
117	Learning is valued as a community but the opportunities for continued academic education are limited The Skagit Valley Campus on San Provides very little for those wanting to pursue continuation to a college degree.	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
118	The sentiment is straight on, although I do not see the context to attach the active guidance being presented	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
119	No.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
120	Who cares about that when you can't find a place to rent?	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
121	Are we talking about public schools, after-skl programs, adult education & outreach, UW partnerships... ?	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
122	What does this mean? Better community college classes?	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
123	I'm 100% agree however I see the educational environment (in terms of the schools) as needing a more diverse learning experience with more time outside and less time at a desk. I know that is difficult for the school district and sounds idealistic, but I really believe there's too much desk learning which doesn't suit many peoples way of learning about the world around them.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
124	Good	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
125	Sounds greate. However, the reality is that most families and kids around here are not very interested in learning or academic excellence. Students (everywhere, not just our islands) are taught from very early on to focus on grades and getting through classes. In reality, there are very few self-motivated learners in our schools (including Skagit Valley College's San Juan Center).	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
126	Citizens should be fully informed about the importance of food security. Offer education to support food security and self-reliance though food production for home consumption.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
127	Education should include and provide support for the trades, the jobs that actually support our local economy, things like small business and accountant training, construction, lineman, technicians.	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
128	More emphasis should be placed on training our children for trade related jobs as well as those who seek traditional educational routes. The one size fits all methods of the last 40 years clearly are geared to the educational system making money, not what is the best career route for our children.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
129	Seriously? We need to talk about schools, perhaps, but the rest? What does it even mean? Was there a cool word generator used? As it happens, we have a thriving community of mostly highly educated people with great libraries and activities and opportunities. Leave it alone.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
130	Gag! This is rubbish. Feel-good words with little substance. Was this a project at Spring Street School?	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
131	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
132	Do NOT disregard or disrespect privacy	11/9/2017 9:51 PM

133	Quality guiding statement - could use a few specifics about how this is achieved.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
134	Make sure that we are meeting the needs of immigrants. Perhaps it would also help to give classes on rural skills, in keeping with island culture.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
135	0	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
136	Agree	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
137	The last sentence is inappropriate as a description of a goal for a built environment	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
138	Without context this makes no sense to me. Do we just support people learning or is this about the schools?	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
139	TOO MUCH CORPORATE SPEAK	11/8/2017 2:05 PM
140	It is my hope that a working knowledge of and a sensitivity to the environmental and ecological requirements of a flourishing natural world be an integral part of our awareness and our learning.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
141	Strike the word "World" which is politically charged.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
142	How are you going to do this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
143	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
144	We're lucky we have so many lectures, such as at the library and marine lab.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
145	!	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
146	Education needs to include a renewed focus on civics education and what it means to be a proud American.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
147	More pointless wishful thinking.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
148	This statement is too vague to be of any value. It seems to address adult learning primarily rather than school age children. We should be seeking to grow an educated and productive next generation as well as encourage ongoing adult learning.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
149	Is this the only statement about education? If so, it is woefully inadequate. At the least we need to state our communities' support of our schools, in the objective of optimizing the quality of the education they offer.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
150	Not totally following what is trying to be accomplished in a long term plan by this statement.	11/7/2017 9:22 AM
151	It Takes a Village to come up with something this stupid	11/7/2017 8:41 AM
152	What does this have to do with a comprehensive plan.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
153	This is vague, and speaks of something that is true anywhere. We don't need a definition of the love of learning, there should be statements about how San Juan County fosters such a relationship. There is nothing unique about this statement.	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
154	It would be good if this statement made it clear that it is important to have *choices* in learning opportunities, eg more than just one school.	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
155	You'll have adherents to public education (like myself), but the County's vision should also include alternatives (smaller private institutions), including home-schooling, so long as state education standards are met. I'd add that we need to think about continuing education as well (Skagit Valley College) for older residents. Glad to have this as part of our vision.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
156	We need to target and focus on the youth of our community. There are much needed services and interventions needed, socially and emotionally by the youth of our community. Being we are quaint and rural has afforded some situations which seem to be "less important" and "tolerated", not only with youth, and unbelievably so, with adults. We need more accountability and equality where justice is concerned. I simply do not see this. There is a lot of allowed "victimization". It has been habitual, devastating, and needs to end.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
157	This seems outside the realm of the comprehensive plan.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
158	This statement is confusing to me. Is it land use related or about our kids? If it's about our kids our schools are falling short.	11/6/2017 10:09 AM

159	Change to: "Lifelong learning is a valued process that is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of individuals, families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
160	Not sure I understand what is trying to be said there?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
161	These are laudable goals for any community. Few can achieve the results desired. We come close, perhaps closer then most, but we are not there and perhaps no community can reach 100%.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
162	Not sure what government has to do with this.....Can't we have some wording about rainbows or puppies?	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
163	doesn't say anything of substance	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
164	This is the kind of community that gets lost with influx of wealthy people with no understanding of generosity and local Island life	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
165	As valid in 1999 as it is in 2017 and beyond!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
166	Deemphasize academic excellence. We can’t all go to Harvard.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
167	Would like to see the word innovative after responsible. More learning opportunities should be extended to the community at large - example. We have a state of the art Stem center with digital manufacturing capabilities that is currently limited for use by the school district, and yet could provide opportunities for community use.	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
168	Adding the word reflective (as in critical thinking) or similar would help. Also, something to imply alertness to history, science, politics and current events.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
169	hmmm. ... i'm not sure we're looking for "partnerships" between families and community ... it would be enough that we agree to adequately support public education and the arts so that our community remains ethical.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
170	This should apply to ALL ages, including children. And, we should establish a branch of Skagit college on Orcas island.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
171	A better focus would be encourage self sufficiency and contribution to the local society. I submit Island people should first be responsible to the Islands - not the world.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
172	The local schools and parental choices are in real trouble here with declining enrollment, the decimation of a real middle class and a lack of year around jobs in all sectors.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
173	This is another superfluous piece of fluff. The sentence is a core value for ANY community.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
174	There is nothing I would disagree with in this statement. I might suggest that "responsible world citizens encouraged to think critically" could be added	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
175	The county should utilize best available science and local educational resources to nurture its citizens and guide its decision making.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
176	Education needs to prepare students with rigorous coursework that prepares them to contribute to the workforce and achieve personal success.	11/3/2017 10:22 AM
177	Wow! I'd love to live in such a place	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
178	What are the plans to Promote these commitments within our community and how will it extend further by welcoming and asking the visitors who come to SJI to help.	11/3/2017 5:40 AM
179	to the extent equal consideration does not exist here not in the form of strict scrutiny I strongly dissagree. Rural dwellers in the traditional sense and character are excluded. This because the character of rural dwellers are traditionally rather closed to this type of socialist ideal of character planning	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
180	The statement sounds a little dreamy. Schools bore many children; media and computers stultify adults. An exciting world of things to do and skills to learn and nature to enjoy is good for people of all ages. It's fun when people do things together.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
181	adult education opportunities are not publicly supported. They are all private or non profit supported difficult to support school levies when public school facilities are not shared with the public!	11/2/2017 8:14 PM

182	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
183	Unbelievable bullshit, the worst bureaucratic babble ever.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
184	Our schools need to evolve beyond academics and include practical skills for life.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
185	Bear in mind that education is a resource and therefore limited. There is only so much the community can bear to afford education.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
186	Our educational system should be better aligned with the job opportunities that are present, but often unmet, on the islands including trades professionals and remote/home knowledge work.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
187	While the statement itself is adequate, I do not think that we are there yet.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
188	expand the community college for job training	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
189	nice word which have no subatance	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
190	Not sure what this means.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
191	This statement adds no value to the discussion and is a waste of space in the Community Development Plan. The statement should be removed, as it does not relate to development of the County.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
192	Add curiosity to the mix, and I couldn't agree more !	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
193	none	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
194	More civil discourse sessions on a regular basis would help	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
195	Include schools in this plan...accessibility for all to use the facilities.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
196	Lovely words. What would this mean in terms of county policies and legislation?	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
197	A statement of philosophy. It is also one that people should be able to do on their own, without the participation of government — unless you are addressing the adequacy of education available.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
198	Not sure why county is involved in lifelong learning. We have an abundance of private groups already, not to mention the library and internet. The final sentence is too pretentious for words.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
199	More emphasis on the community funding the schools, too. A partnership is great until someone is asked to pay.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
200	It's a lovely statement and well meant but not sure how this directly correlates to the County General Plan. I'm not understand this as a matter of land use. A consideration in this sure, but not a driver.Maybe better encompassed in budget priorities.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
201	Who could argue with this? The underlying question is priority: limited resources need to be assigned to creating the greatest benefit.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM

Q11 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036: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. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We have home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced.

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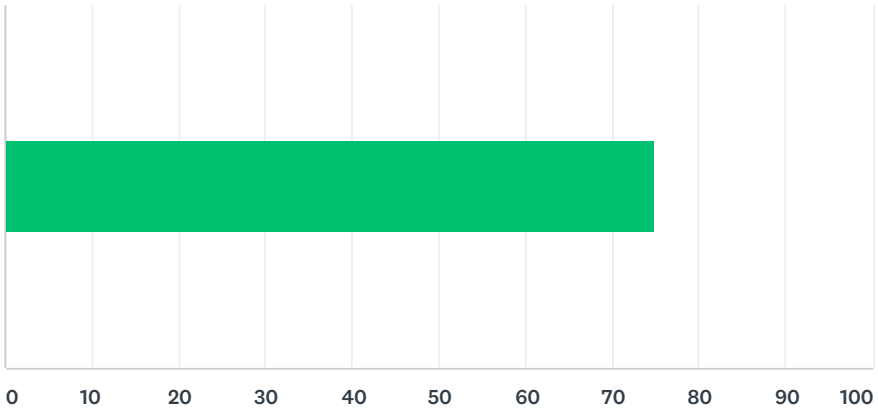

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3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	75	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	61	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	75	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
8	70	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
9	52	11/30/2017 10:39 PM

Q12 Comments?

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1	I would put in "enhances self-reliance" and recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural marine and isolated nature of the islands. Under "we support and encourage" I would add GMO-free farming and I would remove construction. We "support" home occupations vs have. Under this section, I would also add supporting rural land use activities. Environmental conservation should be considered first in our commitment to sustainable development.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	Change to "We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism carried out in a sustainable manner without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. A robust local food and agricultural economy is a core part of our countywide identity and appreciated by residents and visitors alike."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	I would add wording about economic growth that enhances self-reliance, GMO Free farming. I question construction as a sustainable industry on the islands. The last sentence would serve the long term health of our islands if it said, Environmental conservation is considered first I our commitment to sustainable development.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
4	Some edits are needed: "We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources and economies of scale on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority and essential to food security. We support and encourage entrepreneurial home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and rural land-use activities. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our island goods and services. Value-added activities that support small scale rural land-use and economies are encouraged. Environmental conservation, rural resource activities, tourism, and sustainable development are balanced."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources and economies of scale on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority and essential to food security. We support and encourage entrepreneurial home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and rural land-use activities. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our island goods and services. Value-added activities that support small scale rural land-use and economies are encouraged. Environmental conservation, rural resource activities, tourism, and sustainable development are balanced.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
6	Economic growth should balance economic with social-cultural and ecological goals, and should enhance island self-reliance, and implement long-term sustainability.	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
7	I think the County would benefit from measures to diversify the economy away from its current strong emphasis on tourism and construction, and supporting development of agriculture, manufacturing and other sectors.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM

8	Add the word 'scenic' after the word 'quiet' in the first sentence to more fully reflect the need to balance protection of scenic vistas which is an important intrinsic reason so many of the residents live on the islands. In the third sentence, add the words "finite natural" before to the word 'resources'.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
9	I would agree to most of the above. However I believe that accommodating more tourism can only diminish the quality of life here.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
10	The balance between environmental conservation and sustainable development should not be zero-sum. Balance is roughly achievable but must be tilted in favor of environmental conservation.	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
11	so you think you can have it all? How about we learn to live within limits, to be grateful for what we have, to resist the lure of more, bigger, faster, and instead care for and cherish what we have?	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
12	Natural resources are being jeopardized. Little more that lip service is given to "traditional" industries. The islands economy is tourist driven, often by newcomers who do not understand or share "island values." Their primary motivation is profit often at the expense of the natural landscape and traditional values. There is no balance between conservation and development.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
13	We should support economic growth. I think it would help to open up the restrictions on allowable use in all areas.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
14	The twenty-first century will see an increase in the diversity of employment models, including job sharing and working from home. New business ownership models include worker owned cooperatives. The county should encourage and foster such efforts.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
15	I think we have to be very careful to protect our fragile environment while allowing economic activities. For example, I don't think we should allow any fish farms in San Juan County while oyster and other aquaculture that doesn't use chemicals and introduce environmental risks should be encouraged.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
16	We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands and enhances self-reliance. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources and economies of scale on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority and essential to food security and a resilient economy. We support and encourage entrepreneurial home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and rural land-use activities. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our island goods and services. Value-added activities that support small scale rural land-use and economies are encouraged. Environmental conservation, rural resource activities, tourism, and sustainable development are balanced. Economic growth is never prioritized over protecting natural resources.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
17	Completely inadequate to the current and future reality. There is no forestry, fishing, mining or farming economy that matters. We have very little manufacturing. We are completely dependent on tourism, remittances and selling off our open space in exchange for more remittances. That is why we are not a rural county, and why continuing to maintain that fiction is so dangerous. We cannot keep on as we are, unless we wish to become a giant, expensive retirement home with a gate that is particularly difficult to climb.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
18	I believe this statement is beginning to erode in practice. I feel like the tourist industry is the most coveted industry. The more room we make for the tourist industry the less room for rural wild spaces and wildlife.	11/30/2017 2:14 PM
19	Right now the focus seems to be really heavily weighted towards tourism, and the changes needed to accommodate that will soon begin to fundamentally change the reason it is a tourist destination in the first place.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
20	I tend to lean towards sustainability as opposed to development. If people want development they can go to Martha's Vinyard or Seattle.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
21	Agri-tourism should be encouraged, value added island grown commodities are one of our real community assets.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
22	Be sure zoning allows for home occupations and cottage industries	11/30/2017 1:01 PM

23	That sounds like a great goal "our economy comprises a wide spectrum, of stable year-round activities that provide employment for islanders;" but seems at odds with where things are headed which appear to be all about tourism and the commercial business districts. These enterprises require a huge surge in seasonal works who can't find housing - and are in direct competition with year-round residents who can't find a decent paying job and a place to live! Footloose capital will not take a stronghold in the county (something that could actually provide bonafide year-round work) or cottage industries if our infrastructure back-bone remains unimproved substantially.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
24	Not sure about forestry. Too much whale watching.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
25	Yes, we should support the efforts of those trying to make a living on island and those running businesses.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
26	Our island economy is largely seasonal, not stable and year-round. Also, environmental conservation and ecotourism are not in balance when considering the plight of the declining resident orcas population. The whale watching industry is a hindrance to efforts to create crucial conservation corridors along the west side of SJI and elsewhere.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
27	Need to revise the definition of agriculture to include value added production of agricultural products. Add Agro-tourism.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
28	Tourism must be protected. It is what gives most of us jobs here and why we have the wonderful things we do such as amazing trails and parks, outstanding restaurants, etc.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
29	encourage self reliance, organic GMO Free farming, we do not need to sell our islands, they are precious, and need to be maintained as wild and rural as possible.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
30	Tourism should not be the main economic driver in the islands in my opinion.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
31	I think economic stability rather than growth should be the objective.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
32	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
33	Forestry? First listed, Seriously? It is NOT a major industry in SJC. We are a county of islands, Fishing, Boats, Marinas, etc must have emphasis. We do not just look at the water, we use it to get to the islands, to feed us and to use for play.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
34	Bigger is not necessarily better. Does size matter? Yes! let the land breathe so that people (residents and visitors alike) can experience nature and beauty.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
35	Lopez Island is certainly different than say, San Juan Island. I would imagine that people might struggle somewhat with employment in the off season here.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
36	I've heard this "hope" for some time now. However, I've seen our Planning department, councilmen, and governing authorities put their own interests first when it comes to diversifying our local agriculture, aquaculture, and forest industries. There needs to be enforcement of the existing laws and "vision" of the county planning dept. for our resource lands. There is a strong "right to farm" paragraph in the existing code however it is not respected or honored. If you really want to encourage industry here in the county you need accountability.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
37	Less emphasis on extractive industries such as forestry and fishing. Our chinook salmon stocks are depleted, the orca whales are starving.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
38	Not year round work in largest industry- tourism, and conservation and development not balanced.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
39	The second-to-last sentence is funky. Do we mean "value added" as in corporate speak meaning that we take imported material & add value before retailing the item or do we mean more "do no harm," in terms of encouraging successful industry on the island? I vote for the latter. I think the term is "add value," rather than value-add.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM

40	We support a pattern of REGENERATIVE economic growth and development which serves the DIVERSE needs of our community, and which recognizes AND MAINTAINS the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands AND ENHANCES SELF-RELIANCE. ..... We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-FREE farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE on which they depend. REGENERATIVE LOCALLY GROWN FOOD PRODUCTION IS AN ECONOMIC PRIORITY AND ESSENTIAL TO FOOD SECURITY. We support and encourage ENTREPRENEURIAL home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods AND RURAL LAND USE ACTIVITIES. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our ISLAND goods and services. Value-added activities THAT SUPPORT SMALL SCALE RURAL LAND USE AND ECONOMIES are encouraged. Environmental conservation, RURAL RESOURCE ACTIVITIES, TOURISM, and sustainable development are balanced.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
41	No farmed salmon! Tilapia maybe but otherwise no marine aquaculture. More recycling of materials as in the Community Treasures. Allow usable items to be taken from the waste transfer station. Keep a focus on middle class and below, not just optics for the rich.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
42	Food security requires increased agricultural activity, which can be supported with a food hub. Sustainable and regenerative use of land and marine resources. No farmed salmon in the ocean. Sustainable fish harvest with priority for subsistence for locals, not outside profits. Biodiversity of wildlife may require, for example, limiting salmon fishing to protect Orca whales. No new fossil fuel infrastructure, and keep tankers away from our coasts. Invest in clean renewable energy.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
43	We need more emphasis on environmental conservation for all --not just shoreline.	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
44	Much more work is needed to preserve dwindling habitats and to restore severely damaged ecosystems. Our biological capital has been greatly diminished and the trend has not been reversed.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
45	Forestry seems crazy on an island as it is so limited.	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
46	It's a nice sentiment, but the economy is neither stable or year-round.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
47	some language acknowledging 'capacity' as it relates to quality of life and sustainability would be appreciated. just because someone opens a business related to tourism doesn't mean the county is obligated to bring in enough visitors to make that business successful.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
48	We should strive to become a model for how communities can balance robust community with environmental stewardship. While we should support traditional industries, we should also be very nimble in embracing new economic opportunities for our community.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
49	The statement fails to include the increasing role of the so-called "creative class" of remote workers, i.e. telecommuters, and small business entrepreneurs in creative industries like writing, graphic design, film-making, software engineering, and technology R&D. With fast, reliable Internet service and overnight package delivery services available, the islands are an ideal location for a solo entrepreneur or husband-wife creative team who place importance of lifestyle. Video conferencing is making remote work more and more feasible. Remote workers can be a great addition to the community, engaging with schools, local service businesses, and other community organizations.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
50	There are not enough full time jobs on the islands to adequately provide economic viability for families. More cottage industries could be developed with local governmental support. More educational opportunities could be supported by additional agencies than just the LIFRC. More agricultural support...etc...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
51	A number of options (short-term rentals, B&Bs, most cottage industries) are restricted on Shaw Island, although the socially powerful, wealthy, and/or powerful are allowed to bend the rules.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
52	But conservation of the environment is absolutely crucial to the long-term health of the islands. 'Sustainable' development is less so.	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
53	Forestry, farming and aquaculture must be done in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive way. No salmon farms should be allowed!!	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
54	Economic growth must be sustainable without harming the environment.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
55	The continuance of Community Treasures is essential to this vision, and must be declared compliant. Without supporting this resource for recycling and affordable reused goods, this statement is a farce.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM

56	Forestry is no longer a viable industry in our county. Fishing should be cautiously looked at considering the stock of salmon is diminishing to a point that our resident Orcas are being significantly endangered.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
57	An affordable, public swimming pool would well serve the needs of our community.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
58	Ferries may need to be maximized if there continues to be more tourists.	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
59	We support a pattern of economic health, that is guided by renewable resources, and leave no trace policies. Continual growth is a disease. We do not advertise, or sell out our community of Lopez. Tourism is already at maximum! We need to focus on sustaining what is already a burden to many.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
60	I would like to see the economy balance more towards environmental conservation.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
61	Again, need to add natural areas to list of aspects of our islands. At this point I am skeptical about the advantages of aquaculture, perhaps it should be conditional, and not a required component of the plan. It introduces antibiotics and huge amounts of fecal material to our environment.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
62	Require the Bike Tour companies to rent, and retain port-a-pottys around the island so their clients don't have to pee in my yard. One could go on county property in the quarry.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
63	Increases in tourism, while in many ways beneficial, includes increases in visitors without a vested interest in local environmental conservation and local regulations.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
64	good statement	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
65	I do not support economic growth or development per se, but rather I support stable and year-round LOCALLY OWNED businesses that are not reliant on additional residents for their business model. Tourism should not be a goal, esp. not on non-ferry islands, Lopez, or Shaw.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
66	We must remember that we cannot always take from the Salish Sea. The importance of fishing and aquaculture should never exceed the importance of sustaining those activities. We meed policies and programs that grow fishing and aquaculture equal to policies and programs that harvest those resources.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
67	A sensible and positive position needed to sustain and advance the singular nature of our region.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
68	Supporting and encouraging environmentally and economically sustainable employment options should be a priority.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
69	I would add the importance of establishing mutually reciprocal relationships with Lummi and other Salish Sea nations to ensure the above.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
70	"Sustainable development" is a meaningless term. There is never a balance between conservation and development -- development wins 99% of the time in all American communities, in part because the decision makers favor that outcome. If this is intended to put a break on housing developments, it does not do the job. If aquaculture includes non-native marine species, then I do not support this reference.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
71	I feel the bike rental business introduces hazards. There should be more bike paths and/or bike lanes. Dangerous to bike on blind corners with little or no shoulder.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
72	I don't think that conservation and sustainable development are balanced. There is a push for more development without regard to limits.	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
73	Forestry, farming and aquaculture are not practical in the future.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
74	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
75	"Value added activities" is a buzzword and not appropriate for a vision statement. Say what you mean here.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
76	Less money needs to be spent on promoting more tourism. It's been done, the San Juans are now internationally known and it's having an overall negative effect on the quality of life and on environmental conservation.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
77	A possible new industry on San Juan would be glass and/or plastic recycling, without shipping it out.	11/28/2017 3:39 PM

78	Tourism is on the brink of failing this delicate balance. Less money into advertising and more money into creating jobs that protect from tourism. The Lopez village this summer was full of garbage every morning on my walk around town. The is no funding for someone to pick up litter in the village. There could be electric vehicles for rent at the ferry landings.	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
79	This comes closes to capturing everything.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
80	The Town and County should not keep promoting Lithium Based vehicles that are highly toxic, mined by children as young as 7 and threaten the limits of the amount of power able to be delivered to the island.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
81	Much depends on details. As an example, many of us had assumed that growing marijuana was just another kind of small-scale farming and then found that it included lights and noise by day and night, resembling an industrial rather than rural operation.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
82	The whale watching industry needs to be addressed in its impact on the local orcas. it is only helping to further stress the Salish Sea wildlife. no motorized whale watching should be allowed. Adjust the model or the whales won't be there to watch anymore.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
83	I believe we have farming and agricultural practices which are detrimental to the health of our island and planet. Just because it has always been done that way does not make it right.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
84	Balance is currently tipped against people	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
85	Quiet is nice, but there are many island residents that enjoy and participate in activities that involve the use of machines. We are not honoring our claims at being a diverse community when we write descriptions that favor those with a pastoral perspective There is reasonably quiet, and there is close minded quiet. Let's err towards the first.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
86	Cottage industries and home-based businesses are limited and restricted by cureent regulations. We need more entrepreneurial -friendly zoning	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
87	I absolutely disagree with any statement that includes aquaculture on the list of "traditional industries," if it is defined to include open-pen marine fish farming. And land-based, closed loop aquaculture, while less deleterious to the marine environment and native species, requires too much of our precious fresh water. (The small hatcheries that we have are OK).	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
88	Add: We value alternative energy in all sectors especially transportation.	11/28/2017 10:50 AM
89	This statement would be fantastic IF the County rules and regs actually encouraged and supported the traditional & historical industries of the islands.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
90	Put environmental conservation first.	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
91	Every time I hear the word growth when paired with economics I want to scream. Perhaps it is time for the county to read Sacred Economics, works by Derrick Jensen, de-growth economics, George Monbiot, and Chris Hedges' dark predictions for where we are headed. All of these visions are frankly too idealistic for the realities of climate change, that our current ever hungry model of industrial civilization depends upon. How about a vision of the community that is climate change resilient? Hyper-local community economies. Making do with less. This hunger for more more more is killing everything around us, and will be impacting my children, and their children for many years to come.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
92	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through compliance with federal, state and regional policies while developing local strategies to reduce emissions further.Support and implement climate pledges and commitments undertaken by the City and other multi-jurisdictional efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate change, sealevel rise, ocean acidification and other impacts of changing global conditions. Facilitate the improvement and convenience of low carbon mass transit and increased carsharing, cycling, walking and the development of alternative vehicle infrastructure (e.g., charging stations) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.Strive for reduced greenhouse gas emissions by, among other actions, integrating climate change into the city planning process, including land use and transportation planning and management, and making climate change considerations and meeting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals a component of city decision making.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
93	That sounds pretty, but in reality, we need a more open approach to allowing farm based products to be sold off island or more commercial. ANY person on farm designated land should be allowed to take their produce/product to a neighboring commercial kitchen, process and sell at ANY local farm stand regardless of where produce/product (herbs?) was grown on island. Not all farms can have a farm stand with passing customers and not every farm can afford a commercial grade kitchen. That rule needs changing TODAY.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM

94	We support a pattern of sustainable 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. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority. We have home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and rural land-use activities. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation, rural resource activities, and sustainable development are balanced.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
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96	fishing needs further restrictions to restore the salmon.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
97	It would be great the co. &/or town F.H. could acquire the old Browne lumberyard and turn it into a facility for teaching and producing arts and crafts and selling them, too.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
98	Living wage jobs. Jobs that enhance the environment, not jobs that are trade offs with the environment. Get rid of the notion that the economy and the environment are of equal importance and should be balanced. There are times when the environment must outweigh the economy.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
99	Foster self-reliance. Support home occupations and cottage industries compatible with rural land use.	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
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103	We support a pattern of economic growth and development which supports environmental conservation and sustainable development serving the needs of our community and recognizing the ...nature of the islands.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
104	Traditional industries listed are not sufficient to provide an adequate number of quality jobs. We need to be more creative in encouraging appropriate new industry or business compatible with our islands. Think, for example, of Cogent, the business, forget the name, making high tech screens, the Lopez business making salmon tags, etc. We can use more of these sorts of businesses tucked away, if the comp plan allowed them to locate and flourish.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
105	Again very idealistic, but it is hard to see how this is guiding policy when there are farmers that are unable to farm their land because neighbors do not like the view or the crop they are trying to grow. The tourism for San Juan in particular seems to be very focused on the endangered Southern Resident killer whale but there has been little input from the county to address issues relating to the decline of the species, particularly in relation to how companies profit of the species (and other wildlife). There is nothing environmentally conscious nor sustainable about there being limited to no recycling options on San Juan. These are immediate issues that the county needs to step in and address. There should also be space for diversification of industries that can offer better paying jobs and not solely a reliance on rural industries and cottage industries.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
106	Who would NOT agree?	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
107	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
108	Too heavily reliant on tourism. Need to broaden to more technology-based industry.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
109	Already responded to in number 1. above	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
110	Add: Sustainable locally grown food production, including value added processing on RFF zoned parcels is an economic priority and essential to food security.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
111	We support a pattern of economic growth and development which serves the needs of our community, ENHANCES SELF-RELIANCE and recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-FREE farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We SUPPORT home occupations and cottage industries, which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and RURAL LAND USE ACTIVITES. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
112	Increased dependence on tourists for imported money is trashing the county and encouraging transient businesses, workers, and overloaded infrastructure during active tourist seasons. We do not need more growth.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
113	Anything that we can do to frame regulations that actually do ENCOURAGE and SUPPORT rather than discourage and prevent would be extremely welcome.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
114	Again, a "pie in the sky" statement of desires, not plans! Makes it sound like all is well. It's NOT!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
115	Hard to do with a no-growth, pull up the gangplank mentality.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM

116	I have never known environmental conservation and sustainable development to be balanced in SJC. That's cheap chatter. The reality is that the emphasis is always on development, ignoring the problems development causes and promoting more development to resolve the problems development has caused. How do you effectively plan for how much environmental quality you are willing to sacrifice if you don't address how much growth will be realized at built.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
117	It would be good to be more clear about the role of broad-band in providing access to work places	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
118	*** "Environmental conservation and sustainable development are...." PRIORITIZED	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
119	"Value-added activities are encouraged"? What does that mean? Something should be said about supporting LOCAL GOODS AND SERVICES and LOCAL SERVING (as opposed to tourist-oriented) businesses.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
120	"Economic growth" and "sustainable development" always seem to imply that there are no actual limits to growth or development. There are limits and it seems like the comprehensive plan should acknowledge that, even if there is disagreement as to what the limits are or should be. And I disagree completely with the statement that environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced." Development that degrades the environment is never sustainable. I'd like to see the comprehensive plan include a statement about the rights of non-humans to grow and develop and to include that idea in all planning efforts.	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
121	Do we need to grow economically? Much of the world's problems are due to growth. How about encouraging a sustainable balanced island economy which supports residents and existing businesses, developing a year round economy which is less reliant on tourism and goods/services from the outside world, and keeps dollars on the island. Also there is no fishing economy, that term should be dropped. I'm not sure that tourism is considered a traditional industry, but the emphasis should be on eco tourism.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
122	Vacation rentals as they exist do not meet the quiet, residential, isolated ideals listed above.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
123	The "without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend" is key. Too much tourism (i.e. promoting shoulder season activities) is eating into the character of the islands.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
124	Environmental conservation and sustainable development are not balanced in that there is a current cty population of about 16-17,000 but the full buildout population may be upwards of 90,000. Tourism seems the driving industry with farming and construction are also present.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
125	Tourism brings in money to our community on a large scale level, but seems like it needs to be balanced by other self sustaining revenue streams.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
126	Stop spending public money advertising for more tourism, which imposes financial costs and loss of quality of life on residents. Limit vacation rentals in residential areas.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
127	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
128	that's good.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
129	All seems true except the last statement "environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced" seems odd. There is inevitably a loss of environmental conservation with every new development that occurs (sustainable?) ... it's not about them being balanced?! It's about educated choices and great planning to minimize loss of environmental quality and quantity	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
130	Not sure if the above statement is meant to serve as a "guide," or as a general statement of who and what the island and its inhabitants currently embody. I do NOT agree that our local economy is functioning even close to these idyllic standards. Perhaps not at all surprising, though, considering the percentage of homes/lands owned by persons not even living in the islands full-time. Seems like a WHOLE LOT of wishful thinking, to me...	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
131	Our community is not necessarily quiet with the increase of population and for sure agriculture is not as well supported as it should be. Farm land is having homes built on it and this is a crime in many ways. Education here again, is not sufficient. If you really want to encourage farming, forestry and marine activities the public must be educated as to what they can do to help the environment. The orcas are dying.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
132	economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. Do not have employment year around for all citizens.	11/16/2017 12:48 PM
133	Environmental conservation should be prioritized over development.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM

134	We support a pattern of localized, sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources and economies of scale on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority and essential to food security.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
135	I would strike the word growth, the island economy does not need to grow, wealth needs to be redistributed downwards.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
136	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM
137	We need a local credit union that puts our economic interests at the fore.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
138	Too vague. I get what you're trying to say, but economic growth and development don't support communities.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
139	We have failed here. Much more must be done to foster employment options for all economic levels.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
140	Err to the side of caution on the tourism industry before moving forward. I believe at this point it may be snowballing and creating a point of diminishing returns and SJ County needs to put resident vitality and needs above tourism.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
141	Focus less on tourism as a source of income and more on year round sustainable cottage industry. Commensurate zoning regulations, and less advertising to draw tourists.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
142	We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, GMO-free farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the resources and economies of scale on which they depend. Sustainable locally grown food production is an economic priority and essential to food security.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
143	Balancing the changes that come with the influx of tourists and maintaining what it is residents value about life here is critical - and complicated. Watching whale watching boats circled around what must have been an Orca was like looking at ants surrounding the carcass of some insect... Disturbing. They are being loved to death and it feels deeply that this is the wrong way to value our resident orca population and indeed it 'jeopardizes that resource." It is also a very poor kind of teaching moment....	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
144	I think we need greater balance... we rely much too heavily on tourism... visitors bureau should not be receiving so much funding!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
145	Remove "without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend." While this sounds nice it is unnecessary and will be used as a tool by aggressive environmental groups.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
146	Seems like economy is driven predominantly by tourism and providing services for the non-year round residents. when it comes to the former, there is alot of resources and intent thrown that way. There is nothing necessarily wrong with bringing finance from the outside into the islands, but it should not outweigh the wellbeing and sustainability of the Islands themselves. Also providing assistance for value added products and maybe even easier access to mainland	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
147	I don't know what "value-added" activities mean. Environmental degrading activities should not be considered technologically superior to sustainable.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
148	Kind of a Catch 22 isn't it? Is Real Estate considered a traditional industry?	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
149	Agriculture, forestry, farming, construction, tourism, cottage industries are not quiet, residential nor isolated.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
150	Agree... if you can actually balance environmentalism and development (best of luck to you).	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
151	Laudable work in progress	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
152	In addition to saying that 'Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced', I recommend that 'Ecosystem Services' evaluations (there are numerous examples of such analyses commissioned by local governments) be conducted when considering land development actions.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM

153	Aquaculture - If this means fish farming, no. New policies should be put in place to protect Orca Whales from extinction.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
154	The last sentence should be replaced with "We recognize that development depends upon our finite environmental resources. Those resources are our life-blood, and will be conserved so that future generations have the same choices that we enjoy.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
155	Land use plans do not encourage new ideas	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
156	this is intentionally vague & idealistic; summer tourism swamps the islands; chamber of commerce plans to extend that year round really threatens the "rural, residential, quiet..." aspects of the islands.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
157	The county needs to do more to actually support agriculture, not just talk about supporting agriculture.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
158	This would be great. There definitely needs to be more going on here than tourism.	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
159	We need to continue to work on making it more feasible for small cottage industry such as value added ag products, musical instrument building, wood working.	11/14/2017 8:24 AM
160	A top priority should be making sure we preserve farmland and support the people willing and able to produce food, and fuel locally. Helping to create a vibrant and secure food system should be a top agenda item for the county.	11/13/2017 10:36 PM
161	We (IMO) don't need forestry. There are enough trees being cut down all around the world feeding global warming ... why choose to cut down more trees on our islands? Sustainable development can't include damaging the environment.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
162	Please define aquaculture in this context. Shell fish farms, seaweed and salt harvesting are all wonderful. but I am totally against polluting fish farms that are the ocean pen type. On land, they are okay, but not in the sea.	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
163	You need to address hunters. Bird & big game (deer). They should hunt during the hours of 9 to 5 and keep shot noise to a minimum. This requires education & respect.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
164	Tourism is great but must be tempered in a way so we can keep what we have. This summer was too much. AirBNBs are taking away neighborhood peace. Also I have heard Air BNB renters do not eat out in restaurants. The money they spend all go to the one home owner. In addition, the practice has increased the housing shortage severely.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
165	Tourism has gotten out of hand. This island is for the people who live here. Too much impact on the wild life, the roads, trails.	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
166	Forestry here is no longer an industry that can compete. We should move past the notion that we need forestry resource areas and have owners transfer to open space easements.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
167	New technology, to a degree. pass it by the people it affects.	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
168	What, no unicorns? Again, this is no guidance at all. It is a vague, all inclusive wish list of some wanna-be Utopia. It gives the hapless bureaucrats virtually no help. You may as well have said "create the Garden of Eden" and let it go at that ...	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
169	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
170	Value of statement is positive but how is the "balance" determined? Do the island have adequate water for housing in the municipal footprint? Areas outside the footprint? Take into consideration ongoing weather changes and environmental impact (e.g., increased fire hazards)	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
171	We somehow need to recognize the large art community in our islands. This is a separate part of our economy from cottage industries.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
172	Would like to see the language and perception change that we are continuing economic growth. To do so, we need to have infinite natural resources available. We do not. Our economics need to reflect environmental steward, restoration and replenishment in order to be at a level of infinite. A better word than infinite would be cyclical economics - give and take. Charles Eisenstein is a wonderful author and speaker on the change in perception from unlimited economic growth to one of reciprocity and responsibility. The language change is necessary for this shift in perception to be reflected adequately.	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
173	Agree.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM

174	Unrealistic, both in terms of the actual economy, and in terms of the future economy. With the arrival of decent high-speed Internet, the economy can transition to new forms of work, compatible with all these statements, but not recognized in that statement.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
175	I like this. It would be cool to see something about supporting the creation of middle class jobs. But I'm guessing I'm a little late to the game on that.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
176	nice.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
177	The islands are NOT exclusively residential or quiet. There needs to be space for public utility and even industrial activities to be sustainable. "Year round" and "tourism" are somewhat at odds with each other.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
178	We are overrun with tourists. We should be discouraging tourism, or at the very least only encouraging zero emission tourism. No cars, no power boats. Our whales are going to be dead in a few years if we don't clean up our act.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
179	More living wage jobs with benefits are needed.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
180	I wish we'd stop promoting the islands. I don't think the general population benefits from the tourists. As for the folks who have second or third or fourth houses here, while that might provide gardening or cleaning jobs, it raises land prices and makes it difficult to purchase a home here..	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
181	I wish to seeincrease of (environmental and rural island community)- friendly businesses such as call center, grow op, greenhouse farming, outdoor farming, solar generation, educational and spiritual intensives (need facilities), music events, enlightened manufacturing (good for the planet)	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
182	Did the county take steps to find another place for needed propane tanks? CDP acts like irreplaceable tyrants, with just about enough codes to bother, not help, anybody.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
183	Ether leave out aquaculture or limit it to fresh water ponds	11/7/2017 2:12 PM
184	WHile housing is difficult here, a contributing reason may be the lack of occupations that afford a family wage (a wage adequate to support a family). Our very low 20-40 age group is likely indicative of lack of career opportunities to earn a healthy living. We should focus on forestry, AG etc, but primarily because it is consistent with our rural character and desire for self sufficiency. Our economic focus should be on attracting industries that attract higher earning citizens.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
185	Hope springs eternal.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
186	Should consider the interaction of economics, environment, and social equity in this statement. These statements are missing the social equity component of the triple bottom line.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
187	I think it is past time that we eliminate support for such "traditional" industries like forestry and fishing. We have already lost most of our functional forests due to over-harvesting and development. We need to desperately preserve the remnant we have left, outside of our parks. Likewise, our regional fish stocks are at an all-time low, and may never recover. This is primarily due to over-fishing, especially by purse seiners over the past 30 years. We need to ban purse seine fishing outright.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
188	This seems to be a wish-list. I think we would all love these things to be true. However, objectively this statement isn't true. Perhaps re-work it so the statement becomes a goal we strive towards.	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
189	I would omit aquaculture. Please edit all these statements to get 'which' and 'that' straightened out.	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
190	I sympathize with businesses that would like to maintain their level of service year-round, but for those of us who live here permanently, it can be hard to share with throngs of tourists. And some industries will naturally conflict with others or may undermine environmental conservation, particularly with water use. Development should shy away from maximum build-out potential and look more towards sustainability, if that can be defined. This is a tricky balance but one we should strive for.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM

191	I would like to see recycle and reuse at 100% availability to all in the islands. I feel a huge challenge for some is the ability to free themselves of their unwanteds. I would like to see incentives for everyone which will bolster their awareness of and spending/buying habits, to encourage less waste and for us ALL to be able to recycle everything possible. I live in a multi-family community, and there is no recycling available to us. I am without transportation, and on very low fixed income and do not have the means to recycle paper, plastic, etc... I would like to see roadblocks and legislature come to pass to enable recycling for all here, and education and guidance to encourage such practices and making better decisions when acquiring and using all types of materials and the long term impact of the use and refuse of our materials. (Clothing, toys, household, electonic, etc...)	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
192	I disagree that there is a need for forestry in the islands. Forestry is too broad and could include industrial scale which we do not want. Local use of wood is fine, but not wood for export off island. Also need to be more specific about aquaculture. Salmon farming is not appropriate!	11/6/2017 12:20 PM
193	San Juan Island just stopped recycling wholesale.	11/6/2017 11:01 AM
194	Strongly opposed to aquaculture if it includes net pens	11/6/2017 10:57 AM
195	The last sentence - perhaps you mean to use "preservation" instead of "conservation", as "conservation" typically includes sustainable use, so conservation and sustainable development are not in opposition...	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
196	Devil is in details in terms of whether the activities jeopardize the resources they depend on. The resource extractor can have a much different view of their impacts than the scientist. Aquaculture should be stated as either shellfish and/or native finfish aquaculture. Atlantic salmon net pen aquaculture is not welcome.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
197	Wile this statement is nice it doesn't truly reflect what is happening in the community.	11/6/2017 10:09 AM
198	Change to: "We support an economic pattern of social development that serves the needs of our community, and that recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises stable, year-round employment for islanders. We support and encourage traditional industries of farming, aquaculture and tourism without jeopardizing the resources on which they depend. We have home occupations and cottage industries that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas, new technology and value-added activities that improve the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Environmental conservation takes priority over development."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
199	Wow! And there is so much logging and farming, plus aquaculture here. There's a fishing industry here too? Tourism keeps us alive. Tourism will destroy the islands.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
200	Several areas of economic development need to be down graded. For instance, forestry should be confined to practices that are required to maintain healthy forests. The reason is that we need much of our remaining forests to provide carbon sequestration and oxygen production services. Fin fish aquaculture, utilizing non-native Atlantic Salmon, should not be permitted in county waters. Diseases and parasites are available to be transmitted to our native salmon and the concentrated feeding operations, not unlike a crowded mainland feedlot, creates oxygen deprived dead zones and concentrated excrement beneath the confining structures. The environment and development are not in balance and have not been for some time. For instance, protection of forage fish beaches and feeder bluffs do not have the protection of a 'natural' designation. Out of the 420 miles of county shoreline, these critical shorelines comprise 12.7 and 19.5 miles respectively . Surly this small but environmentally critical habitat should be properly designated for sustained services of beach maintenance and forage fish production as food for our migrating salmon and ultimately our SRKWs'.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
201	It would be nice if this were carried out in policy. As of now, it is not	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
202	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
203	What exactly are non-traditional industries that we might not support and encourage?	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
204	Home Occupations with live animals, in particular, dogs, should not be allowed within a mile of residential homes. There is one next to three homes in our neighborhood, it is a barking hell along with a parade of customer cars and it is open 7 days a week. The code has to be changed. It is ruining the quality of life of all those home owners every day.	11/5/2017 11:54 AM

205	I don't support economic growth and development. Instead, the vision should focus on *maintaining* and directing economic activity to not increase impact on climate change. Any future regulations regarding island economic activity should include an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions impact, and adhere to a vision of establishing a carbon-neutral, self-sufficient island economy.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
206	a home occupation should not permit animal sheltering unless it is located away from private homes	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
207	the environmental considerations should outweigh sustainable development	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
208	See #1 above	11/5/2017 8:58 AM
209	The trick is to know what is sustainable	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
210	Without jeopardizing the resources upon which they depend....is the key phrase here. Small high tech, organic farms, marine oriented small businesses should be encouraged.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
211	Drop aquaculture. And more emphasis on environment and resilience.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
212	cottage home industry. Well, overnight kennels is not okay with me! similar to putting a airport next door! not Okay in my book!!!! residential should be just that! no businesses that impact neighbors negatively.	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
213	This relates to the comment above about use of the Stem center. We should be finding ways that this can be used to empower community members to find new economic opportunities	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
214	A tad uneasy about construction, aquaculture (farmed salmon?) and tourism (carnival attractions like zip-lining?) As to quiet, leaf blowers are noisy and blow dust and plant spores. There are very few reasons for leaf blowers -- raking is actually faster, and, of course, quieter and safer.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
215	Why do we need to encourage economic growth? That's the wrong paradigm to base a system on. It sure isn't getting the US anywhere. Sustained economic growth should be the goal. The world is fricken all about growth... and look where that's getting us. Can't there be one place that is beautiful and sustaining without growing?	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
216	... in my opinion, some of these draft statements include extraneous words or platitudes that detract from the focus of the proposed vision. Here, "wide spectrum" seems to me redundant or unnecessary: I would be satisfied with stable year round activities, even if there is no "wide spectrum," and I don't think the island needs a "wide spectrum". In the same vein, why are we "balancing" conservation and sustainable development ? I think here "environmental conservation and sustainable development are prioritized," not "balanced."	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
217	we support industries that do not jeopardize the resources on which we depend	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
218	What are "value added activities"?	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
219	I worry about this sentence: "We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services." This opens the door to profit over people and over quality of life. Lets keep new ideas that are profitable in check such that they do not drag us away from the rural nature of life on the islands.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
220	I hate the words Environmental and Sustainable because they are too often buzz words used to emote some political position and are often not based on actual science.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
221	Consider adding: We support small scale, sustainable, low impact development. We protect forests, farms, and wildlife habitat that are essential to our high quality of life.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
222	Motorized whale watching needs to be limited. Pollution from noise and fuel is damaging environment	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
223	Hopeful language, grandiose in tone, but simply put about as effective as having a grizzly bear on the California flag where none of these awesome creatures live.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
224	I agree as long as the term "sustainable" is not separated from "development."	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
225	I totally agree with the statement. Education is a must for those in the fields names so that proper procedures are used. However, monitoring of activities is a must. Permitting is a must. We need to have additional personnel at the county level who can work to encourage compliance with methods that don't "jeopardize the resources on which they depend."	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
226	I think tourism is probably a bigger party of the economy then it's being given credit for in the above statement.	11/3/2017 2:51 PM

227	Let’s keep in mind not to become overly tourists driven	11/3/2017 1:18 PM
228	Much of our economy is driven by retirees who move to the San Juans and bring their wealth here. Maintaining the natural beauty, environment, and services are important to keeping this economic engine working.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
229	"Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide employment for islanders." That is not true	11/3/2017 10:03 AM
230	In the last sentence, rather than "balanced", I would say "are both high priorities" - we need to find win-wins rather than tradeoffs where sometimes one loses out to the other.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
231	This policy should go further to support living-wage jobs. It should call for the development of high-speed internet to allow those who work in the digital economy to work from home. It should have support for innovators, not just traditional industries.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
232	Nice statement, but there must be limits to growth, particularly to growth of vacation homes and absent homeowners making housing and land unavailable.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
233	is there any commercial fishing in SJC? Do we really still want to encourage aquaculture? This statement is 'DREAMY;' but I'd much rather see specifics about how to achieve stable year round employment opportunities.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
234	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
235	If only any of this was reflected in the County Code.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
236	Environmental conservation, Stewardship and sustainable development are a priority!!!!!!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
237	For better or worse, our community also includes tourists and part-timers. These are part of our summer population and therefore must be considered part of our community with the opportunity on our par to share our values.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
238	The applicable term is 'economic growth'. We must not lose sight of the natural life support system that is paramount for everything including the economy.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
239	I would be explicit in identifying opportunities for well-paid knowledge work resulting from a more robust communications infrastructure.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
240	While the statement itself is adequate, I do not think that we are there yet.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
241	strive for energy self sufficiency and encourage fiber optics throughout the island	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
242	Need to save the orcas	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
243	We support a pattern of economic growth and development which serves the needs of our community. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that support our primary economic engine: tourism. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, farming, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism. We have home occupations and cottage industries which are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
244	This disregards the reality of a huge absentee ownership population which can purchase/support property management services.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
245	Need to add low impact, high technology industries that rely principally on the internet to accomplish their work.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
246	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
247	There is no denying that tourism plays a very large role in our economy. That needs to be part of the plan/discussion	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
248	support for housing would help farmers and small business owners	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
249	So, does this mean that the county will deal with storm water runoff and monitor septics abutting the ocean front?	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
250	Eliminate forestry: We need all the trees we can get as they help us breathe air and keep temperatures down. Tourism should be out as key economic factor. Ditto construction - most of which is done for big homes of non-permanent residents. We must stop the big house trend and build for working families.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
251	Encourage cooperative farm strands where multiple families off produce and value added goods.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM

252	Yes. Keep in mind that REAL agriculture and aquaculture can be messy, loud, and smelly. Support the REAL version, not the Disney version.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
253	Statement must include the concept of information technology development (ITD). All government, private enterprise and residents will need and become more dependent of ITD here in San Juan County specifically due to our Rural nature. Fostering the ITD philosophy will provide guidance to our county as an economic development tool and allow our island residents to commnicate and develop the potential as both a communicate with the mainland and locally.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
254	I think this takes a pretty good cut at “what’s in and what’s not” as it relates to the industries we feel will provide sufficient jobs and income for people to be able to live here. Rather than just “encourage,” I think it is worth “incentivizing” to get the businesses and technologies we would like to attract here. I think there also needs to be an explicit statement that says that we have a preference for industries that provide full-time, non-seasonal, and salaried jobs while staying consistent with our environment and work force.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
255	The island won't support a truly wide spectrum of stable businesses. We should focus on encouraging telecommuting professionals who work at home, for example. We'll never have industry. The seasonality of much of our employment is a real challenge.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
256	Like it.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
257	Quiet until barking dogs become your neighbors	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
258	I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the added consideration that in the new economy, developing and changing constantly, home based workers and industries are continually growing in economic importance and work space and work place needs are changing with technology and the sharing economy.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
259	Need a stronger priority on preserving the environment with any future development.	11/1/2017 1:20 PM
260	This statement drills to the heart of the challenge facing the county: we need considerable conversation about the line where economic activity jeopardizes the resources on which they depend. How do we ensure we "recognize the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands"? At some point, growth and development by their very nature degrade these qualities. Where is the conversation about this?	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
261	Increased tourism is very, very unlikely to be "balanced" with conservation and sustainable development. Only in the eyes of those who profit most is more tourism a good thing. The same largely applies to construction.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM
262	This statement is becoming less & less true. It seems we are supporting more & more tourist based businesses & less agricultural.	11/1/2017 9:27 AM

Q13 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, participants noted that there is much work to do related to the economy. Specifically, participants mentioned a desire to diversify economic sectors. Tourism has become a significant economic influence, eclipsing traditional agricultural and maritime sectors. In response, the plan must…Welcome the tourism sector and maximize economic return to the County.

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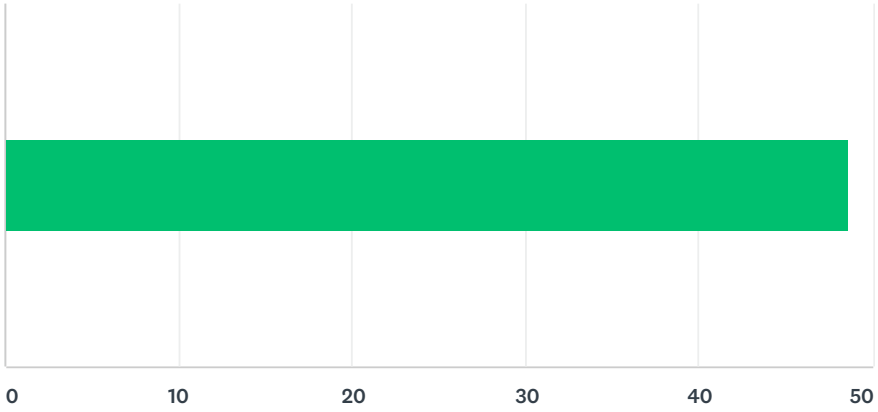

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1	I believe tourism is a valuable means for a robust economy. However, "maximizing economic return" without a community mindset of preserving nature, our water resources and caring community is a prescription for further destruction of these cherished Islands.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	Do the right thing in terms of sustainability and tourists will be attracted to that. Don't welcome tourism and maximize economic return at any cost.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	I believe tourism is a valuable means for a robust economy, However "maximizing economic return" without a community mindset of preserving nature, our water resources, and caring community is a prescription for further destruction of these cherished islands.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
4	This statement could result in policy directions which could very likely be at odds with the work of maintaining the very rural and quiet character which give the islands their appeal to tourists. However by providing farms and fisheries resources and appropriate policy opportunities to take advantage of the tourist economy, the traditional character of the islands can be preserved. Making space for farms, homesteads, fisheries, and homeowners to provide rural campsites, farm stands, a thriving farmer's market, while protecting water quality, managing vehicle traffic by implementing a bus system, and ensuring rural products have their place at the economic table.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	While tourism provides significant economic returns to the County, it also brings significant economic, social and ecological costs. Care must be taken to develop forms of tourism that support the overall health of the County as stated in this vision statement.	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	There may be a trade-off between short term return from tourism and long term health and well-being of the islands and their permanent community, which could become hollowed out by an over-emphasis on tourism. Permanent residents is more likely to be interested and invested in the long-term health and vibrancy of the county.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
7	THere is one big caveat with this statement.....But not at the expense of degrading the very resources that tourists are coming to the island to enjoy.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
8	Too much tourism will ruin these islands. We need to find creative alternatives to sustain our economy.	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
9	Increased tourism efforts should be balanced with increased mitigation of tourism impact efforts.	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
10	I have room on my plate for some tourism but I really don't feel it adds to the community. Knick-knacks, mediocre food, inflated prices, crowds, overcrowded ferries, etc. Is this what we really want? What would add to the community would be young people becoming farmers, high quality organic produce and meats, luring real business that produce things that could keep our young people here.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
11	Much is needed in terms of balancing tourism with environmental impact. For example we don't do a very good of managing tourist expectations and we should mitigate that with extensive bicycle\walking paths along major roadways; closely remote parking for Eastsound Village (maybe a vehicle-free zone in Village center)	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
12	I believe we have reached the tolerable limit for tourism.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
13	If we maximize tourism we will lose what makes this county special, and what tourists come here to see. We need to find ways to help young folks buy land, farm, and keep our economy more local.	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
14	Absolutely disagree. The islands have already surpassed a reasonable tourist season carrying capacity and the quality of life of islanders is suffering.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
15	I think this can be achieved while preserving the integrity of the island culture.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
16	Tourism is currently thriving and increasing. Nothing more need be done to encourage it.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM

17	Often it seems too much of our governmental decisions and plans are focused on increasing tourism while risking the environment and rural character that we islanders hold dear. For example, the idea of adding mooring buoys in Eastsound would only benefit a few merchants while endangering the ecology of Eastsound. That sort of tradeoff is not what we should be pursuing. We should look to improving the infrastructure to decrease automobiles and parking need - better public transportation infrastructure and the addition of bike and pedestrian paths would help. I'm not anti-tourist, but the first thought should be "is this plan/idea good for those who live here" not "will this bring more tourists."	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
18	Welcome LOW-IMPACT, EXPERIENTIAL (e.g. training, internships) tourism that maximizes economic, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL return to the county.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
19	Tourism is one route to economic diversity. It is fraught with difficulties, but truly imaginative direction may help. We should balance tourism development with other economic R&D.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
20	I think the importance of the tourist industry on these islands will change the very essence of the islands from unique, quiet, and special to commercial; decisions made for the quantity of the dollars not the quality of the landscape.	11/30/2017 2:14 PM
21	There is a place for tourism, but it cannot be the only focus. Do not bend over backwards to accommodate those profiting off the islands	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
22	The reality is that traditional resource based industry has not been a major employer or economically important to the islands for many years. They each have their own political or regulatory issues. While farming is not a major employer or strong in the local economic profile it is critical for one very important reason PRESERVATION OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE! Very few islanders make their primary living from farming. However, many islands farm on a smaller scale as a life-style choice for themselves and their families. Their activity of raising some hay, some animals or an orchard keeps the rural scenery what it is. The views of that scenery are very important to the tourist industry and construction as people build a single or recreation home. Tourism and construction ARE major employers and MAJOR for th e local economy largely as a result of the beauty of the landscape and biological diversity that agriculture of all sizes creates.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
23	I am not opposed to tourism, it's been around for thousands of years and won't go away. What I don't like is tacky tourism. We don't need more jet skis, or whale watch boats that harass the sea mammals. However, I could envision workshops on Native plant use, or watercoloring, or nature journaling, or locavore eating, or meditation, or any of a number of low-impact eco-friendly activities. Green tourism can be emphasized by encouraging green resort rooms, more local farm-to-table businesses, and low-cost community center workshops taught by people who know what they're doing.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
24	We should encourage the right kind of tourism, not just tourism at any cost. The environment and quality of life for the creatures we share this space with must be taken into consideration. Whale watching is an example where that has not been the case. That sort of tourist activity needs to be limited and monitored.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
25	Done correctly tourism will be what sustains our County. Done incorrectly tourism will ruin the beauty and natural resources of our County. Infrastructure for sustainable tourism needs to be quickly put into place throughout the county (bike and walking paths, wide variety of public lands available, and a boarding tax (charge on all visitors coming to the islands to help pay for the infrastructure)	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
26	I don't think it is realistic to even state we can MAXIMIZE a return to the county when the very act of increasing tourism creates more strain on EVERYTHING - water consumption, electricity use, garbage collection & disposal, congestion on roadways, "recycling" we can't get rid of economically, demand for bringing more goods from the mainland to supply people's experience and their needs. We need public transportation if the Visitor's Bureau is going to continue to market the SJIs so we end up on the front page of the New York times and Sunset magazine's "best place to vacation. AND, economic returns do not compensate for the diminished quality of life (all the reasons people live here, year-round) - those qualities are priceless, there is no mitigation money that will ever undo reckless growth.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
27	Why are rentals down? With increased numbers of tourists cannot get into Friday Harbor. Welcome to San Juan, but...	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
28	Tourism is an important part of the local economy, but should not be the primary focus. The community needs year round jobs that not subject to the peaks and valleys of demand that is an inherent part of toursim.	11/30/2017 10:34 AM

29	Vacation rentals must not be restricted or overly taxed. Vacation rental taxes shouldn't be the main source of funds for affordable permanent housing.	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
30	While tourism is an increasing contributor to the local economy, it should still be held accountable and kept in line with environmental and social standards. For example, SJI should not allow Suzie's Mopeds to operate two stroke engines in their vehicles which are known heavy polluters and a hazard to drivers on the road. Bicycling and public transport should instead be encouraged to limit seasonal vehicles on the island and benefit air quality.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
31	Create policy to revitalize agriculture in San Juan County. Broden allowable uses of agricultural land to include value added production. Not just Ag resource lands, but Residential Farm and Forest lands.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
32	Tourism drives our economy and every person here benefits from it one way or another whether they like it or not.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
33	Many of the County residents who contribute the most to our communities first came to our Islands as tourists.	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
34	On Lopez we support Sustainable Tourism. There were meetings and study of this concept that should be brought to the Comprehensive Plan process	11/30/2017 2:58 AM
35	the islands DO NOT need to welcome tourism, or focus on its economic return.we already have to many tourists each year, making travel for locals hard, and causing serious dangers such as Fire, which we are nit set up to deal with! we need to educate our visitors and not only think about how to get more to come!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
36	Even as a restaurant owner, I do not particularly welcome maximizing tourism. It too dramatically changes the character of the islands and displaces opportunities for those who live here, and chose to live here in spite of inconveniences. I prefer to retain the truly rural character of the place, not offer urban amenities to visitors.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
37	Tourism will happen whether or not you foster it. Get a plan to not lose what is real, local, historical, environmentally sound, does not kill the golden goose [orca]. People will pay for that!	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
38	The stability of our island economy and environment should take priority- there may be a point at which increasing tourism isn't worthwhile, and we might do better to seek financial stability closer to home.	11/29/2017 11:20 PM
39	We must not sacrifice of the availability of affordable year-round housing to sustain a diverse age and income level population for the sake of tourism income.	11/29/2017 11:11 PM
40	I think that more emphasis should be placed on agricultral and maritime sectors - how are we diversifying by placing more emphasis on the tourism sector? I think, among other things, that if we continue to draw more and more tourists to the island, we stand to loose what makes these islands so special and what drew tourists here in the first place.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
41	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
42	The tourist industry is an unstable economic factor and should be seen as an integrated part of the economy not its foundation.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM
43	We MUST embrace tourism and make decisions to enhance the visitor experience. At the same time we must maximize the discretionary dollars spent by visitors. Empowering our citizens by enacting tourism friendly zoning and rules will make the above possible. No more NIMBY. An example: As a homeowner with a lot of land it is very difficult to make a simple legal campsite with showers and bathrooms. This should be easy. What about RV's? Same issue, it should be easy. Bathrooms and showers are good for the environment AND are a value added product visitors would be happy to pay for.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
44	Tourism is up dramatically with the rise in population in Seattle.... more than 1,000 new residents each week. The tourism economy has brought increased wealth to many. Do we really need to stimulate tourism? Population migration dynamics favor increased migration to the NW. I do not feel we need to exacerbate this trend. Land is finite and our population continues to grow. There must be a balance, or we will lose the rural culture of our island.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
45	While I think we must welcome tourism as it provides at least seasonal employment,I think it's very important to first consider the needs of the people who live here, raise their children here, pay taxes and consider this their home. We should come first.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM

46	Too vague.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
47	Look at ways to foster a year-round economy, less tourism based. Foster value added products. Incentivize agricultural land use and make some public lands for small-scale sustainable agricultural purposes.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
48	I do not believe we should encourage more tourism, but should rather focus on the things that enrich our own community such as sustainable agriculture, education, renewable energy, environmental conservation, traditional crafts such as woodworking, and so forth.	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
49	Tourism must be better managed.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
50	We need to limit tourist "beds" in the county. There is no other way! Barcelona has done this already says NY Times. Mackinac Island, Michigan banned motor traffic many years ago. Too many tourists change the everyday life of the islands & the residents for the worse even if you are in the tourist or related business. I mean, it won't be a beautiful archipelago for long if we as an entire community don't limit the visitors & limit development by residents. Tourism taxes the limited drinking water supply, taxes landfills and taxes aspects of the natural environment (fellow creatures' lives are impacted such as orcas, salmon, wild turkeys, minks, otters, seals...all those that would normally use the tourist/summer season to give birth away from human activity & build body weight during the 'months of plenty' by foraging peacefully plus the tsunami of tourists' motorized traffic washes our pristine island natural environment with fossil fuel & noise pollution & especially the added ferry runs dumps the fossil fuel pollution directly into the Salish Sea.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
51	Welcome LOW-IMPACT, EXPERIENTIAL (e.g. training, internships) tourism that maximizes economic, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL return to the county.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
52	too many tourists!	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
53	Organic, sustainable agriculture must be a key economic factor, and should provide the majority of food to islands. Eco and rural tourism is OK, but massive tourism is to be avoided. Whale watching protocols should not endanger whales. Green economy should be the focus, with quality of life rather than maximizing economic return. All economic descisions should take into account climate change, rising acidic sea levels, and our shift away from fossil fuel based economy!	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
54	I see tourism as a welcome source of revenue however, let's make sure we don't sell the soul of island to make a quick buck now.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
55	The plan should also include strategies to diversify tourism and implement sustainable practices.	11/29/2017 3:26 PM
56	Non-consumptive tourism is good, but encouraging massive fossil fuel use in the whale watching industry is unacceptable. So is the noise injected into the water that prevents efficient hunting by orca whales and elevates stress in all marine species. NO GOLF COURSES or other foolish uses of our limited space.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
57	Not sure what you mean by the last sentence, when you mentioned that the eclipsing of traditional industries was a problem (which it is): "In response, the plan must…Welcome the tourism sector and maximize economic return to the County."	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
58	Tourism is key!	11/29/2017 2:08 PM
59	If the ferry system is failing it will impact this	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
60	There isn't infrastructure available to support much more of an increase in tourism. Not only as far as transportation, but it's almost impossible for seasonal workers to find somewhere to live. The needs of the environment also need to be managed, and rules for business like whale-watching need to be tighter.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
61	See comment above - welcome tourism, yes; maximize economic return, it depends on what that means...	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
62	And our tourism should be focused on setting an example of how a community can nurture the land and environment is lives in. San Juan County is an example (which has room to improve) on how you can embrace your environment and care for it in deep and gentle ways. (example: leave no trace) Our visitors should leave this islands with not only a greater appreciation for the islands but also a stronger desire/ability to care for the places they call home.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM

63	Tourism seems attractive as a replacement for traditional natural resource-based jobs, but tourism here is highly seasonal and, as an economic engine, has trouble supporting living wages for service workers. Too much focus on tourism will ensure fewer good jobs for full-time residents, exacerbating existing economic problems and further replacing full-time, working households with seasonal and retiree households. A better approach, while not ignoring tourism, is to work to attract remote workers and creative-class small businesses. These jobs are year-round and provide solid middle-class incomes. They also create demand for year-round professional, skilled, and unskilled service jobs that are more reliable and more valuable than seasonal tourism jobs.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
64	The islands should be sustainable in their economic development without being overly dependent on tourism. It's too seasonal...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
65	encourage industries that can sustain a living wage for more that 1 family	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
66	I don't think we need to encourage tourism activities anymore than they are already. Becoming Nantucket will ultimately only benefit the wealthy.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
67	Tourism is definitely a significant economic element; policies that promote eco-tourism might shape a tourism industry that produces a healthy environment as well as a healthy economy	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
68	As soon as the ferry situation gets cleared up	11/29/2017 11:58 AM
69	Visitors should be given a rules of the road for the San Juans and understand it's a distinct place with particular customs. Excessive use and abuse of resources by unregulated tourism will ruin the islands.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
70	Tourism is good, but we don't want to be over run!	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
71	The strategy of increasing tourism for maximum economic return is contradictory to this statement, Unless tourism dollars are directly funneled into agricultural and maritime projects.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
72	keeping in mind infrastructure necessary to support the tourism industry, without negative impact to residents. Encourage land based orca viewing, encourage ferry walk-ons versus car traffic.	11/29/2017 10:09 AM
73	We need more commercial and industrial zoned lands with more outright allowed uses so industries and business will want to locate here.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
74	We need to be careful about putting too much emphasis on tourism. Over loving a place can destroy it. Emphasize a sustainable year-around economy that provides good paying jobs for locals.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
75	To the extent that the tourism industry does not adversely affect sustainability or the ability of year long residents to live in the islands.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
76	Rather than place such overwhelming focus on tourism and maximizing Big $$ back to the county, we need to create better balance in a myriad of local, island sustaining businesses & industries.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
77	diversify NOT rely on tourism or seasonality	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
78	The economy is too focused on tourism at the moment and should diversify to address more local needs.	11/28/2017 9:40 PM
79	Tourism is the death of community! Gentrification is the death of community! Don't even use the word community if you are willing to sell Lopez away as a commodity.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
80	I would prefer to see tourism stay at this level or less, and see more traditional agriculture, maritime or innovative and sustainable businesses.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
81	Tourism is only profitable during about a third of the year. What do people in those jobs do the rest of the year? Must encourage year-round employment.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
82	See answer under #12 - bike companies provide "facilities" for clients so don't pee in my yard.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
83	Unbridled tourism is destructive, having a negative impact on the social and environmental health of the island, threatening the very essence of what makes the islands u nique. We have already reached a point of too much concerning tourism.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
84	Increases in tourism, while in many ways beneficial, includes increases in visitors without a vested interest in local environmental conservation and local regulations. We should encourage the growth of other economic sectors.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
85	Increased tourism, increases trespassing, intrudes on privacy and results in people leaving a mess on private property and beaches	11/28/2017 6:09 PM

86	No. Tourism is not helping the economy or locals except for low quality jobs. We are better served by providing services for each other than for tourists	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
87	We should never “maximize” anything (except for clean air). We need a balance amoung toursit dollars, congestion, costs and the well being of residents and property owners.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
88	I think the County overemphasizes tourism promotion to the detriment of all of us.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
89	I don't feel that tourism has eclipsed the traditional agricultural economic base of the islands. Tourism is important and must be integrated into the experiencing the existing economic enterprises of the islands. Certainly sustaining our natural areas provides an exceptional part of the experience visitors seek when coming here. Demonstrating that we can have a responsible agricultural base in the islands while also having stewarded our natural heritage is a very important and inspiring model for all who visit.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
90	This did not address the economic impact of the development/construction activities which is just as important as Tourism's economic impact for good paying jobs here.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
91	Yes to tourism and the dollars that they bring to the island. Island Tourism would be much LESS without the agricultural draw - which brings us ALL the tourism dollars.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
92	The plan must welcome the tourism sector but balance its needs with those of the other needs of the islands.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
93	We need to shift towards ecotourism that respects and protects local habitat and resources - (like regulating whale watching boats in our waters) and decrease our dependence on growing tourism in favor of small eco friendly business.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
94	It's important...but we certainly don't want to put all our eggs in the tourism basket.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
95	Whoa - "maximize economic return to the County" means what? Money made here should stay here? I like that, but unenforceable. Diversifying our local economies would be a good idea, but I don't think a planning document can do that. Not all diversification is good, so I'd like to see a description of what we're looking at. I'd be looking for small scale, consistent with rural character, does not interfere with existing activities, and does is at worst environmentally neutral. If someone wanted to put a coal gasification plant on Lopez, for example, that's more diversity and a really really bad idea.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
96	I think tourism should be accommodated only to the extent that it does not change the local character of the island.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
97	Even tourism has its limits. More and more tourists will lessen the appeal of the islands as a tourist destination.	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
98	Tourism must be balanced at a sustainable level and paired with diverse year round economic drivers that together protect the rural values and conservation of island ecological attributes	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
99	Maximize tourism that has minimal impact on the environment.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
100	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
101	Very important to create sustainable recreation activities for tourists to spend the day walking, kayaking, learning about nature, biking.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
102	See answer to #13 above. There is already enough tourism and promotion of our islands.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
103	We depend too much on tourism. We need to pay our workers enough to afford to live here.	11/28/2017 3:39 PM
104	Focusing on tourism causes many of the problems we face in the islands like affordable housing and water shortages. Tourism is hard on our ecosystems. Flooding the islands with visitors can also negatively affect how safe we and our children feel in our community.	11/28/2017 3:18 PM
105	We need to be very selective about the type of tourism we promote in order to maintain the environment which attracts tourists in the first place.	11/28/2017 3:14 PM
106	De-fund any more advertising and fund ways to create jobs that balance the impacts of tourism	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
107	Tourism is very, very important - but in the long term, we will also want to keep an eye on diversifying our economic sectors.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
108	The county is too dependent on tourism.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
109	We need to do more to manage the impacts of tourism.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM

110	Depends on kind of tourism.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
111	the strength and beauty of the islands is for it to be a resilient place for those of us who live and work here, then people can come visit and experience that strength, beauty, and resiliency. A place that has its most effort toward visitors is not a real authentic place.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
112	I believe we can have healthy tourism if we create a healthy island that respects our land, air, and water as nature intends.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
113	Don't promote more tourism	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
114	It’s really all we have	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
115	While we need to embrace tourism, we need to do so in a way that does not jeopardize the ability of the working class to finding housing.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
116	Agritourism needs favorable zoning and investment	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
117	During summer, we have reached "peak tourism" carrying capacity. No further growth in tourism is sustainable for our islands.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
118	Amend: Welcome sustainable tourism which maximizes economic return to the county.	11/28/2017 10:50 AM
119	I think the San Juans have become WAY too dependent of tourism. There MUST be other creative ways for people to make a living.	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
120	Tourism is economically important but has impacts to the land and infrastructure. The county needs to commit to managing cleanup, water resources and energy needs to deal with the seasonal onslaught of so many bodies. The county could also help to mitigate the impacts of the tourists by consistently educating visitors on our ethic of environmental stewardship, leave no trace, and carbon reduction.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
121	How is "economic return" defined? More jobs, more tax receipts, more outside investment.... what?	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
122	No. There's enough of the tourism sector thanks to the efforts of smart online marketing efforts from individual island companies plus the really great work of the Visitor's Bureau. Agree with the participants of the workshops to diversify our economy and get back to the importance of farming/food security and maritime sectors.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
123	What does it mean to maximize economic return for the county? Many business owners don't even live here and are only here to capitalize on tourism. There is little or no infrastructure for tourism such as restrooms,solid waste disposal, safe roads for pedestrians and cyclists, public transportation, ferry service. We need to build infrastructure and calculating impact on land use before promoting tourism.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
124	Farm related tourism such as "Farm to Table Dinners", "Work Farm Experiences" & "Farm Crafts" to promote local AG is paramount to the economical sustainability to Lopez Island. Added value is paramount to growth of our farm community.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
125	Low-impact and experiential tourism is supported, monitored and controlled so that it benefits year round livelihood of island residents. Promotion is balanced with education.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
126	Low impact tourism is monitored and controlled so that it enhances the year round livelihood of island residents. Promotion is balanced with education.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
127	There needs to be more industry development than tourism which mostly maintains low wage part time jobs.	11/27/2017 8:38 PM
128	the cat is out of the bag regarding tourism. We need to begin reigning it in before it completely destroys us.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
129	See above. Enhancing the town of F.H. for the tourist industry to encourage walk-on, year-round tourism is key.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
130	The County must invest in other kinds of economic development. Tourism brings low wage, seasonal jobs and has created a situation where visitors, once welcomed, are now seen as consumers of our environment and resources, without producing living wage jobs. It produces many service jobs (housecleaning) that are low paying and helps create a two tier society.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
131	emphise low impact tourism; focus on car less tourism focused on bicycling and use of electric vehicles. Have elect vehicles available to rent.	11/25/2017 9:26 AM

132	Welcome LOW-IMPACT, EXPERIENTIAL (e.g. training, internships) tourism that maximizes economic, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL return to the county. Don't just focus on tourism as a means of income, think about the environmental and local impact tourism has on the islands as well.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
133	Tourism is only good for the islands if it is low-impact. We must weigh the social and environmental impacts of tourism on the rest of the community. Increased tourism has an impact on affordable housing, medical aid units (increased calls which puts a burden on our volunteers) and environmental impact. We need to be sure that tourism is sustainable. Economic development should also support year round jobs and small businesses, not just tourism.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
134	Welcome LOW-IMPACT, EXPERIENTIAL (e.g. training, internships) tourism that maximizes economic, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL return to the county.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
135	Tourism needs to downplayed economically. It is the biggest and lowest paying industry on the island and hinders sustainability. Tourism should be frozen where it is. There should be more work done to enhance new industries and expand the construction and service trades that now come daily from the mainland.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
136	South Burn had some very powerful arguments that tourism is a net negative for the islands. But in general, torism jobs are almost all low wage. And in summer the hoards of people and mopeds, big bicycle groups, etc on the roads are NOT compatible with a rural lifestyle. Pick rural or heavy tourism; can't have both. Plus tourism will never bring economic return in the foem of good jobs. Taxes, yes. Good jobs, no.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
137	It's the Islands' bread and butter now.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
138	But it has to be sustainable. If the Southern Resident killer whales disappear in the next 50 years how would this impact the tourism industry, would there still be an industry. The county should not be throwing all it's eggs in one basket with tourism, especially if it also wants to maintain the rural community feel and lifestyle noted in the previous statements. The county should indeed be looking to diversify economic sectors and not just focus on one sector.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
139	OK, here we get to a substantive issue. I would try to emphasize farming, fishing, and work that provides alternative work environments (online jobs, shared working space ... even involving shared tools.)	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
140	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
141	Tourism has a place, but needs infrastructure to handle the volume. Or, scale back and diversify to other sectors.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
142	Repeats question #2.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
143	Promote agro-tourism. Farm stays. Local food production and value added production within existing RFF zoned areas to create a new sustainable dimension to our local economy	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
144	Welcome low-impact, experiential (e.g. training, internships) tourism that maximize economic, social and environmental return to the county.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
145	see above	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
146	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
147	I think it is wise to welcome tourism, and even encourage it, but it is unwise to allow tourism free reign. Tourism can have a degrading effect on fragile natural spaces as well as a negative effect on building a sustainable, year-round community for those of us that live here year round.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
148	Don't leave out year round trades.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
149	Tourism is fine as long as it focuses on what is here, the inherent and natural attributes of these islands, not what they can be turned into.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
150	It seems it would be wise to decide just how big we want the tourism sector to become, what it's impact will be and that should be part of a BUILDOUT ANALYSIS!!!!!	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
151	I think tourism is a slippery slope that will quickly turn the islands into a Disneyland like place where the needs of visitors drive all aspects of community. It already happens -- we spend more on tourism promotion than we do on housing people or conserving land. Is that really aligned with our values?	11/19/2017 3:01 PM

152	Tourism dollars certainly feed the economy during the tourist season, but we have many months without tourists when the economy really slows down and makes it hard for people to maintain enough income to live comfortably.	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
153	A stable local economy cannot depend on tourism or the building industry alone. Tourism, while important, must enhance basic community values, not override and subvert them. Again--local serving businesses.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
154	Tourism is such a slippery slope toward overcrowding, degradation of natural areas, and turning a community into an a "tourist destination" that is affordable to tourists with plenty of money, but not affordable for average locals. I've lived in places in Hawaii and Alaska where local workers can't afford to live where the tourism jobs are. They're forced to moved down the road to a less desirable and therefore more affordable area and then then do a daily commute to their tourism job.	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
155	Ok to welcome tourism but need to put a cap on it due to our limited size and resources. I would like to see a vision that recognizes these islands have a carrying capacity, and that we commit to determining what that is and respecting it. No on maximizing economic return. Our economy here is based on the environment and quality of life; those need to be protected and sustained.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
156	See comment above. Greatly increased tourism is incompatible with the character of the islands.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
157	If there is an economic downturn then having our economy so heavily dependent on tourism dollars would have a significant impact on our county. Diversification and appealing to workers/ industry that have capabilities of using technology to work from home/ telecommute, etc increase agricultural production enhances our ability to be more self sufficient, capping some of the tourism so the unique character of our islands doesn't become overwhelmed by massive seasonal crowds is important to ensure responsible growth and development while embracing the appeal our islands have to visitors and the dollars they bring to our Communities.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
158	Tourism is quite hard on the island environment as more of limited resources are used. Tourism is needed, however. There needs to be a middle ground. Perhaps encourage ecotourism?	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
159	Depending too much on tourism seems unwise.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
160	Stop spending public money advertising for more tourism, which imposes financial costs and loss of quality of life on residents. Limit vacation rentals everywhere and especially in residential areas.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
161	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
162	Balance is needed. We live here and benefit from visitor activity but shouldn't become victims of it. The economic return should benefit the citizens not enhance county activities. The county's role is clear and should not be expanded.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
163	This statement doesn't articulate anything specific enough to be understood or helpful.	11/16/2017 5:58 PM
164	Bud out.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
165	I and most respondents first came as tourists!	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
166	however economic sectors develop, the county and residents need to carefully consider how excess growth in one sector affects others; not sure what mechanisms can change the trajectory, but the tourist appeal for coming here will undoubtedly increase and we need to clearly identify what impacts are desirable and what we should not allow	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
167	Not sure if "diversifying" economic sectors is even desirable... Perhaps we need to "combine/unify?" No reason why we cannot/should not support local communities to "lead the way" for more sustainable agricultural practices (e.g. Permaculture). We have the distinct advantage of NOT being as "entrenched" in unsustainable agricultural practices as many mainland communities.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
168	Educate people	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
169	Tourism has an important part to play. But the economy should not rely on making the islands an attraction. The current level of tourism would be enough to sustain seasonal and year round business and lifestyle if property and rent were more affordable.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
170	Promote tourism as one component of a thriving, localized economy.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM

171	Tourism certainly can be a positive part of a community, both economically and culturally. HOWEVER, there are many organizations in the county which are so focused upon economic gain (simply dollars into someone's hands who lives in the islands) that they are willing to sacrifice sensitive biological and community cultural resources for short term economic gain. For instance, simply put: the more tourists you can get to use a particular sensitive natural environment, the faster it will degrade, and therefore be used up.	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
172	The county's attempts to encourage tourism have all been centered on increasing the amount of tourists, there is no need for this and it will happen on it's own. We need more ways for tourists to spend money but the county can best accomplish this by loosening restrictions on commercial activity all over the island, allowing things like roadside stands which are currently technically prohibited.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
173	None.	11/15/2017 7:05 PM
174	Work to improve the traditional agricultural sector as a way to diversify away from our concentration on tourism. Use tourism as a way to strengthen our agricultural sector.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
175	Wish we weren’t so tourism dependent	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
176	Yeah okay no.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
177	Tourism will not meet the year-round needs of most working residents.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
178	See previous comments. We need to get away from tourism as much as possible as the sole financial stimulus of the community and explore more sustainable, long lived stability and self reliance. I fully believe that a vote for increasing tourism will only expedite the demise of the actual community as it will become another Martha's Vineyard or the like and eventually become ONLY a seasonal community with a depressed off season economy, very few long term, year round residents, and no incentive to live here.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
179	I would like to see less emphasis on tourism and more on sustainable cottage industries that encourage local creativity.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
180	Tourism is a challenging industry. Visiting Eastsound or Friday Harbor in the summer is disorienting, as it's given over to tourists with little regard to local needs. At risk is the lifestyle we profess to love and souvenir shops pop up and our way of life becomes commodified. Tourism also sets us up to become even more a place of second homes and the widening gap between the local economy and the imported economy.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
181	We need better balance... we cannot rely so heavily on tourism	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
182	Balance is essential... catering to the tourists, while upholding values of the Islanders would be the ideal situation. Boosting the economic presence of agricultural, maritime, conservation and other island based sectors will attract those who appreciate and want to foster these aspects of life	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
183	While tourism is important and should be supported, the other aspects should be focused on to balance out the residents incomes and future potentials. All aspects should be looked at for building economy.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
184	I kind of like a come but don't stay philosophy. Of course that's if you can get here concept and currently depends upon a ferry system to navigate the moat.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
185	Vague and unclear. "Welcome" like it is a choice? Use data to support what and how this works for the economy.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
186	Necessary evil. BIKE LANES. BIKE LANES. SIGNAGE FOR BIKES. Example: Enchanted Forest Rd... NOT SUITABLE FOR BICYCLES. Big red orange yellow flashing lights and sirens.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
187	It’s not just about generating revenue, the impact of tourism impacts ferries, increased demand for Air BnB etc, garbage. If tourism is promoted it must carry the message of walk softly on these islands and leave no trace for the next visitors who hope to enjoy their beauty	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
188	Note my comment of the need to more thoughtfully integrate tourism and rural character in short and long term planning	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
189	see next comments in box 16	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
190	Tourism is founded upon our natural resources. Agriculture, forestry and tourism can all be sustainable, but curtailing agriculture through tourism-engendered development will destroy both the goose and the golden egg.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
191	But not at the expense of housing for islanders.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM

192	Tourism needs to be down played! There are way to many airbnbs!	11/14/2017 11:14 AM
193	Certain tourism biz do rather well in the islands, while trad'l retail is depressed & highly dependent on boom-town like seasonal tourism. The scenery of the islands & its accompanying activities attract many visitors; but economic development may change that character.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
194	The county needs to protect the islands from the deleterious affects of overexposure to tourism. Make sure tourist industry pays for the infrastructure it necessitates.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
195	What does this mean? Will the economic return to the County go directly into programs/loans to encourage other types of industries? This is unclear.	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
196	I welcome tourism in that I'm glad people get to visit such a beautiful place. I recognize that it provides for a lot of business owners, and also I would love to see more resources/effort into local agriculture and increasing the small percentage of food the San Juans provides for themselves.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
197	We can use tourism to drive our economy but we still need a strong year round economy to prosper	11/14/2017 8:24 AM
198	There is hostility to tourism, from people who actually benefit; example is survival of island services like groceries, that might fold without tourists.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
199	I don't think we need to encourage tourism because it is inevitable. The down side of tourism can easily outweigh the positive and I believe it will benefit the county mostin the long run to focus on local needs, sopecifucally local production of food, fuel and fiber. A tourism economy is not sustainable	11/13/2017 10:36 PM
200	the county should not stimulate tourism or be involved in maximizing economic return	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
201	While tourism has increased significantly, we need to continue our dialogue on managing the influx before we spend ANY MORE MONEY on advertisement. The word is out that the San Juans are hot. Maximizing economic return is not the top priority. That should be the protection and stewardship of our natural and food-producing environment. One often at odds with economic return. Our lands are fragile and are already past their carrying capacity with our current management.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
202	Tourism development is fine as long as it doesn't lead to environmental degradation, and as long as tourist-oriented businesses are local. We should not have national or internationally-based businesses managing tourist activities here.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
203	With the decline in Orca and salmon population the traditional tourism industries here can't be relied on. We need to focus on agri-tourism, sustainable local food and drink movement. I believe we are one of the only GMO free counties in the country. Zoning and county policy that supports entrepreneurs for Value added products to support local agriculture.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
204	Our economy would collapse without tourism and WSF	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
205	Tourism doesn't create living wage jobs. I have watched tourism take over for blue collar jobs in Ketchikan Alaska when the timber industry shut down. A good estimate of the wealth going out of state is at the 80% rate, the locals have few jobs and the tourism industry tends to end up in the hands of big corporations.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
206	Tourism is a necessary part of the healthy economy, but of course no one wants the place(S) over run with outsiders who may not respect the islands the way we who live on them do.	11/12/2017 9:43 AM
207	It's too much	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
208	I would much rather see a local economy based on the needs of residents. We can be so much more than a tourist destination. While I understand the importance of tourism in our local economy, I also recognize our opportunity to grow an export industry of handicrafts and goods.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
209	I DISAGREE. The excessive whale watching is helping to kill them. The excessive boats disrupt their ability to catch the few salmon left.	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
210	People with jobs that allow telecommuting should be recruited. They minimize footprint, earn larger amounts and generally pay more taxes, business and property.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
211	To a degree: it's still a shock to see loads of people from off-island in the market during the summer!	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
212	The tourism sector already has way too much influence.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM

213	not sure i understand this. it reads like you heard that the economy needs to diversify beyond tourism, yet the statement reads like we need to maximize tourism returns. i believe a healthy economy is a diverse, sustainable one. we need to extend tourism into off-season months and we need to encourage non-tourist related business	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
214	Tourism has its place but I think cottage industries representing a diversity of skills should be encouraged. And pass land use accordingly.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
215	I do not see the benefit to islanders of expanding tourism. Creates need for expensive infrastructure and diminishes enjoyment of home for islanders due to crowding.	11/10/2017 9:03 AM
216	Fishing? Are you kidding? Forestry isn't sustained except as maintenance of a dwindling ecosystem. We should not encourage too much economic growth	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
217	I agree tourism is an important aspect of Island economy. However, it would appear that we might need to re examine whether $$$ spent on a vision of more and more is better, is not beneficial, particularly in peak season. What percentage of full time residents truly benefit from the tourism industry? I think a serious and fresh look should be taken at this issue to put pros and cons into perspective. Visitors at varying times of the year is fine but do we really need to spend a bundle trying to create a stressed out summer season when we appear to already be over capacity?	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
218	Needs to be more balanced	11/9/2017 9:17 AM
219	A healthy amount of tourism is fine, but overall, the related jobs tend to be low wage and seasonal, not qualifying as family wage jobs.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
220	See earlier comment on the future economy. Planners have a responsibility to look forward, and that includes both tourism and future knowledge industries. In other words, New Urbanism comes to the Islands, with a recognition that a small town environment is compatible with traditional industries, but must have its own planning focus in appropriate areas.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
221	We need the tourists. I can't imagine this is popular, because, you know, tourists are terrible and ruin everything. But also let's talk about living wages and middle class jobs. Btw, a living wage job is not a middle class job. But both are better than poverty wages.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
222	The phrase, "maximize economic return to the County" is too vague; it must be clarified.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
223	Tourism is one of several economic forces. It shouldn't be singled out as welcomed, but rather encouraged to grow in ways sensitive to the fragile nature of island ecology and community. Without some limit it could kill the very thing that tourists come here for.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
224	Over-reliance on tourism is not a good idea.	11/8/2017 1:09 PM
225	Too much tourism now -makes it uncomfortable to live on the island in the summer. I have lived here 40 years--it is getting worse	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
226	We should be actively trying to see how we can reduce tourism, reduce the use of petro-fuels, ... reduce the impact of people on the islands.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
227	This is important but balanced with other employment opportunities too.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
228	The tourists make it difficult to go downtown, to get on the ferry, to drive around the bicycles and bug cars. The merchants profit, but it decreases the quality of life if you are not a merchant. We do need more agriculture to try and support ourselves with local food. With the depletion of rock fish and salmon, I doubt we are going back to a fishing economy.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
229	Also, pick some "hidden" valleys to house a bit of commercial and/or business activities. Now we got broadband, but no facilities to really take commercial advantage.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
230	We need non-motorized options for tourists such as increased bicycle and hiking trails.	11/7/2017 2:12 PM
231	Tourism is a convenient industry. It does not contribute to our ruralness. It attracts lo payin* jobs. It is very seasonal which contributes to a lack of year round affordable jobs. The effort to attract tourists should be diverted an effort to attract 20-40 years olds to the attractiveness of raising a family here and earn a family wage.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
232	Many businesses depend on tourism but tourism simply loads the roads and towns with more and more visitors, increasing the pressure on the environment. The difficult task is balancing visitors and protecting what is left of the rural place.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
233	ONLY to the extent that tourism is done in harmony with our beautiful community. Use of state parks, trails, agricultural and maritime sectors such as farm to table experiences, camping/ hiking, and marine stewardship educational outings and similar.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM

234	An economy that becomes too reliant on tourism will result in negative consequences, including low wages, more burdens on county coffers to provide more services. More pressure will mount to widen roads, to have more and bigger ferries. The real estate market will enter a never-ending upward spiral, from increased demand, with dire consequences for residents. Tourism needs to have a moderate, not a dominant, influence.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
235	We need to make sure that tourism does not push out the locals. I.e. figure out how to properly manage vacation rentals.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
236	Worry more about bringing folks here in the shoulder season than in the peak season.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
237	I'd be careful here. Keep tourism at arm's length. If it is fully embraced, you will lose much of what makes the San Juan Islands special. And you risk degrading the quality of life for those who don't directly depend on tourism. We should not "maximize economic return" through tourism, though tourists do contribute a lot to our economy (sales taxes, lodging, guiding services, etc.). Keep it small-scale and local, if possible, and low-impact (think boaters and impacts on Orcas). "Leave no trace" is the ideal.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
238	As we witnessed in the past year, there are situations in which we have absolutely no control over. The ferries stop. The government stops. The people we thought were coming, didn't come. While we generally do well with tourism, we need to divorce our dependency on others (tourists) in order to harden our livelihood. There are so many ways, reasons, and events, which are out of our control, which could (and has) easily left many locals struggling, hurting, and closing down, in this spectrum, due to these unforseen circumstances. We need to come up with creative solutions to boost our local economy independently of tourism. Tourism should be seen as an added benefit, not necessity.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
239	Of course, tourism should be maximized, but we shouldn't have to try to float through winter from the deep pockets of the summer visitors. We need to develop businesses that serve islanders and help facilitate basic needs. One example is clothing. We have only two types of clothing stores on the island - thrift shops and boutique$$$. When we need basic clothing, we have to go off-island to find affordable options, or buy online and ship them in. There are basic needs that our community needs for itself that are not being met.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
240	Tourism is faddish and unpredictable. Better to incentivize an islands-wide self sufficient economic policy	11/6/2017 11:01 AM
241	"Maximize economic return" is a very dangerous goal. I'd suggest something less strong...	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
242	Tourism must be managed carefully, achieving a balance that honors our residents and the limited resources available in the community.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
243	Our fragile islands must somehow limit tourists numbers. How many tourists is enough? At what point, do they stress our fragile ecosystem? what about our quality of life? I think we're about maxed out number wise.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
244	Tourism is great, but we do not currently have the infrastructure to support it. Without devoting time, energy and resources on updating our infrastructure (i.e waste water treatment, sewage, roads, bike lanes/ shoulders, transportation, etc) we are only going to exacerbate our current problems.	11/6/2017 10:04 AM
245	Change to "Welcome only low-impact tourism not available on the mainland."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
246	It's tourism that will eventually bankrupt this county.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
247	Tourism is a seasonal economy. I would like to see us encourage other economies that do not necessarily increase traffic to the San Juans. But I do believe we should take advantage of the tourist dollars to offset the impact of tourism.	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
248	Like it or not, our main economic drivers are tourism and second home occupancy. The county should maximize the financial benefits and limit the resource demands on our fragile environment lest we sacrifice environmental sustainability. Tourists are not coming to see shoreline development, crowded villages, or farmland developed into condominiums. The natural feel of our county must be maintained to continue to appeal to visitors and part time residents so that we can continue to harvest the bountiful crop of tourist dollars and contributions financial and social from our part timers.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
249	We should have an all of the above economic development strategy	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
250	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM

251	The plan must absolutely not endorse any further increase in tourism or maximizing profits from tourism. On the contrary, the plan must include guidelines on how to fix the problems the recent increase tourism has created, and signifacantly reduce funding of tourism promoting organizations and activities. Tourism has a high transportation greenhouse gas footprint, is highly unsustainable at this point in time of global warming progresssion, and the wrong industry for the islands to bet their future on. Investing in tourism infrastructure is a losing proposition for the common good, and an extremely short-sighted policy in the effort of moving toward carbon neutral economies.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
252	we do need tourism to survive economically	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
253	welcome tourism but keep it contained. Maximize economic return on tourism, but limit tourism	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
254	Tourism should have some limits put in place, strict limits on vacation rentals, B&B and resort space will help preserve our community and protect our quality of life. No other industry is allowed unchecked growth.	11/5/2017 10:12 AM
255	Maximize is a scary word in this context	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
256	Horde tourism should be discouraged - no cruise ships! Small scale environmentally focused only!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
257	Need to address the impact of tourism on island culture and resources, like water and traffic. Need limits on things like vacation rentals.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
258	traditional agricultural??? like 1930? what?	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
259	My sense is that tourism is maxed out in SJC. Increasing the number of visitors during prime season will turn the islands into. Disneyland experiences. Resources such as hotels and restaurants are maxed out. Making space for more visitors will increase conversion to short-Term rentals, exacerbating the affordable housing challenges.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
260	Tourism is important, but there is also the concept of maximum carrying capacity for the islands, in order to retain the rural character	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
261	Ads to attract tourists should emphasize rural, quiet, etc. The visitors I see seem to respect that, but I'm not sure they were prepared in advance for what we offer.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
262	Tourism is a cancer and ruins most if not all paradises. Our village elders have wrongly encouraged tourism and our treasured nature sites are overrun in the summer. Why do we need little shops and numerous AirBNBs? How many residents does this actually support? With the world as it is 75% of the focus should be on maritime and agriculture and the arts. To feed our community and nourish it intellectually. Focus on attracting writers and artists and fisherman and farmers.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
263	We don't need a "diverse" economy, we need an "appropriate, sustainable" economy. Non-destructive, sustainable tourism consistent with the islands' primarily rural character would be good.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
264	tourism only gives economic return to a few at the expence of the community	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
265	Tourism exists and must be accomodated but promoting tourism should not be a SJC priority. SJC should prohibit any additional vacation rentals and dscontinue all tourism promotions.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
266	We need to ask ourselves: How much tourism is too much? We do not want want to risk harming the nature of our islands.	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
267	I think the commitment to tourism is over the top and at the cost of quality of life. We must reduce it and return support and focus to local production and community.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
268	Our quality of life and the health and welfare of our community and residents are suffering due to excessive tourism and the predominance of part time residents. Tourism will always be a part of our economy, but we need to focus on creating and encouraging businesses with good paying, year round jobs - not on bringing in more tourists and more seasonal, low paying jobs.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
269	Welcome eco tourism. Motorized cars and boats are not eco tourism.	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
270	Summer tourism is important but over-emphasized and worshiped because so many in power and business ownership want it so. Summers are longer and tourists thickening like locusts to the point that locals avoid town and hunker down. How can that be a "community vision"?	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
271	I don't see how maximizing tourism is really the answer. These little islands cannot support the flood of tourists that are ever increasing. Support of the arts, cottage industry, ag and maritime sectors would encourage economic health	11/3/2017 3:23 PM

272	I believe the Airbnb & VRBO industry is directly involved with increasing the cost of homes and driving up the rental market prices	11/3/2017 1:18 PM
273	Tourism is important to our economy, but should not be "maximized" for return to the county. Tourism should be managed to protect the natural environment and well being of residents. Tourism should focus on the natural beauty and unique brand of the San Juans. Tourism supported by outside investment, which is based on volume, cheap experiences, and the built envionment should be discouraged.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
274	right now, it feels that residents can't wait until the tourists leave, which is unwelcoming. Places such as the farmer's market are underdeveloped, with few places to sit - it all feels as though the city can't be bothered to create a welcoming environment. The towns of Bainbridge island would be a good example of what to emulate.	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
275	Yes, but while also welcoming job creators from sectors that would help build non-service, non-tourist based employment.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
276	tourism is the natural friend to the islands and the support of most economic sectors, it also does not heavily impose on our most expensive resource schools Its pays heavily into county coffers	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
277	Everything in balance. Tourism and high end housing (with landscaping) damage the environment at the expense of a vital and productive agricultural sector and the health of our marine environment.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
278	For a community so dependent on tourism, its stunning how unwelcoming many residents are towards our "life blood. I support embracing and maximizing tourist instead of trying to find another alternative.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
279	Tourism requires expanded infrastructure that unfairly burdens local taxpayers.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
280	use tourism to help the economy, not overrun the economy and the islands	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
281	Tourism is taking over and compromising so much of what we all love of these islands. We need more emphasis on other economic drivers that can support our local communities, while also benefiting from tourism	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
282	Tourism has always flourished over the past 50-60 years. The county needs to support tourism but focus on encouraging other industries which provide economic stability to our communities.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
283	Putting one's eggs in only one basket is a major mistake. One of our biggest tourists attractions, which the whale watch/naturalists industry is driving to extinction, will be gone in 10 years or so. What do you think will happen to tourism as an economic driver at that point?!?!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
284	agro-tourism, eco-tourism, art-experience tourism nature/education/experience tourism will play a great role in educating and preserving our character and community and we must support creative ideas to emerge and financial thrive	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
285	We cannot economically survive without tourism, much as the influx of strangers in our midst drives us nuts. But the agricultural and maritime sectors must be enhanced (not just "preserved" as in a museum) fo not only a balanced economy but also a balanced community particularly over the winter.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
286	Take into account the stress that tourism places on the local infrastructure which includes the ferry's, roads, housing and everything else that is needed. The local agriculture base must not suffer.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
287	Tourism is a major economic asset which supports key services on the islands for residents.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
288	Tourism is a very clean industry.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
289	without destroying local charm and island terrain	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
290	Save the orcas!!	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
291	Tourism is a given and does not need to be encouraged. Agriculture, however, does need to be encouraged, especially in light of climate change.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
292	Today, the County's entire economy is based upon tourism. The remaining economic sectors simply support the main economic engine, and the other sectors would fail without tourism. Any attempt to diversify the economy must be governed/limited based on what impact that diversification would have on tourism.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM

293	The term maximize should be replaced with optimize, because where that "return" is placed is critical to success... some should be governmental, much should be private enterprize	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
294	Expanding tourism doesn't diversify economic sectors.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
295	Balance and integrate the tourism with other more traditional sectors, the recent farm tour event is a great example of one way to do that. Studio Tours, Farm to Table... all of these are very good examples to meshing the two. They are not mutually exclusive.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
296	This is a death knell to the islands. Why would anyone want to do this? It is soul killing. Tourism supports low wage jobs and over use of infrastructure. Visitors will always be welcome but we do not need to encourage. Ag and cottage industries need support.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
297	We must cap B&B's and tourism. Lopez misbecoming unliveable in the summer.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
298	Tourism is great but does not offer full year round employment. Small "industry" should be encouraged., cottage industries and maybe small manufacturing concerns.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
299	Reality. Deal with it. How long has it been since ag and maritime were the leading economic drivers of the county, if ever?	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
300	We need to incorporate the tourism sector but we also need to communicate to the outside world and the future generation that we understand the limits our county will experience. Thus providing guidance to future planning the next generation will face.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
301	I guess I don’t know how to interpret this. Yes, tourism and a growing retiree community will continue to play an important role in our islands. But it has to be in balance with our traditional sectors (e.g, farming) as well as new industries that take advantage with our local resources and institutions (e.g., growing a biotechnology industry leveraging the Friday Harbor Labs. By the way, Saltspring Island has done a masterful job marrying their local farming and ranching industries with tourism.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
302	Not sure how we control tourism.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
303	Keep the money local, please.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
304	Tourism = low paid jobs that can't afford housing	11/1/2017 4:43 PM
305	The tourism sector needs limitations related to transportation. It needs to be developed more in off seasons.	11/1/2017 4:22 PM
306	Economic diversity is important but you can't legislate it on and off the islands. We should be open to opportunities but realistic as to what we have and when it is done well. tourism adds to our economy, community and environment.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
307	To preserve the rural nature of the county from being overwhelmed and irreversibly altered by tourism, the county needs to craft workable solutions to guide, and limit, the impacts of non-full time residents, i.e., recreational visitors, part-time property owner visitors, commercial visitors such as food and equipment suppliers, contractors, professionals, etc. who provide services and goods on a non-overnight basis.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
308	While tourism does peripherally benefit ag and marine sectors (e.g., increased sales at the farmer's market) those benefits are strictly seasonal.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q15 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, participants noted that there is much work to do related to the economy. Specifically, participants mentioned a desire to diversify economic sectors. Tourism has become a significant economic influence, eclipsing traditional agricultural and maritime sectors. In response, the plan must…Contain tourism impacts to areas best suited to accommodate them.

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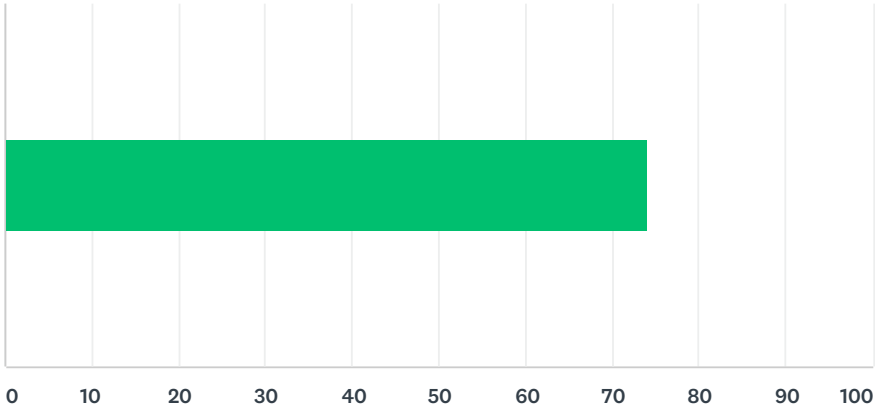

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1	100	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	90	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
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7	90	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	87	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
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10	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	30	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	75	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
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15	85	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	0	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q16 Comments?

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1	I don't understand the tourism impacts that are being referred to	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	Contain tourism in general to numbers that don't have an adverse impacts on resources. And provide an educational program/system to inform tourists of the ecological sensitivity of our Islands (helping to protect and conserve prescious resources).	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	I agree except that we should encourage agritourism and modify policies to make it easier for farms to set themselves up to be well-suited to accommodate the added impacts that agritourism brings. For instance this may require added infrastructure and parking on a farm.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Contain tourism in general to numbers that don't have an adverse impact on resources. And provide a strong educational program to inform tourists of the ecological sensitivity of our islands and how they can help protect and preserve the islands.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	Welcome low-impact, experiential tourism to maximize economic, social and environmental return to the County.	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	Eco and agritourism should be embraced	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
7	Keep most of it in town	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
8	What an impossible statement! We must manage tourist expectations better and provide better infrastructure to mitigate what will be an increasing number of tourists even though there are effective limits of ferry capacity and lodging availability.	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
9	Is this even possible? There are groups and individuals selling the San Juans every single day. They are not going to stop creating a buzz to bring folks here as long as there is money to be made. Businesses and realtors drive the activity and impacts and we all have to live with that. They need to dial it down.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
10	Contain, indeed. There needs to be a change in mindset about tourism promotion which is currently "killing the golden egg" that brings folks here in the first place.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
11	Curious to know what these areas are...	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
12	As the tourist population increases we must minimize its impact on environmental degradation. Encourage development of eco-tourism and farm-tourism (i.e. make some of our farms tourist destinations.) We can also minimize the number of cars on the islands by offering shuttles with bike racks to pick up at the ferry landings.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
13	See my comment above.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
14	Add: "...as well as distribute tourism impacts temporally to minimize straining our islands' basic infrastructure and protect fresh water resources."	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	Too wishy-washy. What are tourism impacts, vs. non-tourism impacts? What do we mean by "contain"? Orcas Island's notorious "Keep Out" signs have already been featured in national media. If we only mean that we need to balance tourism with other needs, fine. We can say that.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
16	Yes, much better idea.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
17	As noted above, agriculture is not an important part of the local economy (consult the State economic activity reports) nor does it provide an adequate living income for very many islanders. It is, however, very very important to preserving the rural character and providing the quality of life many island families treasure. The danger is that the new regulations under the GMA Critical Areas will slowly stifle most island agriculture. The loss is rural ambiance, esthetics that support tourism destination decisions, choices of whether to choose the islands for retirement or second homes (construction).	11/30/2017 1:56 PM

18	What does that mean? I think it's fine to have tourists around. They help us put our best foot forward, they give us money, and they keep our ideas fresh. What is crazy is what locals do to attract tourists. Loud bling is not part of the character of the islands. Let's have sailboat tours, not jetski rentals. Let's invite tourists to our concerts and shows, and make it easy for them to get there without driving. If areas are remote and should stay untouched, let's put up signs that say so, provide trash cans and trash pick-up, and if possible, set up volunteer programs so that these areas can be patrolled by knowledgeable docents. Lopez's Iceberg Point has such a program that seems sane.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
19	True that tourism should be managed to minimize negative impacts. But tourism is essential to our economy. And we residents do not have a right to exclude others, do not allow the pull up the drawbridge mentality to destroy the importance tourism plays to our economy. There can be a balance between sustainable tourism and keeping the county from becoming just a set at Disneyland.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
20	How do you "contain" impacts of tourism. Keep in town? They still use water from toe of Mt. Dallas. The appeal of the islands aren't the commercial districts, it's the landscape and people want to be out in it. There is a minimal amount of true public space on the islands and that's where everyone is already going in addition to the commercial districts. How or where do we pull back? This is an impossible notion to implement and seems unrealistic. Why pretend its a guiding principle for the plan?	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
21	Containing tourism will ruin the islands. It's what makes them so great.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
22	Too much whale watching	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
23	"Containing tourism" does nothing to boost other areas of economic development. It only harms those who depend on the industry to get by. It would also harm all residents if tourism decreased, leading the stores, restaurants, wedding businesses, etc. that depend on tourism to potentially fail and leaving our community the poorer for it.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
24	Need to clarify intent here.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
25	Diversify tourism activities beyond whale watching, agro-tourism and locally produced agriculture based value added production and more support for on farm tourism experiences.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
26	Im not sure what this statement is trying to say.	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
27	I don't think that our local government should be telling the tourism businesses how to operate. I think that the island businesses are doing a great job of governing themselves. Illegal rentals should be cracked down on but if a tourist related company is operating in an ethical manor, we should leave them alone	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
28	This comment vague - not sure what it actually means in real life.	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
29	our islands have a fragile infrastructure! in the last 20 years there have been so many changes and GROWTH, at a rate that is NOT sustainable! we need to be very careful as to where we put our energy, in the short term or in the long term?	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
30	As a restaurant owner for 22 years, I have seen the nature of the tourists and visitors change significantly. Responsible, leave no trace types of naturalists and adventurers have been eclipsed by people simply getting away from life on the mainland. While I have plenty of sympathy for these folks, they tend to be less aware of environmental realities and the fragility of ecosystems. The waste of paper products at my restaurant increases exponentially on heavy tourist weekends like the recent Thanksgiving holiday. Some kinds of restraints/disincentives are certainly necessary to curb the oblivious behaviors of those unfamiliar with an environment not designed for consumerism, that is, the natural world.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
31	This sounds suspicious. How do you plan to do it?	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
32	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
33	Picking winners and losers. This is a dangerous statement. Some would want to protect their investments creating more barriers to enter the business. This hurts us all. MOST properties should be able to participate in our #1 industry. It equals more jobs. Stuffing everything into the Hamlets is not the answer. Further, if I do not own land in a hamlet I can not participate.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM

34	Agree. Money from tourism will push out less profitable industries like agriculture. If we do not preserve the rural nature of our islands, who will? If developers are given free reign, will the San Juan Islands become the Hilton Head of the Northwest?	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
35	...which I think would be in the Village, the state parks for camping...and in the future, provide bicycle lanes adjacent to the county roads. With increased bicycle traffic I think we definitely need to think about bike lanes as a necessary safety feature.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
36	This is a tiny county - how do you propose to limit impacts of tourism? With vacation rentals everywhere the impact is widespread and all encompassing from the ferry traffic to our sewer systems. Tourism dominates our resources for 4 -6 months of the year. They eat, drink and "waste" here, while benefiting very few locals. And the tax dollars landowners pay are literally paving the road for them. The cost is high to most, the benefit little as I see it.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
37	This is easier said then done. How do you keep locals from bringing friends and family, who are visitors/tourists, to places they know about and love. Once a place is public it's difficult to keep anyone from visiting. You can choose to not promote it nor provide parking and amenities but folks will still find their way to special spots.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
38	I think we need to much more thoughtful about how we welcome tourism. For example on my island (Lopez) cycle tourism is heavily marketed but actually our roads are unsafe and difficult to navigate. I cycle everywhere and do not own a car so I know first hand that the road shoulder is frequently eroded and dangerous, there is no shoulder at all on most of the roads I use and I am often given no space by car drivers who have not been educated on cycle safety. This is just one example of an area where we push tourism in a way we have not adequately prepared for. We should at least have a safe cycle lane if we are going to push for scores of inexperienced cyclists to travel here daily!	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
39	Yes, limit the tourist areas to areas "best suited" but also limiting actual # of tourists on island at any one time...by limiting "tourist beds". It is not just a "which island, which neighborhood" concern regarding tourists we need to limit there #. There won't be anything left for tourists to see if we let them come to the islands' with the limiting factor being only their tourist pocketbooks!	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
40	Contain tourism impacts to areas best suited to accommodate them AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTE TOURISM IMPACTS TEMPORALLY TO MINIMIZE STRAINING OUR ISLANDS' BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
41	In town	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
42	good idea, whatever it means	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
43	No loss of agricultural land to tourism, but do allow rural ag-related tourism and education. No massive developments. Encourage bicycle tourism, make roads safer for bikes. Encourage public transportation, and focus on support for electric vehicles and move away from fossil fuel car oriented tourism. Support no discharge zones for boats, have more sewage pumpout stations for boats. Speed limits for boats, and more restrictive protocols when near whales. Avoid oil spills, keep tankers out of the Salish Sea.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
44	Yes!!! I continuously see the Visitor's Bureau advertising for people to come to the island during the "off season" but the memo did not arrive to the business as many are closed. I have heard a lot of disappointment from tourists as things are over promised and severely under delivered.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
45	How is one supposed to interpret such ambiguous statements? What are the "areas best suited"? How can one answer without knowing this?	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
46	I'd add "mitigate the impacts of tourism, and reduce the amount of marketing money that we spend chasing tourists."	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
47	I think there will be many debates about what constitutes "best suited."	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
48	Resist the impulse to "downzone" and limit land use opportunities, rather, increase specific "good neighbor" practices like limits to light pollution, adequate off-street parking, screening requirements for infrastructure, noise ordinances 9am-9pm, transferable development rights, land bank credit swaps, and etc.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
49	This needs to be balance by strengthening the ability of areas to properly handle increased visitation. Increased investment in infrastructure (restrooms, interpretive signage, visitor education, trails development/maintenance) can vastly increase the carrying capacity of our lands. And can disperse visitors so that we don't have 'sacrifice zones' that take the brunt of visitation. In the internet age we cannot assume that hidden treasures will remain unknown. We need to make sure that they are managed in a way to allow visitors to enjoy them and learn from them.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM

50	San Juan Island seems best located and equipped for most.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
51	How can this be acheived?	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
52	The allowance of vacation rentals for serving tourism has created adverse impacts with the rural residential nature of our neighborhoods. The cat is already out of the bag on this one.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
53	How does one contain “tourism impacts” when the tourist driven AirBNB, Vicasa and other scattered highly profitable vacation rentals wreck havoc on affordable long-term rental housing for hard working families?	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
54	not about containment this is a skewed " survey"	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
55	We must never encourage tourism, only minimize the damage that it causes. Who in our collective community gets to choose which tourism is suited to Lopez?	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
56	I would like to see tourism held at the current level or reduced.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
57	Tourists can be a boon, but also a burden. They do not stick around to see the impacts of their activities.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
58	Don't buy the line that bike tours support the island ecomony. They don't on Lopez I checked	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
59	Don't know how you would achieve this.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
60	Tourism impacts on resident life and the environment, as well as failure to follow laws and regulations should be limited as much as possible.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
61	see 14	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
62	Contain tourism to Friday Harbor, Orcas, and parts of San Juan that want tourism. Keep tourism off the park land, esp. fragile areas on the south end of Lopez.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
63	Tourism containment makes no sense in this context. If it has become the key economic activity, it should be managed for growth to it's potential	11/28/2017 6:00 PM
64	“Contain” is a dirty word. We need to encourage and plan for tourist entertainment and learning. Please don’t assume “tourists” equal “impacts.”	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
65	Explore new ways to accommodate tourism interests in a way that protects and sustains the natural heritage. Innovation is an opportunity and does not necessarily sacrifice the environment. Actually it can head off actions that might otherwise threaten areas as more people are exposed to what is at stake	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
66	There are certain areas in these islands which should be off limits to human activities except for research and maintenance. Many places in he islands are being trampled due to their popularity with tourist (and locals)....we should do better to steward our best of the best ecological habitats here.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
67	Not sure I understand this statement. ??	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
68	Whale watching from land should be promoted, and the county needs to create a safe no-boat SJI westside preserve for the whales to forage without harassment.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
69	Tourism can undermine islands' character and communities, as studies have shown. Careful thought needs to be put into how to contain tourism without shaming it. Why no reference to the vacation rentals here? If this is what the commenters are aiming at, there should be a plan element for where vacation rentals should be and conditions of their use. A new rural destination resort would be a bad idea.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
70	I would much rather see energy put into maximizing traditional agricultural and maritime sectors. They need all the help they can get!	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
71	In my opinion such confinement is not necessary and will not be effective	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
72	This states that we believe tourists will do damage to our environment. We are all tourists out in the world and we must declare that we don't do damage else where and we expect our visitors to do the same, with respect. We can't box in our tourists, and keep them only in smaller areas. Spreading them out is the best for land conservation. See the Land Bank's studies.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
73	Not a very informative or meaningful goal. You might as well say: Put tourism activities in the right place and not in the wrong place. Also, this goal is completely contradictory to whale preservation and reducing whale watching impacts.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM

74	Containment with community input.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
75	Not sure about this - I don't think tourism can be truly successful if it is contained within artificially-created boundaries...	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
76	tourists like to see authentic lives, make sure there are jobs and livlihoods and housing for people who choose to make this place their home and then people will come to participate and contribute.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
77	What does that mean?	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
78	Tourism that is learning-based can bring tourists into the broader community	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
79	This isn't the answer to curbing the nonsustainable aspects of an over-reliance on tourism.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
80	This is in direct conflict with he previous goal: one does not "welcome" tourism and then "contain" it.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
81	Yes, good addition. This is along the much-lauded ideals of the Leave No Trace program.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
82	Education also needs to be a big part of this.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
83	Encourage the WSF to create and incorporate best practices into ferry services that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase recycling and composting rates, and increase the climate resilience of ferry transit to increase the reliability of service in the long term. Bicycling and mopeds are important modes of transportation used by residents and visitors to the islands. Bicycling in particular is a zero-emission alternative that can help further the County's climate change mitigation efforts and that can be more affordable than vehicular travel. Increases in the numbers of bicycling enthusiasts and recreational tour groups, as well as the use of mopeds, requires planning for the development of transportation facilities and operations that promote safe travelling experiences for all users and benefit the local economy.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
84	skip this...	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
85	And have an understanding of the carrying capacity of our natural places, local businesses and local culture so we can manage our tourism promotion and education efforts to meet those goals.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
86	begrudgingly.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
87	See above. Encouraging people to visit w/o vehicles will assist local transportaton businesses to prosper. Encourages folks in lodging to collaberate w/ nature tour, transportation people, etc. Local farmers need help - so much potential in the "slow food" movement. Could co. govt. help with finding grant $?	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
88	And discourage tourism that consumes the environment. Greyhound sized buses should not be allowed on Lopez. Scale is important. Some tourism should not exist at all. We must provide the infrastructure to support the tourism we have (bike lanes, public restrooms) before we encourage more.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
89	not sure what containing tourism means	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
90	LIMIT TOURISM to conserve our resources.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
91	Limit tourism to what is sustainable to each island community. Increased tourism should be measure against how much water we have available, how many temporary rental units already exist, so we do not strain our basic infrastructure. Tourism should not be the only economic activity the county promotes. More support of year round jobs should be included in our economic plans.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
92	as well as distribute tourism impacts temporally to minimize straining our islands' basic infrastructure."	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
93	Tourism needs to be frozen at 2017 levels during the summer.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
94	This statement doesn't say anything.....	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
95	This sounds as though the County would want to contain tourism to the main islands San Juan, Orcas and Lopez. What would this mean for these islands? Is this a fair and sustainable means to deal with tourism impacts?	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
96	What's the alternative? To allow tourism to thrive in areas that are NOT suited to accommodate them? These are not real questions. The real question here is: how do we achieve these results that everyone agrees are desirable?	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
97	none	11/22/2017 9:02 PM

98	Expand uses of RFF zoned land to allow argo-tourism including outright 'Yes' uses of RFF for Agriculture related activities, including value added production of agricultural products.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
99	as well as distribute tourism impacts temporally to minimizing straining our islands' basic infrastructure.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
100	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
101	Definitely best for tourism to be where it is able to be best accommodated, but that can always change. I would like to see more camp grounds in the islands.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
102	See above. Tourism should focus on what is here, not what this place can be turned into.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
103	Contain and decide just how much tourism we want to accommodate	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
104	If we want to continue to be a real place with diverse and creative residents, we need to be able to say "no" to tourism many places.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
105	Vacation rentals must be limited.	11/19/2017 8:49 AM
106	Can't really answer answer this question with out knowing what you mean by the areas best suited. Does this mean promoting more whale watching? Ick! Encourage an ever growing throng of bicyclists? Ick! Promote our beautiful place with easy to find vacation rentals? Ick! What the council and other folk who work in the government seem to keep forgetting is that while we need to direct tourism, it does not need help growing. As long as we remain an thriving, interesting, agricultural, musical and crafty community those tourists WILL COME. What our question has been, and it still remains unanswered, is at what point will our county use a model of stabilization rather than an ever expanding growth model. If we don't, all of these housing and environmental issues (and the palatable contention that comes with them) will continue to be as strong and present as ever.	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
107	Good in theory, but how does that work. They still all come on the ferries.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
108	See comments above.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
109	We live in a beautiful marine environment and should strive to keep it healthy. There are many resident species and native plants that feel the strain of increased eco tourism.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
110	Stop spending public money advertising for more tourism, which imposes financial costs and loss of quality of life on residents. Limit vacation rentals everywhere and especially in residential	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
111	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
112	Sustainable tourism? The impact of tourism is on resources is hard to measure. We should try to recover the cost all of it; not strive to be an "affordable" place to visit.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
113	Bud out.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
114	Tourism development should be left to market forces.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
115	it is not at all clear what you are asking!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
116	Once again, education can go a long way to help people to understand what they can do to help hang onto what environment that we still have.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
117	The impact and sustainability of whale watching cannot be ignored in relation to this. Although, I am not entirely in agreement with the activity of off shore whale watching, it remains that if we do not act to save the orcas, that part of the tourism industry will inevitably fail.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
118	Who determines "best suited"?	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
119	I do not know how the county could do this and I am worried about what attempts they might make to do so.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
120	Friday Harbor should emphasize pedestrians and ferry walk-ons. Remove parking spaces, narrow the streets, widen the sidewalks. Build apartments above those one-story shops. Fill in those vacant lots.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
121	What does this even mean? Sacrifice zones?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
122	This goal is stated in a restrictive manner.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
123	Containment is the perfect word. Let's stop the spread and revitalize the community before the disease kills us.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM

124	see above	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
125	True, but private rentals like AirBnB, woofing, and work trade should be allowed to exist. This allows for intimacy for mainlanders visiting with the people and systems within the Island. Also it empowers the residence of the county and allows for them to gain more of the economic benefit.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
126	Why aren't kayak guide companies charged to launch from San Juan Park?	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
127	sounds good...otherwise, we aren't rural anymore.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
128	Sure, easy to say. But if you define a tourist as someone who stops his bicycle in the middle of the road to take a picture of a deer or wonders down across the middle of main street stopping traffic then where would the suitable area to accommodate them be.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
129	Duh. I feel like you probably wasted a couple brain cells on that.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
130	Odd that... not sure if the statement is a zoning improvement observation or if it is a crowd control reference. The challenge with tourism is that it needs to be supported with infrastructure and accommodation, but does not lend itself to containment, unless the preferred locations are well designed and enticing..	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
131	The County certainly would want to plan where and how to increase tourism, not simply encourage everywhere, which would certainly negatively impact agriculture and other activities in some areas.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
132	One of the impacts of tourism is development. Containing this impact within urban growth areas would be appropriate. Save farmland for farmers, both present and future.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
133	I'd love to x4 non-resident drive-on ferry tolls to decrease non-resident traffic influx (esp during summer); this would require significant public infrastructure & transit as well as a few rural commercial centers (grocers, etc). I'm not sure what other mode of containment would be viable, beyond prohibitive zoning.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
134	What are these areas?	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
135	I'm for tourism being aimed at the existing tourism infrastructure. However, I'm open to other ideas about tourism if they have a positive or neutral environmental impact.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
136	Again, hostility to tourism, such as keep them on the other islands...and the local businesses fold.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
137	tourism should be discouraged, the islands are already suffering degradation	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
138	While some may want a cruise ship to come to Lopez island, this is not in-line with our culture. Gearing our economy to tourism will very quickly drive out year round families and their businesses and the affordability of living here.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
139	Yes. Avoid large developments that would negatively impact the environment or the community connections on the islands. Community and quality of life should always come before economic gain.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
140	overly restrictive policy and planning can backfire	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
141	have to support change too	11/12/2017 9:43 AM
142	It would be great to keep tourism in the UGA and hamlets/village centers.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
143	The market does this fine.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
144	What does "contain tourism" mean?	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
145	Containment to places like La Conner or Mt. Vernon would be great. Tourism, unchecked, will be the end of SJ County as it currently exists.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
146	We have to keep some special places secrets.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
147	Same answer as above at 14	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
148	There needs to be better beach access on all the islands. I understand the desire for privacy but to cut off access to shorelines owned by the state to create solitude is wrong.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
149	Please create some balance to the support of economic development. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could attract a few businesses to the islands that embrace sustainable practices, pay living wages and contribute to a diverse society? Tourism will likely always have a place at the table but over emphasizing its role does not seem wise.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM

150	This is the problem with the increase of Air BNB rentals. They are sometimes located in sensitive areas. These need to be regulated. They not only cause problems in communities, but they influence real estate in a way that is not healthy for full time residents.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
151	Inconsistent with actual economic realities. "Containing" tourism is NIMBY-ism writ large. Recognize that the tourism economy is dictated by economics, and if tourists are made to feel "contained," they won't come here. Just look at the effect of the ferry problems last summer.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
152	"tourism impacts" needs to be better defined. Is the business involved with exploring our environment, is it involved with selling t-shirts and memorabilia?	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
153	Limiting tourism is not about limiting areas best suited. As long as the islands are available to the public, the public will come when it chooses. The key is to encourage that portion of the public that will respect our islands and discourage those who would be inconsiderate of the fragile nature of the islands.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
154	Do not encourage more tourism	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
155	This sounds like a plan to concentrate tourists in more urban areas which just concentrates the pollution in those areas. The goal should be to reduce the sheer number of human beings using fuel to move around the islands.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
156	Need to be more flexible.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
157	This is analogous to San Francisco and Fishermen's Wharf where that city made a concerted effort to contain tourism.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
158	q	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
159	Really, how. Offer ferry tours only?	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
160	see previous comment	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
161	I think that means we need to regulate the growth of the Air B&B-type vacation rentals. They need to have the same limit as the ADU's in the county. Most importantly, they need to be not only to be regulated, but, even more importantly, the regulations need to be enforced! This means that the county needs to gather all the relevant data first. Make the commitment and the effort!	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
162	Again, consider how to manage vacation rentals.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
163	This will help preserve the rural character of the islands. I imagine those areas "best suited" will be the towns, which will make them less tolerable to locals who are unaccustomed to traffic and congestion. Perhaps we should also be encouraging our "traditional" sectors as well, so that our economy isn't so lopsided.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
164	Yes. There have been so many negative interactions between visitors and our locals which I have experienced, seen, and heard of quite a bit. While we have a nice playground, we do also live and work here. People who dish out big bucks for a vacation here do not always make their impact a priority, nor do they have consideration of the outcome of their actions on our islands, due to the diversity of visitors. There needs to be more visitor awareness and responsibility for their impact to our islands and people. We are much different from the mainland US, despite our Statehood. There are major issues with in town businesses, being granted verbal permission from other business owners, for use of their business' parking space. My friend who owns a construction company had granted a couple spaces to a close by local business owner, and that said business owner parked vehicles in a manner which blocked in my friends from being able to move their work vehicles and run their business. There was a verbal attack involved and this is just not kosher. People are becoming vicious as they do not have the resources to safely, responsibly, and respectfully run their businesses in the center of town. There needs to be more regulation and consideration of the impact that certain businesses have, in a down town/in town area with limited vehicle space. If they cannot respectfully run their businesses without hurting others around them, they should seek another more suitable spot for such said type of businesses. Parking space is a premium here, now. We need to address our vehicle space issues and come up with a diverse, creative plan to solve them.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
165	Also strong Ed programs to teach tourists how to be good stewards while in the San Juans.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
166	Change to "Contain tourism impacts to areas already able to accommodate them."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
167	If we are to survive as a community we need to diminish our reliance on tourism and return to a more agricultural and maritime based economy.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
168	Agree. See my comments in section 14, above.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM

169	people are coming to enjoy our natural and human attributes. It will always be limited due to ferries and lodging. Welcome all. It is a human virtue	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
170	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
171	The impact of tourism cannot be contained within certain areas. Even if it were containable, this containment would not improve economic activity in traditional agricultural and maritime sectors because there other factors have contributed to their decline.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
172	How to define “best suited”? Villages and hamlets need to retain their character, tourists come for the nature not to be concentrated in kitschy t-shirt and trinket shops!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
173	It’s not just the locations that matter, it’s the activities, like unlimited vacation rentals.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
174	but not to the extent that it is a detriment to neighborhoods or rural areas	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
175	See response above	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
176	How the hell do you 'Contain tourism impacts to areas...'? This is a wee island do you expect visitors to stay in the village? Coastal areas treasured by locals are unbearable during summer... stop promoting Lopez. As an aside being designated a national monument has done more harm than good. People like traveling to national monuments. And as you can see retail spots aren't sustainable in Lopez and come and go. The Butterfly Lady doesn't even sell anymore, couldn't make a living of it during the summer and def not the winter. She uses the space as a salon. Tourists come here to be in nature and there ain't enough nature to share. Sorry that's the way it is. And promoting economic growth will only exacerbate this. I know we are liberal do gooders, I am, but we also have to take care of ourselves. This island is a retreat not a stop on the tourist map.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
177	well, this seems a little autocratic. I would say accommodate tourism that enhances the islands' primarily rural and cooperative character and requirement of sustainable activities.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
178	tourism impacts must be positive for the community or eliminated	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
179	Manage tourism by keeping tourism related resources in UGAs and those public lands that can accomodate tourism (e.g., hotels, motels, B&Bs, federal, state, and county parks)	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
180	I don't know what the above means. We can "accommodate" tourism but it doesn't mean this level of it is desirable. We must return to focus more on local economy and housing.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
181	We need to minimize the impact of tourists on residentially zoned neighborhoods by prohibiting new vacation rentals, and phasing out existing vacation rentals.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
182	StTement is vague	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
183	allow people to air b& b Their house if it is their primary residence so more tourist can come and pay a price that fits their budget	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
184	The County needs to create some campgrounds for family camping and bike tours that can be contracted out and maintained as high quality experiences outside of Town	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
185	Best just to limit the numbers.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
186	I don't feel that the city or county provides much encouragement in any work sector right now. They tolerate but don't project a positive vibe towards business or tourism.	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
187	Tourist is not a dirty word. These are people coming to enjoy and appreciate our corner of the world. In the least the word "contain" needs to changed, but I think the whole policy should be reworked. Lets find a way to address the impacts in a way that creates year round employment, and the tourists pay for it.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
188	Contain ? Control activities?	11/3/2017 5:40 AM
189	strict scrutiny	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
190	Tourism has a heavy impact on the health of our island environment.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
191	I'm OK with including tourist oriented activity throughout, and not limiting it to specific areas	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
192	Should "contain" tourism not just to where but as to how much.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
193	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
194	Defining "areas best suited to tourism" is a challenge given the small geography of our islands. I do not support cruise ships.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM

195	Yes and that would be the mainland not here!!!!!!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
196	this is a weird statement-what does it mean? keep hotels/bnbs, etc only in town? no, be real, like europe...create/foster/inspire creative endeavours and businesses-people come here because it is unique	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
197	There is no reason why we should not share or show our agricultural and maritime sectors to visitors. There is limited social health in an ingrown community and younger people should be encouraged to show the larger world their capabilities.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
198	find ways to limit tourists and their impact. As a trail monitor I see the huge increase in trail usage on Lope alone.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
199	We do not need to create onerous policies to restrict a key economic driver. We should use income from tourism to boost other sectors of the economy to provide year-round economic health and resilience.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
200	Different activities require different locations. We cannot locate all tourism activities to Town and established Parks.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
201	don't pave the island as a launch pad for kayaks	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
202	A repeat.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
203	There is a maximum of tourism that as islands we can accommodate for water, septic, parking, roadways, and garbage. If that means we need to limit tourism, then so be it. At least keep the impacts where there is adequate infrastructure.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
204	Limiting tourism is an ignorant approach to the reality of the County's economy. All other economic sectors are support for those lucky enough to work directly in the tourism sector. Increasing the areas for tourism activities will grow all other economic sectors via the support role those sectors provide to the tourism sector.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
205	We should contain all uses of the islands to areas best suited for them, not just tourism related activities. This is a very bigoted approach.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
206	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
207	The islands are too small to "contain" tourism. Balanced integration is the key.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
208	Friday Harbor seems to want tourists - so be it.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
209	What is the alternative? How do you diversify enough to replace what tourism generates?	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
210	We need to contain, limit and reduce the number of tourists we get.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
211	We NEED farm and intern housing for our farms and workers.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
212	Tourism is not one thing. It relates to the area(s) that tourists are interested in exploring. Hence, you have downtown shopping tourism, exploring our natural beauty, agritourism, etc. If you take the totality of those tourist interest areas, you have covered a good chunk of our land and sea mass. But it is also distributed — not all groups are putting pressure on all areas. Getting ahead of this and accommodating this is the right thing to do.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
213	Tourism is accommodated all over the island, between hotels and vacation rentals. restaurants and shopping already center on the village and hamlets.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
214	How would you contain them? In little boxes? Lots of signs that say Keep Out (AKA: Bartwood Estates)?	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
215	I'm not supportive of restricting tourism but rather to ensure tourism can enhance our environment, economy and communities.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
216	This will be tricky. Definitions of "tourism impacts" and "areas best suited" may be very challenging to come to consensus on.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
217	While tourism may bring a lot of money in to the County it is also highly disruptive and generally a negative factor for those NOT engaged in the industry.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q17 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, participants noted that there is much work to do related to the economy. Specifically, participants mentioned a desire to diversify economic sectors. Tourism has become a significant economic influence, eclipsing traditional agricultural and maritime sectors. In response, the plan must…Support programs to diversify the economy.

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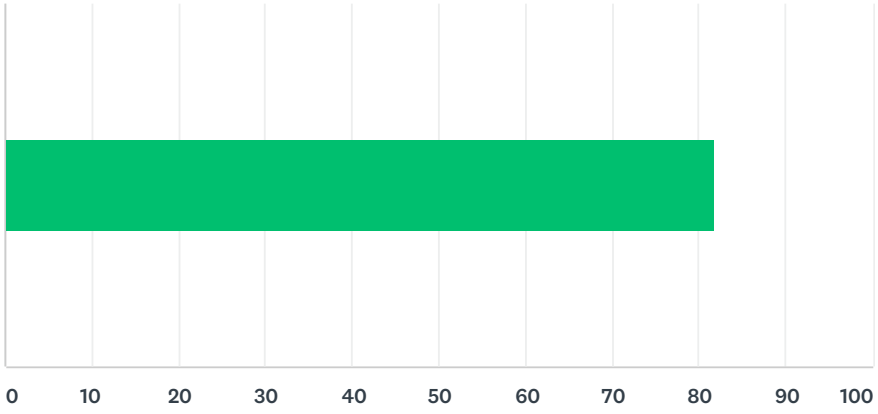

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4	80	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
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8	100	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	76	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	90	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
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13	100	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
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15	99	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	80	11/30/2017 8:54 PM

Q18 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	What programs? How would this effect the tourism industry?	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	The plan must make clear and thoughtful avenues available for rural agriculturalists to produce and market their goods. This means providing adequate provisions for farm worker housing, farm stand economy, and maintaining watersheds for farm and aquaculture.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
3	Don't allow the County's economy to become dominated by tourism	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
4	The agricultural potential of the islands could be realized to a much fuller extent. The Food Hub is a good step in this direction.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
5	Manufacturing mining resources both inland and sea and agribusiness are not good alternatives to tourism	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
6	Depends what those programs are.	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
7	Farming anyone?	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
8	yes of course, but diversification will also lead to some growth with possible unintended consequences.	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
9	at what cost? Does this assume that only a "growing" economy is worth pursuing? What does that cost us, really?	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
10	what do mean by this exactly??	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
11	Who decides what these programs are? Diversifying what kind of an economy.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
12	Opportunities exist in manufacturing. Also value-added food products - work with state health department to streamline some of the codes and regulations.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
13	I support economic diversification in principle but again keeping the rural nature of our islands in mind. How will any given industry impact the environment - light, noise, water use, other pollution	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
14	Diversify the economy in environmentally sustainable ways that acknowledge the reality of man made climate change.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	Good, depending on what diversifications are being considered and how socially and environmentally responsible they are.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
16	Depends on what is meant by "diversify." Some diversification can be toxic. Boatbuilding comes to mind –what about bottom paint? Fashion design seems fine. Why not develop a San Juan Islands "look," based on local wool products? Or what about a San Juan Islands locavore menu, based on island-grown foods? Or what about some kind of festival like the jazz festival in Friday Harbor, but quieter? A writer's workshop where readings are held all week and prizes given? A weeklong treasure hunt, documented by smartphone, where you find as many plants and animals as possible, and go on paid tours by various birders, botanists, and Native Americans? A Native American lecture series where locals talk about what they know about the region their ancestors used to control?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
17	But caution needs to be applied so that the rush to diversify does not create more problems than tourism. Best things to help: Fast internet, easy ability for residents to come and go from the islands, good schools, good healthcare. Provide that and economic opportunities will be opened to many.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	So long as our programs don't turn us into a generic anywhere-USA town that has everything and our character is completely lost. Hopefully we can focus on the uniqueness of the islands and become leaders in sectors we can effortlessly embrace, rather than forcing an arbitrary economic diversity platform that leaves us wondering who we are.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	Providing ADDITIONAL economic opportunities while continuing to allow tourism to thrive seems like a good solution. Limiting one area of the economy will not boost another.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM

20	Support agriculture that produces value added items, the only way small farms can compete with mainland america it through creating high value items on farm.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
21	Like what?	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
22	I don't think the government needs to tell us to support programs that diversify the economy. Businesses and programs either catch on and operate in a way that is accepted or they fail. They don't need help with that.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
23	The market place should drive the ecomomy.	11/30/2017 6:24 AM
24	This lacks specifics.	11/30/2017 2:58 AM
25	we are rich islands in many ways, and if we are able to develop more sustainable ways...and encouraged families to take steps to become more self sufficient would be a great way to help maintain a happy healthy community	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
26	The challenge here concerns what kinds of diversities are encouraged. I believe that we need to produce items on the islands for export out of the county to help balance the massive amounts of goods brought into the county. I think that products made here on a smaller scale which make use of local goods (say, apples made into apple cider, vinegar, or wine) or reflect the unique sensibilities of island residents (arts and music, for example), or low impact production facilities for useful products whether technological or craft related, are ideal for the islands. Unfortunately, many service occupations not associated either with tourism or building do not find a large enough population base to thrive.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
27	Tourism will be a driver as long as there is an ever growing youthful healthy Seattle and everyone is afraid to travel overseas. Take care of what is real and prepare for the flood.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
28	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
29	Including more traditional industries, such as agriculture, that have growing interest but a high barrier to entry.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM
30	The market will decide. Clear and specific rules that take guesswork and subjective interpretation out of zoning and land use will lead us to diversity. Government must get out of the way.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
31	I absolutely agree, in my opinion we are already so focused on the tourism sector we risk loosing the authenticity that attracts them in the first place. As I commented above, sustainable agriculture, ecology, renewables, traditional crafts are all areas that need more of our our attention.	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
32	Even the country as a whole is seeing traditional lifestyles/industries disappear. we could be a model for many, still quasi-rural areas of the country if we could encourage the industries you mention plus attendant industries (blacksmithing, basic methods of food processing, fiber arts, carpentry, the arts)	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
33	for regular people, not just the rich. decent wages too	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
34	All programs must take into account climate change, phase out of fossil fuels. Shift to electric and renewalbe clean energy. Increase local agriculture, but only organic regenerative practices that protects soil and water resources. Grow and manufacture more with local green cottage industries.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
35	More agriculture!	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
36	As long as they are sustainable and non polluting	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
37	To a point. Blindly supporting all business is a bad idea.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
38	Tax incentives, innovation and cooperation to support clean/green start up businesses are always appropriate.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
39	The county will never be nimble or wise enough to pick winners and losers. (Though we can encourage trends away from damaging industries, e.g. polluting industries.) We should focus on ensuring that our local businesses have minimal disadvantages, and hopefully advantages, in the competitive landscape. Our island quality of life is high and we should continue to focus on it as a competitive advantage for companies seeking employees. We can help ensure that cost of living, transportation, and communication infrastructure is not a disadvantage.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
40	Wouldn't it be great if people of all economic brackets could afford to live and work in the San Juans?	11/29/2017 12:41 PM

41	I know this is not an easy task.	11/29/2017 12:24 PM
42	Providing electronic infrastructure that connects the islands to the rest of the world is particularly important to the economy	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
43	Especially programs that employ youth and benefit the community. Like building hiking and bike trails.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
44	Focus on practices that preserve land and sea sustainability	11/29/2017 10:09 AM
45	This question was already asked above.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
46	It would depend on the impacts of new economic sectors.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
47	Whales, tourism, and organic farming instead of maritime. Please make protecting whales and wildlife the highest priority.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
48	Amen	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
49	need to evaluate tourisms carbon costs and be selective and active in shaping HOW	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
50	Eclipse tourism, by supporting programs that encourage traditional and alternative GMO free agricultural, cottage industries, and other forms of non invasive businesses.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
51	As long as these diversified programs are environmentally sustainable.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
52	Depends on what jobs exactly the economy is diversified with. We need to live lightly on the land. But we could have a thriving tech industry and people working remotely if we had infrastructure to support that.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
53	We should support sectors of the economy other than tourism in order to reduce negative impacts on resident life and the environment.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
54	Need to support rehabilitation of Agriculture , sustainable farms, commercial fishing and aquaculture	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
55	The plan should support agriculture and maritime sectors. The plan should support local businesses that sell products off island, or provide products and services for locals	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
56	See Above	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
57	I think we already ARE trying to diversify more. It is difficult to compete with the Big Bucks brought to the island by tourism. We should be thankful that folks WANT to come to the island and spend their hard-earned dollars here. They are not BAD people.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
58	The plan must support agricultural and other programs that directly support the local citizenry.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
59	Training programs and incubators for new small business ideas should be encouraged and given support.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
60	Diversity ensures longevity!	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
61	Agree, but this is so vague as to be useless. What will we not support in order to support this? Not all agriculture and maritime economic activity is good for our area. Scale is an important factor rarely referenced in all of the above and critical here.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
62	Good mohave non-traditional cottage industries, but still put energy into preserving the traditional as a priority.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
63	while protecting rural character and natural beauty and habitats	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
64	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
65	Encourage jobs that can function remotely and not require resources, energy, people or in- person client interaction.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
66	Don't know what those would be ... but some creative-minded, clear-thinking folks in the San Juans would ... and do.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
67	Not sure what this means. "Diversify", means different things to different people. Need to be careful here.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
68	It s the only way to keep people working year-round	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
69	Depends on what is encouraged for diversity.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM

70	I agree to diversify away from traditional agriculture since it is an environmental hazard.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
71	Too many plans	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
72	IT and value-added product production	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
73	Programs focused on carpentry and construction are OK, but construction is powered by growth. We should also encourage entrepreneurial development in the fields of agriculture (including marijuana grow operations), technology, small-scale manufacturing, and service business (like the call center) that employs people without being reliant on growth and tourism.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
74	To whose benefit?	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
75	Support recycle and reuse!	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
76	What programs would those be?	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
77	Promote energy conservation measures by all government entities including: Retrofitting offices, shops and garages with high-efficiency lighting; Converting vehicles to hybrid fuel vehicles as replacement or new vehicles are acquired; Converting traffic signals and lighting to the most energy efficient and spectrum appropriate technology available; and Adopting incentive programs and design standards that encourage the employment of renewable energy sources and energy efficient appliances on the Island. Promote the installation of residential solar panels and the adoption of other energy saving technologies such as LED lights, heat pumps and insulation.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
78	Support programs to create jobs which promote personal dignity for the employees and preserve and enhance our natural and resource integrity.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
79	Support entrepreneurial activity. And to preserve the historical working landscape and agricultural culture of our islands.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
80	bring back agriculture.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
81	See above	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
82	Value added products from shared community kitchens, promote those products here and on the mainland. Food hubs that support economical distribution systems. Invest in making the islands self sufficient in the event of a natural disaster-energy independence, food self sufficiency, affordable housing.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
83	For sure; there must be some very good examples around the world	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
84	Create sustainable year long jobs, and limit tourism.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
85	We need to diversify the economy and support year round jobs that are sustainable, pay a living wage and do not negatively impact the environment and our rural and agricultural character.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
86	Encourage economic development in the arts, stainable development, renewal energy, health care,public transportation, and trades/services currently coming from the mainland.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
87	Absolutely.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
88	Oh, really!!!! This is simply stating the obvious.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
89	not by increasing property taxes	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
90	Support value added agricultural producers, farm stays and agro tourism. Create local jobs...	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
91	Encourage the development of technology based businesses and telecommuting	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
92	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
93	What does support mean? Begin with land use.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
94	A significant amount of county land is in current use programs, including forest land. Island fir is well-known to be strong and durable, yet island timber has to be shipped to the mainland to be milled into lumber, inspected and certified. It then has to be shipped back to the islands to be used in construction. This increases cost of construction in the islands making housing even less affordable. If timber could be milled into lumber and certified in the county, it would boost the economy and make housing somewhat more affordable.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM

95	Difficult question to respond to without clarification of the diversity being proposed. Also it seems we have a healthy economy given we are one of the fastest growing counties in the state. do we need to promote more growth and more diversity in the economy. and if it is being proposed that county government be more engaged in the the local economy I would not support that. More than we need a separation of church and state we need a separation of business and state.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
96	The tech economy has real potential for the islands. If our schools are top notch, then bright people will choose to live here and raise their children here.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
97	As long as those programs are compatible with the island environment and not done merely for the sake of growth. Sustainable growth is more important.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
98	Support programs to diversify the economy while very carefully protecting and respecting the fragile ecosystem. More lands should be conserved as if the environment becomes fully built out as allowed by the comp plan, the population will increase by 500%. There is a chance to preserve lands now but may not be later.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
99	Heavily support organic agriculture for local food sovereignty and sustainability. Penalize or ban pesticide & herbicide use in current use agricultural taxation program. Nurture new local businesses rather than attracting non local businesses.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
100	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
101	not easy, but very desirable. hope the farm to table movement is sustainable. there may be more aquaculture opportunities, promote deer hunting, etc.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
102	As long as it adds to and belongs in a rural and agricultural setting such as the islands.	11/16/2017 5:58 PM
103	To repeat - Bud out.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
104	I can’t read the balance of the statement.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
105	The last large construction job I took (multi-million single family home) turned out to be an environmental disaster... How it made it through the planning dept. is beyond me. I took the job knowing full well I'd be playing the role of "spy." I justified it by telling myself that I was proving long-term, secure local employment of a wonderful group of guys. BUT HOW COULD THIS EVEN BE LEGAL?!? I did the best that I could to control the amount of pollution/contaminants/waste. I knew there would be waste... tons of it. (who builds in triangles when materials come in rectangles?) I had no idea, however, of the sense of powerlessness I would experience, trying to limit/control the CONTROLLABLE pollutants/wastes, when this desire was irrelevant/at odds with the client's. There was only so much I could do. Not kidding. I felt like it was a SuperFund site by the time I left. I am sorry I failed at being an honorable steward. Never again!	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
106	Help agriculture to grow and educate the public as to what they can do to help this. Have people in the county government to be helpful to potential farmers with encouragement in a positive direction, not a negative approach that makes it difficult at best at best to farmers, especially new farmers.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
107	Foundational understanding - we are an interconnected community and we all do better when we nurture this trait.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
108	I can't support this without knowing more specifically what ways the economy would be diversified, there are many industries which we should keep out of the county.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
109	The economy must grow from the bottom up. Do not make deals with "large employers" as a way to gain economically. Credit union and local currencies could help.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
110	Or more importantly, the county should try to get out of the way of local, non-tourism related small-scale, economic enterprise. And maybe even support folks who bring non-tech, non-extractive, non-tourism related work to the islands.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
111	We have failed here so far.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
112	Ofcourse, this shoukd be the aim for all communities. Provide as much as possible and produce what can be produced.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
113	As long as it's not negatively affecting the environment and the community (eg, coal, gun manufacturing).	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
114	YEAH!!!	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
115	Not sure how you diversify the economic sectors or what they are. And where do people who don't depend upon work to support themselves on the island fit into the island economy?	11/14/2017 3:27 PM

116	Support sales that provide sales tax... that's what you're saying, right?	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
117	We have a huge talent pool of educated individuals. Because of the highl value our county places on education - maybe supporting efforts to shift the tourism from “come buy stuff” or “come harass the whales and sea lions” to come and learn on on islands. Support educational seminars and studies that would provide continuing education of visitors and residents alike. Fall seminar series...	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
118	'Diversify' is vague and means little in this context.. Please specify	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
119	Tourism has been included in the county's economy for many years, but not as long as resource-based endeavors. Supporting agriculture and forestry also supports tourism -- tourists don't visit for views of our houses, they come for our open vistas of farms and our forested shorelines. Maintain the primacy of these resources.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
120	Ag biz (esp farmers market) & maritime industry are worthy investments in the local community that have the added benefit of increasing the tourist draw. However, there are other cottage industries that could also be supported.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
121	There you go!	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
122	Again, would love to see a bigger focus/financial help to get local agriculture going on a larger scale.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
123	Always a good idea; yet tourists are the main purchasers of locally produced items and art.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
124	the county should not play the role of chamber of commerce	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
125	Yes diversify, but specifically focus on the farming and value-added sector of our food-shed. Currently, money spent on buying food grown here in the county, is below 5% which is pathetic, and frankly a bit scary. We need programs for increasing our food system viability and a method to eradicate regulation and policy/code that create barriers to entry (to beginning farmers) and are a hindrance to operating.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
126	Algae & seacucumber farming.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
127	I think trade schools are a great draw. It would give our county more thoughtful, contributive tourism.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
128	Anything but government programs. The EDC seems useless. Taxpayers shouldn't be paying people to start businesses. Nor should we be subsidizing them when they open by housing their employees who are paid peanuts.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
129	What programs do you speak of?	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
130	Amen. Getting fiber optic everywhere is a good first start!	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
131	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
132	Ditto above	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
133	Wholeheartedly agree.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
134	This seems more popular than the last statement around tourism.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
135	Sometimes "support" is to remove governmental roadblocks.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
136	How are you going to do this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
137	There's only so much you can do. I'm not in favor of spending money on programs that will have little real success.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
138	Flexibility and encouraging entrepreneurial businesses is important.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
139	For more cottage industries and high-tech work, we need better internet and broadband.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
140	see my comments in #12	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
141	See broadband comment above.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
142	Especially in the area of family wage jobs, and only to the extent that these enhance the character and culture of our island community.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM

143	Yes, of course, we all want diversification. But we do not want to take a step backwards and encourage such "traditional" industries like forestry of fishing. A good example is the program that the EDC has created to sponsor training in trades. More of that, please!	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
144	We need sufficient access to internet for people to work from home	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
145	Encourage manufacturing and self-sustaining power generation to come to the island	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
146	Excellent idea. Are the county's schools considering this topic?	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
147	See #14 & #16	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
148	I don't think it is the job of the County to "diversify the economy".	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
149	Our service economy is driven by the wealthy and tourists. Diversification is good, but not at the expense of the environment. We are a very dry rocky islands, there is a limit to Ag without impacting the ecosystem. We have to be creative and understand our landscape.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
150	Provided only that the restraints I've noted above are included. Otherwise, drop this idea and statement.	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
151	Isn't that a repeat of the previous statement?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
152	I am unsure what suite of new economic drivers would be possible. Entrepreneurs are needed. Perhaps with more reliable and faster internet connections more work from home or small office can help fill the needs of diversification. The Economic Development Council needs to be active and involved.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
153	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
154	I support a diversification of the economy only if focus is redirected towards sustainable, low greenhouse emissions economic activity and activity that aims to reduce our collective emissions.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
155	Such as?	11/5/2017 8:36 AM
156	Promote more wineries and distilleries! Artists and environmental education, Wooden Boat building.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
157	We need to enable family wage jobs to attract younger people into SJC as year-round residents. The activity should be compatible with our rural community values. Access to Broadband communications can open opportunities.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
158	See comments above under 12. we should also find creative ways to restore agriculture on the islands at least to the degree that we could be self sufficient as a community. In particular we need programs that incentivize and support young farmers, enabling them to lease properties and create value added, environmentally sustainable businesses	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
159	It depends...	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
160	What programs are you talking about?	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
161	"Diversity" is not an economic value in San Juan County. Instead, be more specific like, the plan must "support programs to promote the traditional agricultural and maritime sectors." Please avoid platitudes.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
162	such as technology	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
163	My support for this idea would depend on what kinds of programs are being promoted.	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
164	Selectively allow other economies. Not everything. It must stay local, organic, healthy to the environment, adding to quiet and beauty, protecting nature and habitat and adding to safety, culture, quiet and community.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
165	We need to actively work to bring in businesses that work over the internet. They will be competative, provide good paying, year round jobs, and they will have minimal negative effects on our quality of life.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
166	Without greatly increasing affordable housing for many hundreds of workers and substantial incentives for entrepreneurs in a variety of small manufacturing, service or tech companies this is an empty statement.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
167	Yes but guess what, this also requires money.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
168	Farming especially!	11/3/2017 2:51 PM

169	dont overplan	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
170	There are a few productive industries; there should be more.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
171	More food production.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
172	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
173	"The economy" (aka capitalism) will go where it wants and eat what it wants. Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can control that.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
174	We need to work so the economic drivers including agriculture and marine industry are complemented by tourism, not driven out. Problem of tourism is increased interest in living in the SJs, higher real estate values, decreasing affordability of land for year round citizens, including farmers and fishers	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
175	Diversification supports economic resilience. This is absolutely essential	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
176	find ways to augment the local economics in ways that benefit the local ecological resources.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
177	Provide training to source high paid trades employment locally. Develop knowledge work careers that have income to provide a middle class living with our higher housing costs.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
178	Identify new and diverse ways to encourage Tourism.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
179	I am not sure how to do this	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
180	Save the orcas.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
181	such as value added products, agriculture, food hubs, commercial community kitchens, ...	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
182	Programs should support diversification of the economy up to the point that those programs impede tourism.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
183	Diversification must come from areas which are suitable for the islands' semi rural reality...strong local services, products that come from local sustainable natural resources, intellectual and artistic capital	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
184	When tourism slows, usually due to slowing of the US economy, it would be well to have many other diverse economic activities that benefit the citizens and tax base of San Juan County, in order to buffer the loss of tourist dollars and tax revenue.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
185	yes	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
186	This would be ideal. No one wants to see the islands become a strictly tourist based economy.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
187	Yes - arts, farming, cottage industry, etc.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
188	Not sure that is a worthwhile investment for the county.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
189	Agriculture options are very important, farmers/landowners could share their land with those to have none. Non_traditional crops should be researched and encouraged. Hemp, Asian vegetables, unusual fruits and vegs. With animals husbandry, unusual animal breeds. We need way more dairy operations...cow and goat milks and cheeses..	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
190	Totally agree. We have to have an economy that is resilient — it takes advantage of the myriad of the natural and Human Resources we have in the islands; it can withstand shifts in the economy that often put tourism in a “feast or famine” situation; and it attracts a diverse base of investment and interest. We need a balanced portfolio.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
191	Which "programs"? The county doesn't need a lot of bureaucratic "programs" that go nowhere. Incentives perhaps, but for which enterprises? Honestly, the market sorts this out.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
192	As long as these will result in sufficient and meaningful livelihoods that can sustain a family here year round.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
193	This statement could mean anything, therefore means nothing.	11/1/2017 4:43 PM
194	Yes but not to trade off successful components of the economy that are working. I don't think the plan should ignore one segment over another - especially the real versus what we wish we had.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

195	SJC may have a greater long term negative impact from part time property owners than from visitors, as the former often pave the way for the latter. The economy does not get diversified from off-island contractors building 2nd and 3rd homes for property owners who will simply flip their spaces to airbnb. Serious thought toward creating year round full time living wage employment that does not exploit the resources upon which the islands depend should be a very high priority.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM

Q19 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soil is uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.

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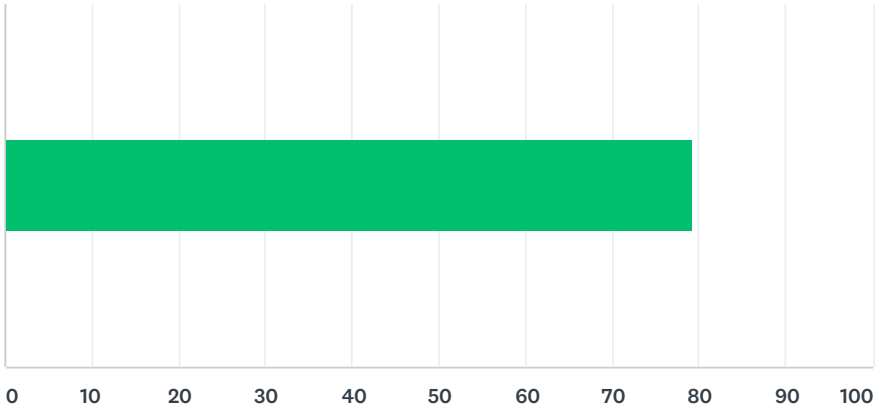

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1	100	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	51	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	90	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	90	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
12	90	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
13	71	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM

Q20 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think another way to support this statement is by providing alternative modes of transportation. I would love to see safe biking and walking routes for commuting.	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	would add: we act to enhance soil fertility	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	All good but suggest adding "encourage sustainable farming and other land use practices" after "preserve open space"	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Needs wording added that we . . . act to enhance soil fertility.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	These beautiful and clean natural resources need strategic monitoring and careful development planning in order to remain free of pollution and healthy for residents and plants and animals. Therefore: "Future development is carefully considered, with sensitive slopes and critical watersheds protected, and homesite and economic developments centering around existing centers of population density, preserving the islands' ecological health and rural heritage."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	Act to enhance soil fertility by returning animals to abandoned fields through integrated farming systems which will protect both water and soils	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
7	It seems difficult to achieve pollution-free waters with the high volume of motor-powered craft in the Sound.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
8	The statement needs to emphasize the importance of preserving the right for residents to have unimpeded views (within reason) of the natural beauty on the island. In the last sentence, add the words ' and scenic vistas,' to the phrase "preserve open spaces,"	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
9	Our land and surrounding sea ARE CURRENTLY POLUTED, with fish farms and oil tankers threatening our environment. We need to be proactive and do something now to clean up The environment	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
10	I feel that the community will rank this higher than 70%, but I feel we have quite a way to go to reach perfection. On the other hand, we are better off than many places :-)	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
11	the beauty, health and diversity is being compromised every day. There are issues with storm water runoff, habitat fragmentation from development, invasive species that follow in the footsteps of disturbance, diminishing numbers of species and populations. Every action must be taken to protect our environment - and that should be a source of intense local pride.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
12	I wish! but the reality is that the waters are more poluted than we can tell. Ask a local salmon fisherman who has been around for a half a century, ask a birder, a farmer. There is less diversity and pollution, and if we don't stop the increase in petroleum related tanker traffic, we'll all be screwed, sooner or later...	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
13	Totally outdated statement. Island wildlife is in the decline; natural habitats are being degraded; our marine waters are increasingly polluted, our waterways are threatened by increasing tanker traffic and whale watching boats are causing catastrophic stress to the orca whales that tourism specialists use to promote even more visitors to the islands. The statement is a fable.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
14	This all sounds nice and is absolutely worth doing, but the primary threat to our environment is the effects of climate change (see #21 below)	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
15	I think we should be even more forward thinking about protecting our fragile environment than we have been - for example consider a County wide ban on neocotinoid pesticides to protect pollinators, strongly encourage organic agricultural methods, have policies to maintain open space and the ecological diversity we have.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
16	…..As careful stewards of these islands, we ACT TO ENHANCE SOIL FERTILITY, conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments, TO ADAPT TO ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM

17	The county has too little power to regulate the surrounding waters, as the recent rash of carbon fuel shipping plans demonstrate. Anything we can do to intervene in the larger policy framework might have to be incorporated into county planning. A very tough problem, and perhaps outside the scope of the plan.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
18	The "natural" environment has been altered by human activity for thousands of years. The least biologically diverse area on Orcas is the remote "natural" areas of Moran State Park. The biological diversity we identify with is here because of the activity connected with rural agriculture. Such activity y should be encouraged.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
19	This is slightly unrealistic. My water tests high in heavy metals, as does the water of much of the County. Other than that, go for it!	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
20	Yes!	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
21	The Salish Sea is not pollution-free, so the first sentence is a stretch. The way this is written, doesn't appear to acknowledge or embrace the fact that we are part of a regional ecosystem and international shipping economy that has direct and indirect impacts on the archipelago. We should acknowledge the fragility of ecological balance of the islands, and the direct correlation with increased visitation and development pressure. There are 16 neighborhoods on desalinization plants which would indicate we've allowed development in a way that hasn't conserved resources. It is hard to preserve open space when the majority of zoning allows for 5-acres or less parcel size.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
22	The islands are not pristine and this sounds like you are implying they are	11/30/2017 12:07 PM
23	We must put in safe guards to maintain the clean waters around out islands.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
24	Let farmers take care of the land, plenting for wildlife, water retention. Maybe pay them - not much $ in farming. We do need slaughter facility.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
25	Yes! As long as conservation is done intelligently and balanced with respect for people's ability to build their lives and properties.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
26	I don't agree with environmental extremist organizations having the power to create region wide moratoriums restricting the rights of environmentally conscious, responsible private property owners	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
27	This statement is overly positive. While, in comparison to mainland communities, our water, soil and air quality is clean, it is not entirely pristine. Shoreline development has had a negative impact on the marine environment, particularly that of forage fish, such that education and regulation need to check construction in these areas. Also, conservation corridors are needed to protect orcas and salmon habitats.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
28	More education provided to tourists about our commitment to ecology is needed.	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
29	I do not think killing animals because humans think there are too many of them such as rabbits at South Beach or raccoons on Jones is okay.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
30	Styrofoam pellets are omnipresent and persistent. We need a program to ban and retrieve styrofoam floats.	11/30/2017 6:54 AM
31	I would love to agree 100%, but a lot has happened in 20 years and unfortunately our waters have suffered greatly with oil spells and with radiation, and over fishing, our local Orca whales are Dying! and we keep encouraging more and more tourism?? good drinking water sources are harder to come by and our very few public beaches are over crowded! we need to make serious changes to adapt to Climate Change and to population growth and its long term impacts.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
32	If only this were the unqualified truth. As a statement of mission, it is great.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
33	Good idea. That’s why the tourists come.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
34	I had a hard time with this. I know this is the vision for the county, but I struggled with the wording - it seems too unrealistic. I agree with all of the overall ideas of promoting and protecting our natural environment.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
35	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
36	I support dedicated areas set aside for nature. But focus on ‘conservation’ and ‘indigenous species’ is misguided. More creative approach encouraged. See e.g. Perkins, ‘A New Wild’.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
37	To claim that anything is pollution free is a bit presumptuous.	11/29/2017 10:00 PM

38	AND rules and regulations designed for heavy populations can be used a weapon against otherwise good, environmentally sound projects. Way too many studies, monitoring and mitigation of non-existent problems. Not enough common sense.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
39	We need strong county planning to accommodate continued growth in order to preserve the quiet, rural nature of our islands.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
40	Too restrictive to private property rights	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
41	This is something to strive for! But currently most of these statements are not true. How will the plan actually improve water quality and restore areas that are contaminated.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
42	While pollution is not as bad here as it is elsewhere it is certainly not ‘unpolluted’ we should do MUCH more to nurture and sustain the health of our ecosystem.	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
43	Our ecosystems are not healthy. Our marine waters are not pollution free. Our water quality is unhealthy. Our soils are contaminated. We are not conserving or taking action as needed. Preserving our open spaces is the only part of the statement I agree with.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
44	Firstly, this should be our #1 vision/goal since all else follows Mother Nature's lead...right?????? Secondly, this is not an accurate depiction of our islands, sadly. We should strive that this is true!!	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
45	As careful stewards of these islands, we ACT TO ENHANCE SOIL FERTILITY, conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments TO ADAPT TO ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
46	I agree with the nice words, but in practice we are contaminating land, water and air. Ban dangerous chemicals-glyphosphates, neonics, chemical fertilizers etc... phase out oil refineries, protect against oil spills, no discharge zone and no sewage discharge from boats. In our sixth age of extinction, we must protect biodiversity.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
47	The plan should acknowledge that the marine waters are not entirely pollution-free and include strategies for remediation.	11/29/2017 3:26 PM
48	Protection of the lifetime salmon ecosystem like the forage fish they need and the beaches that provide forage fish. Protection of the Orcas from the impact constant boat chases. Protection of the fish that are the diet of Orcas before they starve and disappear.	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
49	negative points for not dealing with the whidbey island navy noise issue	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
50	Have you guys ever consulted a biologist? Our ecosystems are severely damaged, both marine and terrestrial. Entire stocks of herring are extinct while their overall population has been reduced by 90%. Salmon and seabirds are down by 90%. Entire eel grass meadows have been destroyed. If you don't understand the significance of these issues our situation is hopeless.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
51	Strait water is polluted by Canadian effluent; air quality was recently affected by fires in Siberia and Canada; Town water has issues too. We are not isolated as we might think.	11/29/2017 2:33 PM
52	I would add specific goal-oriented language to this.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
53	Our islands are already very polluted and the county needs to address this now! Such as Stormwater runoff from parking lots...	11/29/2017 2:08 PM
54	More intentional management is needed.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
55	The air and water are currently most certainly NOT pollution-free. Amend to note this as a goal and standard. The islands are well situated for research and regulation and to provide leadership to help restore and protect air and water quality.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
56	We could add the goal of having our residents and visitors become stronger stewards as well.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
57	Yes, and we should either reintroduce predators or increase hunting to reduce the deer population to healthy, historic levels. Given the excess of deer and the ecosystem damage they cause, WDFW may be amenable to locals-only subsistence hunting if approached with a well-considered proposal. In lieu of that, much-rumored poaching is likely to continue -- a horrible outcome.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM

58	I think we can do a lot more to protect the area in which we live by standing up to outside elements that have potential devastating affects... There is not adequate protection against a shipping oil spill now and yet increased tankers are being slated to go through local channels. The Navy is increasing noise and air pollution with their increasing flights and planes. Our area is becoming more and more a combat training area that will have devastating affects on the health and continued lives of both land and sea animals, not to mention the mental and physical affect of those living in our region.	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
59	This statement represents an ideal and a goal, not a reality.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
60	Probably not possible, in reality, but goals to work for	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
61	We love the open spaces on our island that are open for hikers and the enjoyment of nature.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
62	Environmental awareness is crucial in sustaining the quality of the land and waters resources.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
63	Keeping out pesticides and other non-organic poisons is important.	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
64	No comment.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
65	Yes, while I fully agree with this statement, our current legal buildout population of approx 80,000 residents wrecks havoc with all above visions. What is our DESIRED population carrying capacity that still fulfills the vision statement. Without such concrete guidance, we simply fool ourselves; the vision statement becomes a farce. The environment & “rural character” become a sham for planning.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
66	omg look around please OUCH ignorance is not bliss	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
67	We refrain from advertising, and selling out our Lopez island. In this way, we will be able to minimize the impact to our beautiful island, as mentioned above.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
68	This is the whole reason we live here.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
69	We must be proactive to protect these spaces. See the signs posted on Shoal Bay at the lagoon.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
70	I agree with this utopian vision, but it does not reflect reality. Our islands are not surrounded by pollution free waters. Orcas, marine birds, even songbirds are threatened by the rate of development here, as well as in the Puget Sound basin. We should be striving to protect what's left in every decision we make.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
71	More can be done for conservation and to improve environmental conditions. In particular, reducing pesticide use and runoff from towns can reduce the accumulation of toxins in marine organisms - one example is the prevalence of contaminants in bivalves near Eastsound. Additionally, Chinook Salmon (and by extension, Orcas) are in need of better management.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
72	I agree on our need to preserve our environment but we do already have pollution in our waters and our air We need to acknowledge that.	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
73	While the Friends of the San Jauns are well motived they some times are incorrect on their biological and marine gemorpholical assumptions. retired biologist	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
74	Native plants and animals are not thriving. People are trampling them. If we want to make this a healthy environment, we need to minimize human impact	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
75	I think this statement is idealized as there are pollution issues already apparent within our marine waters that must be addressed. They are subtle (fish farms) and obvious (bilge pumping from marine traffic) so let us not be complacent. Yes, in general we conserve and many of our native plants thrive but soils carry contaminants where ever human enterprises are present so again, identifying and anticipating and removing the growing threats of these problems requires our commitment and resourses of both time and money	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
76	County needs to make the process to enter and stay in the various open space, current use programs, forestry programs less expensive and with less red tape to land owners. As one who is doing this we feel our County government is doing very little to help in this regard and this is where a very large of the land is being conserved for all to enjoy. PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS ON THIS !	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
77	The island are so so vulnerable to changing climate trends and polution in our waters, that statement should be a goal but it's not where we are now	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
78	Too much land is in private hands.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM

79	How I wish this were true. Our sea is dying and the whales are starving. There is water pollution, soil contamination, far too little public open space and access to water. We do so little compared to the need that I support this as a goal but a more realistic statement of our current status would be an improvement. We have environmental problems here and they will worsen as the population and per capita use increase. Why doesn't the plan address those issues?	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
80	Support conservation easements and protect any habitat for species of concern as well as endangered.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
81	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
82	Very high priority	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
83	This statement needs to include adequate and quality water supply so it can encompass protection from saltwater intrusion.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
84	I like this statement and want to see the vision of it become reality in our county. More County support is needed for non-profit organizations working to protect our environment, such as Islands' Oil Spill Association.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
85	I hope this is true.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
86	Our environment is not as pristine as this makes it sound. While I absolutely agree we need to be careful stewards of these islands, we need to admit that our waters, soils and native plants and animals are all under attack and need to change the way we are going about our business if we are going to save a bit of what was once here.	11/28/2017 3:18 PM
87	76 orcas left, shoreline armoring impacts nearshore habitat, illegal shoreline clearing for views, much work to do related to preserving the environment	11/28/2017 3:07 PM
88	The land and sea need to be protected by rights. The County shod set forth a proclamation that the land and sea here have the "right" to be healthy.	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
89	Nice, but not balanced to include the needs of people.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
90	Need explicitly to mention sustainable agricultural practices.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
91	To reiterate my earlier comments. There is a perception of being environmentally responsible when on our rock we say we are clean but we are just hurting other areas on the planet in order to clean our clean. We need to think of our rock as part of the larger picture.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
92	Much has been done, with big assists from the Land Bank and San Juan Preservation Trust. The Friends of the San Juans have provided useful analysis and information. Growth with destruction of habitat does continue.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
93	I agree, but I don't know what action is behind this goal...	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
94	I wish, but that does not make it so.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
95	We have enough open space	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
96	This statement paints our community is idyllic. While nice, it is not 100% true. This vision needs to be realistic.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
97	The Salish Sea is suffering. Restrict docks and sea walls that impact salmon recovery	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
98	We could do a lot better.	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
99	This is truly our most precious resource. If the forces of untrammeled development prevail, we will have lost everything that makes these islands unique and worth preserving for future generations.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
100	A broad generalization that is belied by a host of environmental issues such as loss of habitat, groundwater depletion and salinization, overdevelopment. of the shoreline, tourism impacts, etc.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
101	Is this statement adequate? It's a dream statement for sure. But we already have issues in Fisherman Bay with pollutants. Are you going to tell the residents of Whiskey Hill to stop washing their clothes with chemicals- their neighborhood board can't even handle disputes and agreements about parking and local tenants! So first step would be to encourage folks to take communication classes.... good luck....it is good to have the vision though. May it be so.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
102	Support the development of an interconnected system of trails for walking, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding that is consistent with rural, island living, provides for safe and reliable zero-carbon transportation alternatives, promotes healthy lifestyles, and creates amenities that attract tourists and add vitality to the economy.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM

103	Rabbits are a problem on Lopez. Deer also have no predators. Control/hunters should be allowed to cull over abundance of these animals.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
104	…..As careful stewards of these islands, we ACT TO ENHANCE SOIL FERTILITY, conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments, TO ADAPT TO ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
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106	nice vision.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
107	The Land Bank is one of the best things this co. has done. More public access via appropriately place trails should be encouraged.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
108	We not only conserve, we protect (more active in advocating for the Salish Sea and our island ecosystems.) Sadly, we are SO far from achieving this vision, made more than 20 years ago.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
109	As careful stewards of these islands, we ACT TO ENHANCE SOIL FERTILITY, conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments, TO ADAPT TO ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
110	…..As careful stewards of these islands, we ACT TO ENHANCE SOIL FERTILITY, conserve resources, preserve open space, EDUCATE LAND OWNERS TO REDUCE POLLUTANTS such as Roundup and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments, TO ADAPT TO ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
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112	I think you overstate the present situation. There is pollution in certain areas from too much boat traffic and use, for example. And there are areas of soil contamination. The proposal is a nice dream, but not the reality.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
113	"pollution-free marine waters" is false. could say "We strive for...."	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
114	This is certainly out of date. The Salish Sea is an industrial sea surrounded by large urban centers, it is most certainly not polluted! Southern Resident killer whales that normally frequent the waters around the islands during the spring, summer and early fall months are at their lowest numbers since the 1970s and are listed as endangered. Salmon returns are dismal and there are also problems with seabird populations, forage fish populations, the list goes on. We like to think that we do all in the above statement but the County has yet to do basic things like ban plastic bags, ban plastic straws simple things that will make a huge a difference to the marine environment. Seattle and other large urban centers are way ahead of us, yet we as small island communities should be leading this way on environmental stewardship and and example of how we can reduce our footprint on the land the marine environment that we value so much (and that is the basis for the tourism economy!).	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
115	Certainly ... why put them where they are not best suited. These questions are sort of silly.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
116	not by increasing property taxes	11/22/2017 9:02 PM
117	Need better solid waste transfer system, at least on San Juan. More affordable, better recycle.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
118	Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse and unique ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soils are is fertile and uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we act to conserve and restore resource lands and native ecosystems, preserve open space, promote sustainable farm practices, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Local Native plants and animal communities native to our of the island ecosystems ares thriving.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM

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120	The self-satisfied self-delusional lies continue. Our waters are unavoidably contaminated with sewage, roadway runoff, ag runoff, mainland wastes. Our soils are full of Glyphosate and road materials. Introduced plant and animal species thrive and disrupt the pre-colonial biota. The air is often hazy, gray, stinky from human activities. Ambient light from the surrounding large urban areas has stolen our darkness at night. Military exercises pollute our soundscapes, air and water.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
121	Nope	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
122	Don't forget people.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
123	That would be a worthy goal and I sure wish that were true. it overlooks the fact that Orcas are on the endangered species list, salmon are in recovery, we lose more natural habitat daily, sea bird population are plunging, songbird populations are in decline, natural predators have been for the most part extinguished, our soils, air water and marine waters are subject to more contamination daily.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
124	The decline of our orca population relates to issues broader than just our island, but we need to be advocates for the changes that will help fix this crisis (such as taking down dams, keeping Navy sonar testing away from this area).	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
125	Basic values upon which both our tourist economy and our own quality of life are based.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
126	let's recognize that many of our species are in peril and make a written commitment in the vision statement that we will do everything we can to protect and help recover them, i.e. our iconic Orcas.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
127	Everyone moves here for these reasons, yet the more people who move and visit here, the more difficult this is to maintain.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
128	Oh that I wish it were so. The deer are destroying native plant communities and affecting bird populations.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
129	This natural beauty is in large part why we are such a tourism draw as well as the appeal for so many to live here and raise there families.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
130	Our islands ARE NOT surrounded by pollution-free waters, the soil IS contaminated in some areas. This needs to be acknowledged and rectified.	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
131	..and a program to reduce the deer population is part of that conservation.	11/17/2017 9:20 AM
132	While this is mostly true now it may not be true through 2036 if the population increases massively. More land needs to be purchased by the land bank now, while it can be and the county should prioritize funding that.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
133	In light of recent changes, we need to institute a recycle program that makes economic and ecologic sense. The many boats that visit our island are increasing pollution in the Salish Sea and potentially causing harm to our resident orca population. More community education programs, specifically directed at visitors and tourists could benefit our island community and delicate ecosystem.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
134	Our native plants and animals are not thriving, they are perishing. Strengthen protection of ecological functions in the CAO and SMP, both of which have been seriously eroded in their respective most recent revisions. The County should buy every piece of available shoreline on Orcas Island, which has extremely limited public shoreline access. Put much more stringent restrictions on the allowance of the building of new docks and the anchoring of buoys in eelgrass or kelp. They are destructive and should be shared to minimize impacts.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
135	I don't think that our marine waters are pollution-free; nor do I believe that native plants and animals are thriving.	11/16/2017 8:37 PM
136	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
137	The native flora are heavily overgrazed by deer and rabbits. Feral cats are abundant. There are virtually no predators on deer. Orcas is a mess as a result. This affects insect and birdlife and the rest of the ecosystem. It's not the pretty picture painted in that paragraph, though that is desirable.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
138	Seems self-evident	11/16/2017 5:08 PM

139	Again... I question how to interpret the above statement. A useful guide, or an assessment of our current status? Pollution free marine waters? Why are the waters around the SJIs considered by NOAA to be fishing "dead zones?" Why are we watching the extinction of the orcas? Why must we ship our recyclables to Eastern Washington (or China, for that matter) for processing? Why can't we crush our inert glass containers, and create beautiful beaches? Why can't we sort/shred (add value) to our plastic recyclables... This one simple, no-brainer, alone, would reduce the transport costs 10-fold! Why, Mr Howard (King's Market), did you choose to triple? the amount of plastic in your shopping bags, instead of banning them altogether, as we all thought the new law was meant to accomplish?	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
140	I would love to see all of this as true. Unfortunately, this is not true. The more people there are the more contamination is out there in our county. The marine water around the county is contaminated. There is some conservation of open-space, but there are more homes being built on farm land. The deer are killing of some of the native plants since there are so many deer and there is no longer a predator out there.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
141	water and air are not clean everywhere on the Salish sea.	11/16/2017 12:48 PM
142	[We have far to go, but this statement is an excellent goal.] Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy, diverse and unique ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soils are is fertile and uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we act to protect resource lands and native ecosystems, preserve open space, promote regenerative farm practices, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Native plants and animal communities are thriving.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
143	The biggest threat to local wildlife I see is the non stop whale watching boats. whales cannot function with constant boat noise.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
144	People have a hard time distinguishing between a vision statement about our desire for a pristine environment, and the obviously false statements from developers that we have a pristine environment.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
145	As a community we could be more vocal about plans that affect the water around us. i.e. coal shipping, farmed salmon, pollution from Canada. The town and outlying need recycling containers not just trash containers and we need to get recycling back up to speed at the transfer station. Not to mention pushing harder for wind, solar and tide power sources.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
146	The waters, air and so are no longer pristine. Cleaner than many other places but not pure.	11/15/2017 3:28 PM
147	Who doesn't agree with this? But what does it mean in practice?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
148	The budget for invasive plant eradication is inadequate.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
149	All fine and good, save for the unspoken connotation that most land owners and stewards fear: restrictions and red tape. By making this island one large preserve, conservation, or trust...not much left for people to steward as they don't have land available to live on.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
150	Non-polluted waters? This statement is a bit of a stretch towards a Utopian perspective. Revise it to make it a bit more realistic. Not goal oriented.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
151	Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse and unique ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soils are fertile and uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we act to conserve and restore resource lands and native ecosystems, preserve open space, promote sustainable farm practices, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. Local Native plants and animal communities native to our of the island ecosystems ares thriving.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
152	I would prefer language that is more assertive in recognition of our dependence on the health and well being of our environment. This is not purely an aesthetic but a key part of what constitutes our health and we have a responsibility to protect that, to recognize the Salish Sea as an entity with rights, the Orca as having inherent rights to thrive - our financial dependence on exploitation of them. Our shorelines offer beautiful vistas AND serve improtant roles in the health of our waters and the fish that live there. Property rights come with responsibilities to maintain that health.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
153	Ban plastic bags and straws!!!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
154	This is an open invitation to aggressive environmental groups to make this all a park with no humans.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM

155	Conservation is a tricky subject.... even the word native is up for debate. Especially on a small, easily impactable islands. Informing and keeping the people involved and interacting with the Natural side will allow for the best stewardship of the Wild (in general Earthwide)	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
156	oh, if this were only true!! Too many pesticides, herbicides, etc.... if all those things PROVE to be pollution free, I'll pay for the party.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
157	The whales are dying, the salmon are gone, the ocean is being depleted by native Americans destroying sea urchins in front of my house, how pray tell can we be called stewards? And don't forget, deer are dying because of mismanagement.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
158	Agree. However, the "native" pests need some help migrating.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
159	Key component , we are the current stewards and this means we take action when activities or policies threaten the environment-like the nave dumping pollutants int he waters of the Salish Sea,	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
160	I agree with vision, but recommend alluding to need for San Juan County and residents to help restore water quality and marine habitat in Puget Sound, which is currently in very poor condition, with many fish stocks and Orca among those species listed as threatened or endangered.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
161	This should be our number one focus. Without nature, none of the other issues in this survey will mean much.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
162	These natural resources depend upon knowledge and good intention to keep them fertile, healthy and uncompromised. Sustainable farming and forestry form the basis of our resource lands.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
163	Statements are nice but action toward housing would be better	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
164	The islands are more likely characterized by fragmented patchworks of landscapes rather than a diverse ecosystem. Acknowledging this is important. Dispersed rural development (i.e. housing) has a disproportional impact on certain species (e.g. birds) than others--i'm not sure this is documented in the SJI's or considered in open space planning.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
165	San Juan County is downstream from the sewage and stormwater/agricultural runoff of Vancouver and the Lower Mainland of BC. Careful monitoring to insure water quality would seem prudent.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
166	Well, I wouldn't say we have pollution free waters with the numbers of boats, but we're pretty fortunate!	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
167	Yes, we need to learn to live with and enhance the natural ecosystems.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
168	I would strongly recommend adding language specific to a healthy and dynamic food system that provides adequate sustenance to all island residents regardless of income level.	11/13/2017 10:36 PM
169	The health of our living environment should be our number one concern, we depend on it. We will not survive if we trash our "home".	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
170	We should encourage education for residents and tourists about how to protect our environment and natural resources. That means classes, workshops, written materials available to students in schools, adult island residents, tourists.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
171	Ocean acidification is already affecting our shell fish populations, and issues with an increase in tankers in our waters pose a threat to our shorelines and waters. I think that needs to be addressed.	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
172	this statement sounds like it would put pressure to restrict growth, personal property rights, and any future economic stability; resulting in a community of retired and wealthy individuals.	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
173	Our waterfront property (the land)has gone down in value $20,000 primarily because of the CAO. We are not wealthy and are bitter that only the wealthy will be able to afford attorneys to fight for their property. We've been here paying high property taxes for 40 years. It does not feel fair at all.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
174	Let get rid of Crescent Beach Road to preserve our beautiful coastal habitat and create more open space for communing with nature.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
175	Yes, but. We need to determine what proportion of our land is already protected and tax-free. Do we have that data? How many taxpaying properties are too few to support the county?	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
176	Agree wholeheartedly!	11/11/2017 6:12 AM

177	You forgot to mention the we dexterous stewards do our utmost to preserve through exactly proper action the blueness of the sky and the pristine twinkling of the proximate stars without which our otherwise amorphous glob of rock would cease to be preserved and would be rendered thrive less. Wow! Are we good, or what!!	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
178	we need to do more to protect our fragile island ecology. permitting agencies shouldn't need to be threatened by lawsuits from environmental organizations in order for them to enforce existing law - they should do it as a matter of course.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
179	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
180	Yes! We must get this right!	11/10/2017 9:03 AM
181	The statement is counter to to the statements above. We need to deter economic growth and affordable housing if we want to preserve open space and resourses.	11/9/2017 9:51 PM
182	It seems that anyone that owns more than an acre of land seems compelled to create a pond on it. This is typically done by pirating water from a stream or wetland and the overflow of the water is seldom released adequately. The county needs better oversight of these kinds of activities to ensure water quality.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
183	Agree with premise. Untrue but something to strive toward.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
184	We need to recognize the threats especially to our marine ecosystem. In the '90s we were largely a fishing community. This is far from true today. We are struggling to recover following stressors such as DDT, stream degradation, and loss of wetlands filtering the sound. We need to recognize impending sea rise and other effects of global warming. We need to recognize the threats to agricultural lands, and ensure that we have contiguous land areas designated for the future. We need to recognize wildlife needs and the conservation of wildlife corridors.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
185	Neither accurate nor realistic. Seen any tansy lately, or scotch broom? A nice, feel-good statement, but as the SRKW's are dying out, not really a good planning statement.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
186	Yes.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
187	The silent question is how government plays a role in this.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
188	National monument areas are not well-marked enough to instruct visitors to use only designated paths and areas.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
189	HOW????	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
190	As long as the decisions are rational.....	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
191	I would say this is a great goal, but stated the way it is makes it sound as if everything is pristine now. It's not. There's been a huge amount of degradation in the last 20 years. Ground water is polluted, more and more filthy storm water goes untreated into the sound. Jet fuel residue is all over FH. Surfactants are all over our beaches and in Orca blood samples. We are not doing enough to reduce the sale and use of these pollutants. There is Glyphosate in the soil of 90% of SJ farms. Stating that the soil is uncontaminated doesn't make it so.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
192	Important to protect the islands	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
193	Our tourism is based in part on the beautiful scenery and wildlife.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
194	The water and land are NOT as pure as possible; let's improve that. We should do more for educating land owners and land/ house renters and work to better rid invasives and teach people the importance of landscaping with native species.	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
195	Bland. Not action oriented.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
196	All while protecting property rights and respecting the US and WA Contitutions.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
197	pointless wishful thinking	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
198	It would be nice if it were true! However, the first sentence is a lie! At the moment, we do not have "healthy diverse ecosystems, surrounded by pollution-free marine waters". If we want to actually achieve that objective, we, first, need to recognize that our ecosystems are no longer healthy or diverse! If we admit that failure, then we can commit to the actual restoration of our ecosystems.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
199	Not just lip service, but action to prevent docks, etc which damage spawning grounds. Enforcement of environmental regulations. Education of residents and visitors	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
200	This is a great one! Though, water quality... I assume we aren't talking about town water?	11/6/2017 4:23 PM

201	"Appropriate action" depends on who you ask, and not all native species are equally appreciated (deer). Nor is all open space equally worth preserving. Still, the statement does offer a pretty good guide for the County.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
202	While I agree with the part of this that indicates we are good stewards, I don't know that other parts are accurate anymore. Are all our ecosystems all that healthy? And, do all of our native plants and animals really still thrive? Salmon, Orcas, and tufted puffins come to mind.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
203	Were not meeting the above vision currently and headed in the opposite direction. Our marine ecosystem is showing signs of strain that is partially caused by shoreline development. Freshwater ecosystems are degraded due to the proliferation of ponds. Species diversity productivity and abundance is much lower than 30 years ago, one prime example is the decline of Orcas. There are many others. The statement should be rewritten to acknowledge the challenges we face. Healthy and diverse ecosystems is a great goal.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
204	The first 2 sentences are idealistic and not factual.	11/6/2017 10:09 AM
205	Maybe the reality isn't quite so rosy. We have pollution, toxic sites, old dumps, arsenic and other heavy metals in our groundwater, etc	11/6/2017 7:42 AM
206	Wake up and smell the sewage. You know, the 20 million gallons a day being dumped in to the Straits of Juan de Fuca from Canada.... Our water quality is not excellent. If that was true, why do they find Viagra in the salmon?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
207	Careful stewardship, not so much. The County through years of land use decisions and actions has abrogated meaningful protective regulations to conserve environmental services. Additionally, the County has failed to utilize an enforcement regime which adequately dissuades developers and citizens from ignoring regulations intended to assure healthy and productive marine and land environments. For example farming in wetlands. Our waters are not pollution free, just ask our SRKW's. By my observations, invertebrates are now considerably less numerous than 20 to 30 years ago. Runoff from impervious surfaces and development permitted within 200 ft. of the shoreline ensures this fertilizer, pesticide, and other chemical pollution of near shore waters will continue to impact the environment.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
208	Requires no government action. We have lots of public land, hands off private land. No more government	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
209	not all that clean	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
210	We have to look at the impact this ideal has on affordable housing. Is our conserving and preserving too much of a good thing? Perhaps our vision needs to be a bit more balanced with economic reality.	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
211	Peaple living next to the water should be prohibited from using pesticides.	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
212	we must do something to prevent the pollution caused by fish farming in our area	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
213	That seems like a goal, not a fact. Whidbey air base pollutes our noise, sea life is challenged, deer population in our semi rural landscape is destroying many native plant habitats etc	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
214	Our marine waters are NOT pollution free. One clear example is that Victoria continues to dump its raw sewage into the Salish Sea. We must reach across the border and help to end this source of pollution in our shared waters.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
215	Promote organic farming. Save our Salish sea from to many tankers and ships.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
216	Don’t take fresh and clean air and water for granted. There should be policies and practices to keep them this way. And how about the orca whales? They are hardly thriving.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
217	Native plants and animals....this has been stretched! Certain folks believe that things could have been here but actually do not know it to be native...totally unscientific ... I don't buy it! especially the yellow paintbrush or island marble butterfly. just a program serving the people studying them. wasteful	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
218	The vision is powerful, but the reality doesn't meet this, and county actions and the shoreline master program have not supported water quality, healthy habitat and ecosystem services to the degree that they need to. More attention needs to be paid to limiting the building of high impact mega square footage properties which are inconsistent with the character of the islands	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
219	Also? attend to the "alien invaders" such as Scotch broom.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM

220	I gave this a 51 because Iceberg Point and Shark Reef and Watmough etc are trampled on by too many feet during the summer already. Have you seen those small busses that pull up to Shark Reef during the summer? I can only imagine what will happen in the future. Like other ruined paradises we will have to limit visitors per day at various locales and then need a system to enforce - hey that will provide some jobs. Keep us off the radar. Promote nothing.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
221	This is pie in the sky. Our islands' resources are protected from constant threats and deteriorate only after we are unwilling to bear the costs of preserving them. This statement doesn't account for outside influences on our environment, no matter what we do.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
222	Yes!	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
223	View and beaches access to the public. Right now waterfront properties hog the shoreline. We need a lot more walkable beaches access on Orcas, and open vista to views from town.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
224	Attitudes like the above are too often used as an excuse to stifle or stop progress. Again, keep the emotion out of this and let the science prevail.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
225	Consider adding: We support small scale, low impact, sustainable development that preserves wildlife habitat and minimizes stormwater runoff and the carbon footprint.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
226	Great atTment to strive towards. Beaches are polluted	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
227	People are allowed to plant non native trees along their property lines to block the vistas that are so magnificent . It's changes the open beauty of the island. These trees are tall and fast growing and ugly.	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
228	As written, this vision is nothing but wishful thinking and superficial understanding of the natural world in which we live. The marine ecosystem surrounding us is greatly disrupted, over-fished, polluted and destabilized by Pugetopolis and runoff. The obvious truth is that salmon and Orcas are on the way out right before our very eyes despite high fallutin, expensive hatchery programs. The shoreline plan and stricter regulations for shoreline developement have slowed the slide into oblivion for the salmon clan.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
229	The Number One environmental threat to the islands is the flow of raw sewage into our waters from Vancouver Island. San Juan County should focus on this threat and take steps to bring national and international attention to it.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
230	We should make sure we acknowledge the current level of degradation that has occurred, while striving to achieve pollution-free waters, etc. going forward.	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
231	We are beautiful on the surface. Water quality is questionable and quantities are limited. Look at loss of habitat for some land species, the marine environment with the decreasing numbers of native species and near elimination of some and the dead bays to see that we have not been that successful in keeping the islands "pristine".	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
232	We have pollution challenges in the San Juans...we are not immune to pollution and human contamination, both local and more significantly from surrounding urban areas.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
233	Soils may be uncontaminated but in the agricultural settings of pastures and hay land the fertility level has been reduced to a huge degree with a fertility deficit. Clean water, uncontaminated soils are only part of the vision we need to pursue. Being stewards we need to actually give back to the soil with inputs that are based upon scientific measurements. Until that aspect of the statement is included those desirable qualities already in the statement are an illusion.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
234	This one is very important.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
235	same answers as 16. 17. and 18 above	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
236	This nice statement is no longer completely true. We have successful agencies to preserve special parts of our landscape for people to enjoy and prevent development, but increasingly the islands are filling with houses, cars, boats, airplanes.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
237	our talk and our walk are not aligned. our waters are not pollution free, they are toxic to Orcas.....and our stormwater infastructure is sorely lacking. Our recycling infastructure is antiquated. the concept of sustainability is sorely lacking in our codes.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
238	Says nothing about limiting the deer population, which is devestating the natural flora.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
239	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
240	Shameful, mealy mouthed bureaucratic propaganda. Embarrassing!	11/2/2017 4:35 PM

241	There needs to be some specific guidelines to back this up; language like this is nice, but ultimately meaningless.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
242	Protection of environment must be balanced by enhancement and protection of our resource lands, including farming. Agricultural viability must be carefully considered in protecting environment. There are solutions that are win-win on both sides. This goal must also tie in with efforts of conservation organizations.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
243	Our Salish Sea Ecosystem is under constant attack and is not healthy and thriving. Most people only see the surface and not what lies below. Our apex predator, orcas, and the only food they eat, chinook/king salmon, are both endangered species!!! We have seastar wasting, ocean acidification, climate change, overdevelopment of shoreline…..need I say more?!?!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
244	support local agriculture in all ways above all else-we will not thrive as an island for any other purpose unless we understand we must be sustainable and be respectful of nature and our natural resources in creative ways	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
245	Partly true, but today we face large scale remediation. There are now areas of soil and water contamination all of which flows into our surrounding waters contaminating them. Waterfront is particularly vulnerable to road (oil and additive) runoff, and soap mixtures and weed killer leaches into groundwater and our surrounding waters.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
246	Water pollution (saltwater intrusion) and invasive s are increasingly becoming a problem. Not all is perfect in Sangra La.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
247	At what point in time were the native plants and animals identified? Where did we draw the line that established which plants and animals to be appreciated and conserved? 50 years, 100 years, 1,000 years?	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
248	Save the orcas.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
249	While our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems, we are not surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
250	This requires a more proactive stance regarding artificially created overpopulations of species whose natural predators have been eliminated such as deer and rabbits.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
251	Need to add dark sky and quiet, in order to alert to the value of conserving them. Think of everything you don't like about city living, or city tourism, and try to preserve the opposite in the San Juan islands.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
252	Nothing else matters if we fall shortnof this mark	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
253	Should include a vision that invasive species are eliminated.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
254	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
255	none	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
256	Preserving and enhancing natural systems is a must. More awareness about aquifers, food and water sheds, needs to be embedded in policy and regs	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
257	That is not my understanding of the condition of our bays in particular - like Eastsound bay or the north shore.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
258	We must fight against increased oil distribution to and out of the Salish Sea. Stop pipelines and oil trains to Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Stop salmon fishing until stocks increase. Protect orcas by eliminating whale watching in San Juan County and reducing or eliminating ocean oil tanker traffic.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
259	Also id old fruit and orchard trees... and reinstate such trees.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
260	What does "adequate to guide the county" mean in terms of all of these different statements?	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
261	A good philosophical statement, but no statement as to what is willing to be traded off to maintain this condition.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
262	Any mention of educating residents on the resources they live with?	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
263	Except that barking dogs have the ability and right to pollute with sound	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
264	Yes, absolutely.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

265	We have already lost diversity and abundance that once existed in the islands. We need to also work to improve and restore the degradation that has already occurred.	11/1/2017 1:20 PM
266	It is the full time residential population that are the careful stewards, who are empowered to "take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments." A full suite of options to achieve these goals should be developed and discussed. Otherwise, this vision element, and all the others, are simply window dressing.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
267	The County's enforcement of land use regulations seems weak. For example, the $55k penalty assessed for clearing 2acres of shoreline is a pittance given that decades will be required to restore that land, if ever. This sort of "enforcement" encourages those who can afford to flaunt the regs to shoot first and ask questions later.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q21 Pop-Up Studio and Workshop participants noted that there is much work to do related to the natural environment. In particular, participants said the San Juan Islands are vulnerable to climate change impacts. In response, the plan must…Encourage the County to consider climate change implications during decision-making.

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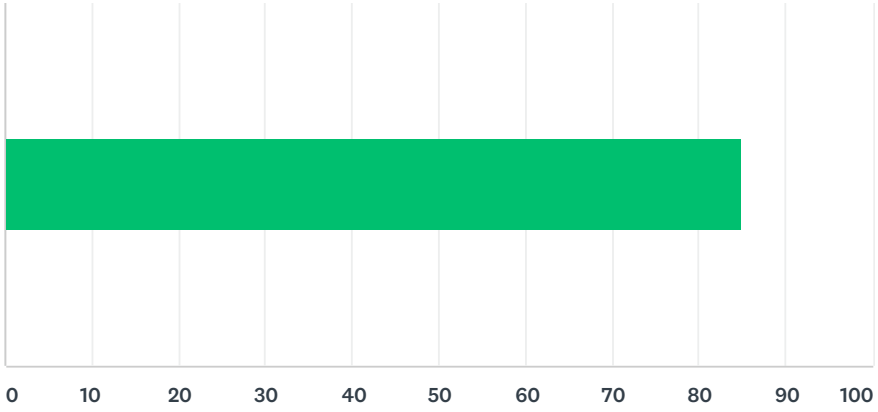

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	85	44,921	529

Total Respondents: 529

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1	50	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	3	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	94	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	100	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	70	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	99	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	100	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
17	100	11/30/2017 8:54 PM

Q22 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Barlow Bay Road relocation project is an example of SJC climate change overreach. County used absolute worst case potential to justify project instead of most likely outcome.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Primarily the impact on clean potable water (salt water intrusion), drier summers and the impact on aquifers etc...water use in general (conservation). See Islands Climate Resilience on this topic. Great information/resource for you to consider.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Couldn't agree more	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
4	Promote private and public transportation systems that are wholly electric	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
5	Climate change implications can be difficult to predict, so the County could waste a lot of time wrestling with alternative scenario projections. I would rather we focused on setting an example as a low-environmental-impact community.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
6	It is science based	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
7	I would also encourage everyone (through Opalco) to buy and use renewable energy sources	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
8	foolish not to do so.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
9	But climate change is not the immediate and primary threat here. The threat is too much growth, too fast, not enough sincere concern for protecting island values.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
10	These impacts are broad and diverse and effect every aspect of the built and natural environment.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
11	I absolutely agree . Sea level rise could potentially have significant implications for our county. Addressing climate change with county policy makes sense	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
12	In particular, we must support programs for water catchment instillation and the creation and use of ponds for agricultural as well as personal home use.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
13	To the extent that we have any ability to do so, this is simply prudent planning.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
14	We need to understand that the 15,000 folks in the island have no measurable affect on the world's climate. We can concentrate resources on supporting families, supporting education, on being thoughtful toward our lifestyle decisions on a personal level and as relates to our local environment.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
15	How about "require" instead of "encourage?"	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
16	Yes!	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
17	Absolutely the County should develop a climate change impact plan that can be applied throughout the county and in many areas (building permits, roads, permitted uses etc)	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	We have much more major, pressing issues staring us in the face like over development, overuse, lack of drinking water, can't get rid of our garbage.....climate change is already happening and it's as if this is a far-off thing we can plan for; we keep planning because it's already here. drought conditions, wildland fires, species extinction - and we keep building more, and allowing the never-ending increase in tourism hammer us down more every year. Designing solutions is not always feasible, sometimes you have to stop doing something before it gets worse. It is time to get serious restriction measures in place - many of them may only be able to be voluntary but we need to start limiting water usage, garbage generation, new construction of more stuff. We are at capacity are we not?	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	I'm not sure of all the ways that this statement might be applied. It does seem smart to consider rising sea levels when developing the island.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
20	County should also be encouraged to keep in mind the inherent difficulties associated with getting on and off the islands and getting around on island.	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
21	County cannot impact climate change	11/30/2017 6:24 AM

22	we need to find ways to encourage island residence to reduce their carbon footprint and develop and build in ways that use sustainable materials and are low impact on the environment and at the same time create and give locals employment.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
23	Don’t wait for someone else to lead.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
24	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
25	NO. NO. The science is not settled. This is a weapon against development. This is a weapon against private property. Keep junk science out of our codes. It is WAY too subjective. Even if it were settled, to consider our impact on the climate is akin to wondering if the Apollo Program changed the moon's orbit because of the added mass left behind.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
26	County cannot control climate change	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
27	Right on!	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
28	This is the most critical challenge facing us now.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
29	Solar panels on every roof, charging stations for electric vehicles, bike lanes on the roads, year round public transportation. Food hub for agriculture. Measure county carbon footprint and reduce it. Sea level rise mitigation, and concern about acidifaction of ocean.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
30	Yes! Please be logical and use science to make educated decisions so that we can continue to thrive as a community despite global changes.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
31	There is very little our county can do about this global issue. All global citizens should reduce their carbon-footprint. But we know that human nature will prevent any significant behavioral changes that would be sufficient to mitigate this problem.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
32	If we don't consider it, we'll be sorry.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
33	Create more bike paths and shared transportation options -	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
34	Infrastructure fortifications re: high water & wind preparedness, alternative power generation, health care in isolation, and alternative to ferry travel should all be planned.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
35	We have miles of county roads and scores of county homes (and septic systems) that will be impacted by sea level rise. We need to plan for those impacts rather than dealing with them as emergencies when they become acute.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
36	I would add that the population of the islands is so small as to have negligible ability to impact climate change one way or the other, so decision-making should focus on advocating for state, national, and international policies to reduce climate change, as well as planning for the inevitable effects when that fails.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
37	Despite the stupidity of our current national government, our county must recognize and address the implications of climate change.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
38	Climate change mitigation cannot eclipse here and now issues of land conservation, impacts of tourism, pollution, biodiversity preservation. Here and now protections will inform and benefit any climate change mitigation being considered.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
39	Bicycling is the lowest carbon in mission form of transportation. Bicycle paths and/or wide shoulders on main roads need to be added, both for tourists and for safe commuting for local residents.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
40	We are rural with no industries existing or allowed that would contribute to climate change. Put your efforts into policies that will actually make a difference.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
41	To the extent that it applies base on known science	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
42	Major importance	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
43	mandatory	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
44	If we don't we will be passing huge expenses on to the people living here in the next decades. It is irresponsible not to do this.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
45	We are a county of 15,000. Anything we do or don't do won't effect climate change one way or the other.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM

46	absolutely	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
47	Within reason we should do what we can, with clear understanding that it is a political statement and our actions will have minimal impact	11/28/2017 6:00 PM
48	There is no option here - the County goverment must plan for climate change. Yes, the County government should encourage residents mitigate the effects of climate change.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
49	Sea level rising is inevitable and sooner than later. Planning for any water front action must anticipate this increase in tidal affects. Development, preservation of natural areas and just land use in general should imagine these increases of sea level.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
50	County should help to foster programs for energy conservation, energy generation and alternative transportation systems and technologies to do our part to reduce the impact of climate change. i.e., allowing neighborhood EVs on the County roads was a GREAT STEP!	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
51	This should be a top priority	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
52	Whoa - "encourage" is nowhere near strong enough. Need to require climate change to be included in all relevant county decisions. Lots of resources online, including this one (NJ has shoreline, FYI) -http://njadapt.rutgers.edu/docman-lister/resource-pdfs/129-climate-change-and-local-planning-white-paper-final-3-18-15/file	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
53	Anticipate at least 12" rise over next 50 years.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
54	This consideration is very important for waterfront activities and for road development where many essential island roads will be rendered unusable with even moderate increases in ocean levels	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
55	Building permitting system must also take this into account.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
56	Could be stronger. REQUIRE the County...	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
57	This is a critical element. And the County must be more involved in actions to prevent more climate change.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
58	Asking/promoting someone to purchase an electric car adds 50% more carbon just by increasing the demand. Promote keeping cars longer and fixing them instead of buying new. It is a failure of most humans to be myopic. If I don't see it, it doesn't exist.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
59	Planning for change is often controversial but will save money and reduce distress as changes come.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
60	Yes!, and educate.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
61	W	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
62	Poppycock	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
63	Climate change is real. Everyone needs to be prepared for an ever changing world. This preparation must be backed by science, and not woo.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
64	Do more	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
65	This consideration must be done carefully and not allow it to get out of hand/extremely limited/narrow minded.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
66	Science and due diligence	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
67	Site all new capital facilities in places that are not at risk from potential sea level rise or extreme weather conditions. Use the latest science to identify potential sea level rise, flood zones, and other characteristics when identifying locations for capital facilities infrastructure.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
68	The islands are less vulnerable than many places to climate change and owing to our small population base, we have little capacity to change the CO2 trajectory. Including climate change predictions into our planning should be inherant (rainwater catchment to limit use of salt water intruded wells).	11/27/2017 9:05 PM
69	The county makes decisions with the climate change implications to model innovative solutions and resiliency.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
70	The county seeks innovative solutions and resiliency.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
71	stop government's use of herbicides and other toxic chemicals.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
72	MUST	11/26/2017 3:55 PM

73	Very, very important	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
74	Always think about the environmental implications in all decision-making. Make environmentally sustainable decisions only.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
75	The County must clear a sustainablity climate action plan. This plan must address climate refugees. As flooding, fires, desertification spread the County will be pressured to accept more residents. What is the County's carrying capacity? How can there be any discussion of 2036 when we do not know how many people and homes we can sustain?	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
76	Don't we already? example: OPALCO, Sea Doc.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
77	This is a no brainer. How is the county going to plan for and address impacts of climate change? How is the county going to support community members in the face of impacts related to climate change. This is not the time to stick our heads in the sand and hope it isn't going to happen or leave it for the next generation to address.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
78	Of course.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
79	Ensure water use is metered, most wells on island do not have meters. How can we manage a problem is we can't measure it. Focus on sustainable agricultural practices and local food production as form of food security when facing climate change.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
80	Climate change cannot be measured, so influencing it is almost impossible.	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
81	Yes, I think it is important to consider climate change during decision-making.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
82	Enough already.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
83	Trying to predict the future is futile and expensive. Focus on what we know, not what some alarmists fear.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
84	It's not just about planning for climate change, it's about how to reverse it. Planning for it is just accepting the inevitability of it, practicing resignation where vision, sacrifice and leadership are required	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
85	Including taking a stance on the impact of oil shipping containers.	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
86	I would say "insist" the county consider climate change implications.	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
87	need more than consideration; need a specific Climate Action Plan to keep step with state level goals and even exceed them.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
88	I'm not a climate change denier, but local impacts are still difficult to predict.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
89	Promote a reduction in fossil fuel use, reducing land fill waste, water conservation, use of solar and wind powered energy. It would be great to see more trails/ sidewalks to allow people to use active transportation to commute on island as well as encourage visitors to leave their cars behind. More charging stations for electric vehicles. Incentives to have solar and wind powered generation.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
90	It is madness not to consider sea level rise. Ask the archeologists whether beach middens are vanishing. Development must retreat to higher ground, farther from the shore.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
91	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
92	duh	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
93	Climate change is inevitable. Ten thousand years ago, our islands were covered by a mile of an insentient glacier.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
94	absolutely critical to include! anyone who dismisses this issue (including sea level rise, water quantity and quality, fire potential, plant and animal pests and diseases, etc.) is simply irresponsible	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
95	We really need to take this into consideration, but will they be effective to save what we have left. That is the question.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
96	This consideration should be PRIMARY ALL DECISION MAKING!	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
97	This seems obvious, I want more specifics.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
98	See above comment	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
99	Uuuummm...we like, I dunno, live on like, islands in an ocean.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM

100	Climate impacts are forever. Decisions should recognize this first and foremost and resist yielding to quick fix solutions and or financial pressures.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
101	It’s happening! We must adapt	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
102	Climate change hysteria has no business in our Comprehensive Plan.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
103	Ofcourse.... especially being a progressive and wealthy bubble, it is up to us to live and lead a assertive and aware existence	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
104	this has to be part of it.... even if not just about climate change but all that is happening now including growlers.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
105	As well as other natural disasters.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
106	Again --- balance. You can't be a true tree hugger and still wear clothes.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
107	Shoreline impacts- erosion	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
108	Recommend stronger language than 'encourage' the County.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
109	The County will be required to plan for climate impacts and to work toward sequestering greenhouse gases. It is too late to simply consider implications.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
110	Climate change implications should be non-exclusively spelled out, but most certainly should include potable water availability & fire hazard mgmt. Would someone please thin the trees near English Camp/Roche resevoir??	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
111	Replace "encourage" with "require"	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
112	this is so important	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
113	Absolutely. We need to educate residents about the reality of climate change, and what can be done to slow it down (face it ... it's not going away, and it's not going to be reversed in anybody's lifetime). Increase consciousness of climate change and the factors that cause it.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
114	No ICE cars by 2025. No ICE trucks by 2030. Just stop the traffic at the ferry in Anacortes.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
115	I worry this gives people without skin in the game too much power.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
116	Eastsound and Lopez Village are basically at sea level. What's the plan?	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
117	We also must fight against tanker traffic that has the potential to destroy the entire county!	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
118	OK, but how? NOT forcing people to move their properties or site their houses based on predictions of 6 foot sea level rise. Rationally.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
119	Great idea. Climate change and overpopulation are worth worrying about. And it only took you one sentence to say it! Carry on ...	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
120	None	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
121	Less water + more fire risk = serious concern	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
122	Make sure the new economic developments are in keeping with Co2 guidelines, and encourage new technologies to fight global warming. Map areas which are prone to be affected by sea level rise and plan accordingly. Develop county maintenance which discourages draining the land to the sea, or the dumping of treated or untreated water into the sea. Let us be a model for others.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
123	Don't they already?	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
124	It is my hope that my species in general and my fellow islanders grow increasingly intimate with and respectful toward our natural environment.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
125	As worded, this is a meaningless addition. We already have to account for a wide range of climatic events that far go beyond our norm for the next twenty years. Severe wind, power outages, community shelters, ferry disruptions, etc	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
126	HOW???	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
127	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
128	Sea level rise will impact fish spawning beaches which affect orcas which affect our tourism. Global warming will increase insect infestations and drought. We need to deal with it. Encourage solar energy.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM

129	Sure, figure it out for the world. Sound good, but really BS.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
130	Climate change has occurred for eons of time. The sea level rise and alleged "man made" cause, is an erroneous theory. Please do not make these assertions in our Comp Plan!	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
131	Not only during decision-making, but also in the creation of policies.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
132	Al Gore said we would be underwater by now. Climate change is a lie by politicians to create panic and seize power.	11/7/2017 8:41 AM
133	How arrogant to think we have any control of the wisdom of mother nature.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
134	Low-bank development will probably be less favored with rising sea levels, so the County should consider whether it wants to allow such development to occur, and if not, how owners can seek recourse (build elsewhere). Could be an opportunity for Land Bank involvement, especially with the dearth of public shoreline access in San Juan County. Some road relocations may be necessary as well. Also, with increased water use as our population grows, is the County doing enough to ensure that there will be enough water to go around, especially for wildlife? Water rights will be a minefield if the County hopes to champion conservation. I imagine at least some climate change scenarios would portend less rainfall in the years ahead.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
135	I would like to see us become as renewable and sustainable as possible. Not only will doing so greatly benefit our citizens (affordable, free, low/no impact utilities harvested from solar, thermal, wind, and water resources) and our environment and eco-system. I would like to see more people enabled to make this a reality. New construction should have codes and regulations to ensure they are utilizing a number of different green/eco systems, as well as earthquake and fireproof materials. And much of the time, materials which are earthquake and fireproof, are also passive solar in respect and have thermal mass features. We need to be more mindful in the building of all new construction, as this is where we have immediate ability to change our climate impact. And we also need a free shuttle/transportation system. As our island has grown, there is a major congestion and safety problem on the roads, and especially during the height of tourist season. Make it easier for our visitors to get around, as well as our locals. Being a local without transportation, and with the lack of affordable transportation services, during the height of visitor season, my needs take a back seat to travelers needing to get the the airport, hotel, resorts, harbor, etc... Which means I am late for appointments and need to schedule my time around visitors. The best and easiest way to do so, is to support Bob Reilly (Friday Harbor Taxi & Round Towner), so he may hire on dependable, courteous people and employ more vehicles, as this has been his mission since I met him when I moved here, in 2013. He has jumped through hoops as a one man show, to do the best he can, with extremely limited resources and support, to implement a program to fill this extreme need and take care of everyone in need, ability to pay or not. We need to embrace and support him, not shoot him down and discount his vision. We cater to visitors, not our island's needy.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
136	If we do this in a data-based, instead of fear-based, fashion.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
137	Climate change will change everything here from sea level rise to increased forest fire risks. We have to prepare and mitigate our impacts.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
138	Change to: "Incorporate climate change mitigations into County decision-making."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
139	Forget about climate change. What about all the (literal) crap in the waters of the Puget Sound? Between the Canadian donating 20 million gallons of raw sewage, there's an awful lot of run-off pouring into our waters.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
140	This is by far the most important statement in this document.	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
141	Scientists have concluded with high probability that we are currently experiencing the milder effects of climate change. Worse conditions are to come because even if we stop or reduce GHG contributions to the atmosphere and oceans now, the present and future levels cannot be reversed for decades. The County must look to the future predictions by NOAA, other unbiased governmental agencies, and academic institutions regarding sea level rise and the vulnerability of roads and other infrastructure. There is much infrastructure in the predicted path of sea level driven flooding. I personally know of such a vulnerable situation on south Lopez Island affecting a county park and beach, numerous homeowners, and access to the National Monument.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
142	Beyond Flaky. We have no idea what is coming. Stay loose and deal with things in their own good time....	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
143	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM

144	The plan must include a new, separate section entirely dedicated to climate change that requires the county to adopt a specific greenhouse emissions reduction plan vaild through 2036 and beyond. It must include alleviating global warming impact on sea level rise and its impact on saltwater intrusion to wells, public infrastructure such as roads, ferry terminal, and village buildings. The plan must advocate the conversion to powering the islands exclusively with solar and wind renewable energy and promise to remove any regulatory hurdles in this regard.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
145	climate change is real we should limit the number of cars coming to the islands and provide non polluting transportation options for visitors	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
146	As a resident of Orcas Island I wonder how much sea level rise would result in the permanent closure of the road along Crescent Beach? This is a major thoroughfare connecting the east and west sides of the island. How much sea level rise would result in the separation of "East Orcas Island" and "West Orcas Island"? How would these two sea level changes effect the other islands? Are there predictive models?	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
147	Of course, but the issue is far beyond SJC, must work with all PNW communities.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
148	Climate change is one of the key external risks to SJC. We need to do our share in reducing GHG emissions. We also need to make our infrastructure more resilient to sea rise and other warming impacts.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
149	The Islands Climate Resiliency group has submitted extensive recommendations	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
150	(Who expected all this snow on 11/4!)	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
151	Please consider adding a "sustainability" element to the comprehensive plan. Not focused solely on environmental sustainability, the com plan could emphasize the inter-related nature of environmental, economic, and social factors in sustainability. One of the keys to success in sustainability is recognizing that decisionmaking must be based on an integration of economic with environmental and social factors. The San Juan County Comprehensive Plan could contain those mandated by the Growth Management Act, and another element on sustainability if that is important to us here. A requirement of the Growth Management Act is that the various comprehensive plan elements be consistent with one another. This Community Sustainability Element would be intended to provide a framework tying the other plan elements together, illustrating how the overall plan direction supports sustainability everywhere on the Islands. A key aspect of this approach is also to provide more direct linkages between long term planning and shorter-term strategic planning and policy review which guide the use of city resources and programs, especially budgeting. For example, a new emphasis on life cycle efficiency may take precedence over simple least-cost analytical methods. The Islands are gifted with unique environmental assets, such as disappearing Orca whales and lots of parks and open spaces. We have walk-able villages, but inadequate transit, and the potential to see a lot of agricultural, touristic, and marine economic development, so should there be a growing recognition and harnessing of the power of citizen knowledge to encourage and support changes in county policies and operations which would make the County a leader in environmental stewardship. Another big factor is "we are willing to pay what is necessary to obtain the results we want."	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
152	See statement #1 above re. self-sufficiency. Additional support from SJC via regulations and funding for renewable energy development would also address climate change impacts.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
153	Bike trails along all the roads (like Austria), Public transportation, Solar energy, Wind energy, Electric no EMF cars. Learning from Europe to avoid dryers and hang laundry to dry in the air.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
154	It seems that emotion dominate both sides of this issue - stay out of it. The fact is that the earths climate changes - always has and always will. All changes have good and bad aspects. And there are many bad aspects of climate change. But when a politician can enumerate the many beneficial aspects of climate changes and present a rational balance, then I'll listen.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
155	We also need to discourage excessively large development due to the carbon footprint associated with the initial construction, and with the long term energy use.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
156	Including limits in motorized cars and boats	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
157	If we had a free bus or bus that charges a 25 cents that continuously circles we all could get on and off and tourist could travel without renting a car or moped if they wanted or if the weather was bad	11/3/2017 8:48 PM

158	Climate change is the elephant in the living room. The impacts of sea level rise are distant but the cascading impacts of population growth by emigres from drought regions creating regional additional socio-environmental stressors around us and greatly reduced snow pack will indirectly impact us and our imported goods and services and energy supply in complex ways.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
159	Man made climate change is a political strawman created to create international control over our lives. Recent NASA data has debunked the claims of climate hysteria.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
160	Making sound decisions takes expert knowledge. Do we support the county's efforts by providing the resources to seek expert advice?	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
161	Climate change impacts including sea level rise, ocean acidification, drought, and wildfire are a challenge and must be considered in decision-making. The San Juans may also experience an influx of "climate refugees" as other areas become less habitable.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
162	A lot of words have been thrown into this idea over the last few years. Having a statement of encouragement is not enough, we need to see action and leadership to actually see the county doing something. Words are cheap, where is the action?	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
163	Critically important - be sure to include.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
164	But, it should also encourage the development of industries to solve and or mitigate climate change.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
165	These conservation goals should extend to tourists.	11/3/2017 5:40 AM
166	ditto last question	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
167	not encourage REQUIRE county to actively prepare for impacts of climate change.... Such as sea level change, chances to water cycle, climate refugees....	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
168	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
169	restrict development in areas that are sure to be impacted by sea level rise, educate the citizens on actions to reduce climate change, consider the impacts of climate change in weather, sea level, drought, water supply, etc when making policies. Adaptive management will be necessary. The impacts will likely be sooner and more dramatic than anticipated.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
170	we do not know the true effects of climate change and change is the only thing that is constant and we must be flexible to change with it, as we have in the past 40 years-I have farmed here and been associated with ag in this most recent age of incredible climate change-we have to roll with it, season by season, year by year-there is no policy for that-be open and change accordingly	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
171	Since islands are by definition vulnerable, a climate change element should be included in land use and energy generation or use decision-making..	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
172	do what it can to limit local impact. Reduction of greenhouse gases through a variety of means (like more promotion of a plant based diet) is necessary.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
173	Having updated both the CAO & SMP, I do not see any reason to consider climate4 change in San Juan County.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
174	Climate change is happening. We must adapt while preserving as much of the current natural enviornment as possible	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
175	Impeach Donald Trump.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
176	There is nothing that the County could implement that would impact climate change in any measurable way. The only impact from any County initiative would be to lower the economic viability of the County without any benefit to the residents of the County. Instead, County and State officials should encourage Federal regulators to consider climate change implications in their decision-making.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
177	seems a no brainer	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
178	Building permits must factor in 100 year change, worst case scenario, especially with regard to sea level.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
179	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
180	can't deny it!	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
181	Indeed, we don't want to be head in sand people.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM

182	Totally agree	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
183	We don't know what many of the climate change impacts will be, and many models are over-blown. Awareness, yes. Over-reaction, no.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
184	Yes, I think this is good but, as always, there are two sides to the coin. What are we willing to do (or give up) to maintain this situation? Also, if you turn it around, what sort of “stake in the ground” are we prepared to commit to and are there any benefits that could accrue to us beyond the agreement (e.g., publicity).	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
185	Of course. But what? Certainly not forcing people to move their homes. The fact of climate change is beyond dispute. The intensity and specific effects are not well known. So, yes, consider rationally.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
186	Vague, but ok	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
187	Yes - makes complete sense from a land use, economic and environmental sustainability stand point. We should also consider climate change issues in disaster preparedness planning. Increased fires with climate change as seen this summer throughout the PNW.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
188	"Encourage" is simply way too soft a word here, generally meaning "sure, go ahead if you feel like it" but you don't have to. The implicit sub-text is that "the market" will solve this one. The correct word for considering climate change implications is "require"	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
189	Though CC is a global issue, the lack of leadership at the national level makes it imperative that issues be addressed locally in so far as possible.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q23 Pop-Up Studio and Workshop participants noted that there is much work to do related to the natural environment. In particular, participants said the San Juan Islands are vulnerable to climate change impacts. In response, the plan must…Identify ways to reduce carbon emissions in the islands.

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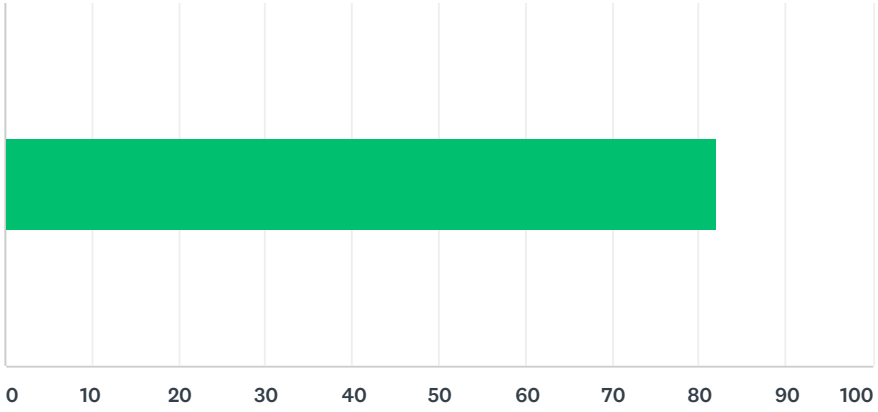

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	82	42,909	523

Total Respondents: 523

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1	2	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
2	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
3	94	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
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6	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
7	100	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
8	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
9	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
10	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
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14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
16	100	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
17	100	11/30/2017 8:38 PM

Q24 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	County going to eliminate wood stoves/fireplaces?	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	AMEN! Support subsidies/rebates for electric vehicle use/transportation. Solar on rooftops, wind energy and continued use of hydro-electricity. Support renewable energy. Encourage energy independence.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	AND. . . that we act to sustain our aquifers, make the best and most efficient use of our water. AND AGAIN, please take special note of the letter provided by Islands Climate Resilience. It is a well worded document with valuable ideas.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
4	We can be more specific, and also address the very fragile and vulnerable electric grid on the islands. In late November major power losses two days apart threatened the islands' economy, food supply, etc. "Implement a fair, affordable and sensible public bus system which will benefit the tourism sector and reduce personal vehicle traffic and emissions." "Create renewable energy cooperatives which island citizens can opt into, providing energy independence, resiliency, and reduce carbon emissions."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	Bike paths should be a priority. Island shuttles as well as water taxis	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
6	Somebody has to do it.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
7	Whatever can be creatively done to foster vehicles that don't use fossil fuels	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
8	Yes, but again the mindset has to change.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
9	Come up with a comprehensive plan to minimize our contribution to greenhouse gasses (e.g. transportation - non-motorized trails for bikes and walking, shuttles, etc. and buildings - require energy score for every house offered for sale) We must also start planning for the inevitable changes ahead, like rising sea level, decreased summer rainfall. Water is going to become extremely important.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
10	Every time I see an Island Ex truck belching diesel exhaust I am taken aback. I also think we need to carefully look at outdoor burning, especially burn piles and encourage other ways of dealing with organic matter by encouraging chipping and other methods. Every time I see a big plume of smoke rising from a burn on the island I wonder how short-sighted we are to pollute our own air.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
11	…and reduce carbon footprint of our material consumables, as well as reduce tremendous waste in the construction sector by the tearing down of perfectly livable structures.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
12	Also something that we simply have to incorporate into rational behavior. Truly engaging with this problem could be a fulcrum for addressing most of our other issues. For example, we could significantly cut total carbon emissions by committing to a massive (but doable) expansion of farming in the county. This would actually recreate the rural character we keep mooning about. Community commitment to driverless, electric rideshare vehicles could cut carbon and lighten the economic and ecological footprint of our road networks. Smaller, quieter roads might strike tourists as quaint, even, perhaps, rural? Sarcasm aside, I really think that engaging with carbon reduction in this way is the best shift the comprehensive plan could create.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
13	We already know a lot about how to do this. Implementing it is harder. Construction companies, for example, seem a bit clueless about green building. The lack of adequate bike lanes is criminal. I bike on Lopez and find it occasionally terrifying. I drive more often than I want to because some days I just don't feel like being scared.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
14	Yes, and provide incentives to this end whenever possible.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
15	We should do our part. Sadly we have little impact given the scale of the problem. But we can show other communities that programs can be effective.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
16	This is critical!	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
17	Produce local food with zero associated food miles.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM

18	The more green a building is, the more tax incentives they should get. If someone drives an electric car, they should get a local tax break. I think we should have a wind farm on the island as well as a solar farm. We have solar at our house and I believe that all buildings should have solar.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
19	keeping in mind the majority of full time residents may not be able to afford electric vehicles...	11/30/2017 7:40 AM
20	But don't block traditional wood fires in stoves, fireplaces and home fire pits. To many people, the home fires give a critical sense of place.	11/30/2017 6:54 AM
21	Same comment as above as implementation of ways identified is considered	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
22	The county cannot regulate non-use of Automobiles.	11/30/2017 6:24 AM
23	YES, to many cars... Lopez is called the biker friendly island, but it is very dangerous and scarry to bike on the island. there is a lot of car/truck traffic and curvy roads, with no sides. we NEED to create a commuters lane down center RD from the south-end fire station to Hummel lake, that would encourage islanders to bike walk, jog, skate or ride horses to and from work or errands. not some bike smart, extremely long detour if you are not just sight seeing! also Paid Parking in Anacortes ferry landing should be free or way cheaper...as it is people save money by bringing their car if they are going to be a couple of days. also places where people can park their cars for a day or so to encourage ride shares.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
24	Island oriented public transport, or cooperative transport on a large scale, would be very helpful. The islands are also prime places for alternative energies. We should be champions of solar and wind power.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
25	And make financially beneficial opportunities for good decisions	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
26	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
27	NO. We are Carbon Based Lifeforms. So the ultimate answer is that we all stop coming to the islands. We have a lot more problems than to contemplate these issues.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
28	Why not make the islands car-free? Offer bike or group transit/shuttle or other options on-island. Use the SJI as an object lesson to create awareness for a carbon emission conscious community.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
29	Yes!	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
30	Absolutely! I would love to see more cycling and less driving for one. We should also work not only to reduce our emissions but to actively seek innovation. There is much potential for economic growth in the renewable energy sector I believe.	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
31	Why aren't all the diesel cars & trucks burning biodiesel instead of petroleum diesel, for pity sake? Our island supply comes from a Mt. Vernon company which uses only restaurant waste oil to produce it & it is 89% cleaner than petro-diesel. More than that, the same producer is making methane in his Mt. Vernon bio digester from food waste. Although the US government (because of corporate oil interests) has eliminated biodiesel producer incentives in the past few years, we should be a beacon of reason and get our cars either off the road (carpooling, telecommuting) or get biodiesel in our diesel cars & trucks. The ferries are using a biodiesel blend (a low blend) but even a small amount helps. My diesel passenger car burns 100% biodiesel (no petroleum diesel added), with no engine conversions since the day I bought it. Why is something so simple not getting airtime?! Thank your local & national lawmakers.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
32	Identify ways to reduce carbon emissions in the islands AND REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF OUR MATERIAL CONSUMABLES AND THROUGHPUT.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
33	We must shift away from car based, fossil fueled economy. This needs to be supported in the county and surrounding county-state level. Changes to the shore line with rising sea levels must be addressed, as well as salt water incursion on our watertables. Support local agriculture and reduce trucking food to islands.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
34	Please make biking safer on the islands or stop telling people this is a great place to bike.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
35	I would suggest strategies to expand public transit beyond the summer season and improve bicycling options	11/29/2017 3:26 PM
36	Stop people from building homes larger than 1000 sq. ft. per inhabitant.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
37	This effort may not make the biggest impact, but would be heading in the right direction.	11/29/2017 2:33 PM

38	The biggest carbon emission problem we have in SJC is the penchant for islanders to fly other places (vacations to far-flung regions) and to shop online. I'm not even sure how we could reduce those things.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
39	bikes and electric cars to share	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
40	County Buildings & critical infrastructure should all have clean back up power sources.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
41	Non-motorized transportation infrastructure will help dramatically here, particularly in allowing more of our visitors to avoid bringing a vehicle on the ferry (leaving more room for residents). Non-motorized transportation can also greatly improve public health. Studies show that the availability of trails in a community increases the healthy behaviors of the residents.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
42	As I said above, anything we do here will have negligible effect globally. We should focus on lobbying at the national and international level while ensuring that we are ready to comply with whatever global policies are put in place. But it seems a bit silly to sit in the cold, wearing a hair-shirt, while everyone else on the Titanic parties.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
43	we already do more that most counties in this state.	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
44	Number one: make it possible and, most importantly, affordable to leave a car on the mainland (no fee for long-term parking) and take a shuttle or other public transportation on the islands.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
45	the small amount of contribution here is nothing compared to the I-5 corridor - it is out of control with overpopulation	11/29/2017 11:58 AM
46	will be challenging given the rural, car dependent aspect of living in the islands, and the maritime tradition of the Salish Sea	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
47	Bicycling is the lowest carbon in mission form of transportation. Bicycle paths and/or wide shoulders on main roads need to be added, both for tourists and for safe commuting for local residents.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
48	as well as encourage agricultural practices that add to our ability for self-sustainability	11/29/2017 10:09 AM
49	You already asked this question above.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
50	The islands have a low carbon footprint. I don't believe it's a big issue for the County.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
51	Keeping in mind however, that given the uncertain power supply it is important to allow wood burning stoves as a source of heat and cooking at least as a backup.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
52	Tourism driven real estate sales continue to drive necessary we'll paying construction jobs which will largely continue to rely on carbon operating machinery. Battery driven excavators, trucks and heavy hauling will remain carbon intensive for many years. Concrete & cement production for our many immense new tourist homes will remain deeply carbon consumptive, overbearing many smaller other efforts to reduce carbon. Any serious discussion on carbon reductions should start with restrictions on size of our new home construction, especially their concrete foundations. The embedded construction carbon footprint & ongoing energy to run such trophy homes eclipses all other carbon reduction efforts. Restricting massive RV's also comes to mind. Obviously, none of the above can be considered due to our "property rights". Untouchable Elephants in the room.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
53	ASAP	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
54	Do not advertise tourism. Less cars.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
55	We should take advantage of our marine winds and our relatively sunny weather to help supply our energy needs. This would also diversify our economy.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
56	We are a county of 15,000. Anything we do or don't do won't effect climate change one way or the other.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM
57	Like the rest of the world, we should encourage the reduction of carbon emissions. This is a global issue.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
58	Yes, lets do it. Let's reduce waste, increase cycling, etc. everything we can do, we should do. A plastic bag ban!	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
59	Stopping 1 growler would have more impact than all projects combined	11/28/2017 6:00 PM
60	The first step is to identify what carbon emissions in the County are. But, we must also plan to actively discuss what actions the residents could take.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM

61	Creating a local energy grid drawing on our unique solar possibilities should be considered and such non petroleum and carbon producing heat sources (wood) should be explored and models developed. Alaska has a pollution problem in many of its villages because wood burning is a principal source of energy.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
62	Wood Stoves and Vehicles - We should ALL do our part - ALL year long. Encourage more Public Transportation Options be made available.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
63	...and incentive local citizens and businesses who make strides in this area.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
64	YES !	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
65	If SJ County became carbon neutral I don't think it would have much impact but it would make us proud. Who will do this and what work won't get done in order to do it? I'm fine with it, but I want to know the cost of including this. Also isn't there a pre-existing list that does this? Why does the county have to replicate this work? We don't have the expertise or resources to reinvent this wheel. Use what's out there and if it's good, put it into a county rule.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
66	Impose local carbon tax?	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
67	Greater interconnection of island communities by water should be considered,	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
68	Electric ferries	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
69	And assist people in making those choices.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
70	wood burning for heat will remain necessary	11/28/2017 3:39 PM
71	The islands can be a leader in innovative solutions - and provide an example for other regions.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
72	We should be creating incentives for more solar, wind and other non-extractive resources. We need to address the issue of burning wood for property management and generating heat.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
73	stop sending glassand plastic off-island to get potentially recycled both can be processed and reused here as construction materials and plastics can be used in road construction saving money, power, and carbon.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
74	Good to act locally even if the impact is small.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
75	Yes!	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
76	While this is an important global concern, statistically small, rural communities are not significant contributors to this problem. We need to make sure that these efforts are made in ways that do not hinder out ability to function as the self-sufficient community that we claim to be.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
77	Do more	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
78	How about an electric public transportation system?	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
79	I really think the identification of ways to reduce trash, plastics, solid waste, food waste in the islands is a larger priority than reduction of carbon emissions.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
80	Bike and walking trails	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
81	Overall transportation goals and policies should further the reduction of GHG emissions, including by cutting down on vehicle miles traveled. This should include prioritizing investment in low-carbon transit, providing incentives for adoption of electric vehicles and other low and/or no GHG-emitting transport or ride sharing options, and promoting non-motorized transportation by making roads safer and creating trails for bikes and pedestrians.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
82	Everyone on the planet should do this, but it isn't something.we will be able to.reap the benefits of even if we are SUPER successfull unlike other changes we could make.	11/27/2017 9:05 PM
83	The county chooses paths to reduce carbon emissions, incentivize carbon sequestration, and increase resiliency in the face of climate change.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
84	The county chooses paths to reduce carbon emissions, incentivize carbon sequestration, and increase resiliency in the face of climate change.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
85	bike paths, walking trails, are needed!	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
86	The most practical way is to make it more enjoyable for tourists to come here w/o their cars.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
87	a very high priority	11/25/2017 9:26 AM

88	As well as reduce carbon footprint of our material consumables and throughput.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
89	The county should work with the community to reduce our material consumables and reduce items in the waste stream. One first step would be to ban plastic bags used in all businesses, including all plastic bags in grocery stores.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
90	…and reduce carbon footprint of our material consumables and throughput.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
91	Year round public transportation from ferry terminals and hamlet hubs is critical to reducing carbon emissions. Sustainability plans for renewable energy and waste reduction are important.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
92	Again a no brainer.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
93	Yes.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
94	Reduce food miles to bring food to the islands. Support local agriculture and local value added production on RFF.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
95	And reduce carbon footprint of our material consumables and throughput.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
96	Put mufflers on cow assholes? Give me a BREAK!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
97	Yes, reducing carbon emissions would be good. I think other areas could have more impact. A viable bike path network over and across the islands would be nice.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
98	Freeze in the dark? Where do you think most energy comes from, with less reliance on hydro power.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
99	Creating a shuttle system to encourage visitors to leave their vehicles on the mainland. Imposing a burn ban for forest debris and construction materials, pursuing policies that support a fossil free energy future	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
100	We are small and mighty. We should be a leader in self-sufficiency and climate resilience.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
101	Replace the county transit fleet with electric buses?	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
102	Personally, I would prefer that this say "Identify ways to eliminate all fossil fuel related carbon emissions..."	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
103	see above	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
104	Business incentives?	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
105	Walking and bike paths, public transport. Stop overfunding the road department. The islands are vulnerable to forest fire because of climate change. We need to study that and how to minimize the risk and prepare for fire.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
106	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
107	What to do? End driving on the idsland and ban ferry travel?	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
108	that's a great start...lots more needs as well!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
109	At this time there is extremely limited public transportation and the use of electric vehicles is not encouraged.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
110	Be tough with regulations and generous with incentives. We islanders can take it and will adapt!	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
111	Let's strive to be a leader/model community!	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
112	The most obvious (on Lopez) would be a non fossil fuel garbage truck and safe road shoulders for bicycles.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
113	Economic incentives for residents.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM

114	Efforts to reduce our county's emissions are important along with encouraging a shift to renewables and an ethos of reducing consumption etc get my support... but our location in the middle of the fossil fuel corridor to Asia and elsewhere really does call on us to exert what influence we can to push against this. One tanker accident and our island life is significantly harmed, while the ongoing transport of fossil fuels from the point ot extraction to the point of use, puts into play global climate impacts that will harm us regardless of what our county does to impact it's own CO2 emissions. Doing what we can as a county to ally with communities around the Salish Sea, in Canada and Washington, to slow this down is the moral thing to do. Envision a rights of the Salish Sea movement in which all that depends on the health of the Sea benefits, recognizing our interdependence in potent ways. The rise of vessel traffic in our waters impacts the mammals that reside here and that too needs to be recognized and acted on.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
115	Better local transit and bike lanes on all main roads!!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
116	NOOOOOO!	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
117	Sure, Paris Climate agreement, well being, etc etc....	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
118	Encourage solar power and electric automobiles. Raise the price of gasoline even higher than it is now.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
119	Have you seen how inefficient the county dude who mows the right of ways is!? I mean seriously, just teaching him how to mow would reduce big foot's carbon foot print by a sixteenth or so! Seriously though, the excessive use of tractor and sweepers by the county is a bit ridiculous. Not to mentions the median age of dump trucks county wide is 50.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
120	Build bike paths, and tax the bike tour companies to help pay for it.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
121	It is possible to sequester carbon while bolstering soil health. Reducing carbon emissions is a good first step, but does not go far enough.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
122	Especially in useful ways, like public transportation	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
123	Potential solar power is in wide abundance in the summer & could be used to provide elec vehicle charging stations as the tech becomes more affordable & wide spread. The reliance on vehicular transport characteristic of rural areas will impede this goal otherwise. Also, shipping everything to the island x2. Local power generation & storage can also provide some resiliency.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
124	Public transit should be subsidized if that is what is necessary to make it available on Orcas and Lopez. It is ridiculous that on the two islands where the ferry does not land at the population center there is no way other than private auto or bicycle to get anywhere.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
125	And even more impactful: the transportation systems that get us to the cities from the Anacortes ferry terminal.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
126	everybody should reduce their carbon emissions.It's time for a carbon tax, as some people emit way more than others, but we all face the consequences	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
127	The county should pass a county-wide ordinance making it a punishable offense (fines) to leave car engines idling (for some specific period of time ... say 2 minutes or longer). People should also be educated about the carbon impacts their buying choices have, like meat, imported goods, aluminum cans .... Promote the Farmers' markets and food co-ops and highlight what what they do to keep the products we buy local and sustainable.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
128	I don't think this needs to be included, or does not get at the heart of our local issues. For instance I would prefer to see a community that supports multi-modal transportation that encourages non-motorized access and transportation opportunities.	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
129	The infrastructure needed to go all electric is cost prohibitive, to try to switch to such technologies is a short time frame will put undue hardships on all residents of the county. Any further burden upon the taxpayer just makes these Islands more and more unaffordable for working class folks.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
130	See item 23.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
131	A reasonable transit system would be wonderful, not sure it's viable.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
132	Yes, we should not be allowing giant tankers of bitumen to be traversing our waters. They're a catastrophe waiting to happen!	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
133	Who doesn't know already? One thing we could stop is open burning. Why not make chippers available instead? Keep that carbon in the ground.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
134	Good. No B.S. Doable.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM

135	while that's a great goal in general, and essential to combat global warming, our particular island ecosystem is much more impacted by land use decisions than by how much we drive or use our furnaces.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
136	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
137	This is not quite enough. We need to limit our reliance on resources outside of the islands which are not in keeping with carbon emissions guidelines.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
138	Again, pie-in-the-sky. Isn't this OPALCO's job, not the planners? Or is this a stalking-horse for limiting cars? On an island without a realistic public transit system and with an insufficient base to keep one running.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
139	Yes, though there is danger in making decisions solely on the basic of an abstraction such as a number, in this case a percentage of CO2. It seems responsible to be guided by external measurements, but often environmental nightmares can result from only being guided by numbers. We only need look at the impact of dams for an example.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
140	This should not be a local governmental goal.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
141	I think residents are already conscious and doing what they can.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
142	More electric charging stations throughout the Islands	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
143	I don't believe our islands are impacting climate change at all.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
144	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
145	Encourage electric vehicles and solar panels.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
146	Yes	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
147	Get rid of people?	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
148	Please see my comments in Question 23.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
149	Our impact on the worlds global warming is nil. While we should be aware of our impact because it’s the right thing to do, we should not allow it to hinder our efforts to right-shape our economy.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
150	Better focus on the decisions that affect growth and housing.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
151	WE also need to reduce pollution that is damaging our environment.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
152	Encourage electrical cars. Put in charging stations.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
153	not one of our biggest issues, not that much we can do locally	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
154	I think there will be a greater market for electric vehicles in the next decade. Promoting "carbon-neutral" development would help, too. But ultimately, this is something that is mostly beyond our control, and must be settled internationally.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
155	To add on to my comment #22: We need to support everyone needing to commute and get around the islands, both locals and tourists, year 'round. We need a committed transit/transport system. This would make an immense impact on emissions.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
156	I think over the 20 year planning period, there is more low-hanging-fruit than worrying about the County's carbon emissions.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
157	Change to: "Identify actions for achieving net carbon neutrality in the islands energy system, adopt a timetable for its implementation, and institute a monitoring system to quantify progress."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
158	Tourism brings people, people bring more cars. Is that a good way to reduce the carbon footprint?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
159	I would also add a statement about transitioning to 100% clean and renewable energy in all sectors	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
160	Several strategies can be deployed to achieve carbon reductions. One would be weatherization of existing buildings, Another the installation of solar panels on new construction, if feasible, and retrofitted on existing buildings. Encouraging the use of electric vehicles, particularly when associated with individual solar or wind energy production capabilities. Some sort of subsidies or tax reducing measures would be of benefit to encourage large scale movement towards carbon reduction. New County vehicles should be electric if appropriate to their functions and capabilities.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
161	Irrelevant in the global scheme of things.	11/5/2017 7:22 PM

162	Why aren't there any car emissions tests in the San Juans?	11/5/2017 3:38 PM
163	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
164	The reduction in islands' carbon emissions should include the carbon footprint of tourists traveling to the islands. Promoting tourism and reducing carbon emissions are at odds with each other, and reducing greenhouse gases is far more important than tourism.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
165	encourage people to buy non polluting cars and trucks	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
166	with almost no industry this could be a waste on it's own.	11/5/2017 10:12 AM
167	More charge points for electric vehicles? Incentives to buy electric and hybrid vehicles? Another incentive could be to widen Horseshoe Highway on Orcas Island to accommodate a SAFE bike lane. Riding bicycles on these roads is currently dangerous for both the cyclist and the vehicle driver. I would ride a bike for some of my transportation needs if I didn't fear I would be taking my life in my hands each time.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
168	Electric cars, biodiesel, solar all work well on islands!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
169	One way to do so is to encourage alternatives to automobile transportation, like walking and biking, which can also reduce summer vehicle pressures on town and villages.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
170	never a problem here! Seattle, yes, Everett, yes. not a issue here!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
171	If you think you're going to take my woodstove away from me.... no way. What carbon emissions are there folks? Gas cars are phasing out. What carbon emissions, cow flatulence. That's part of farming. This is not a necessary inclusion in the plan.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
172	... avoid impersonal voice ? "Identify ways residents and visitors and government and commercial enterprises reduce carbon emissions."	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
173	provide incentives for electric vehicles and home systems	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
174	Support development of renewable energy that can power electric cars. Support electric car and electric public transportation infrastructure needs.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
175	Bike trails, bike trails, bike trails, and walking trails along ALL the roads. The islands are basically for cars only. Where people live, most of us cannot walk or bike in comfort and safety to town.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
176	Why in the world would one want to reduce plant food?	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
177	We also need to work at minimizing activities that create new carbon emmissions.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
178	a bus circling the town picking up at the hospital where people could park or the theater or some other park and ride situation .	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
179	We are a miniscule carbon emitter but should strive to be a 100 percent renewable power community. Solar/wind/tidal founded on clear conservation principles. Reducing our waste, growing food and meat, large scale composting and potable water conservation reduces our dependence on heavy carbon footprints of importation via fossil fuel transportation.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
180	again, we need expert advice. are we willing to pay for a that. knowledge is a commodity.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
181	As a recipient of climate change impacts, the county should support measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, both locally and internationally. This includes opposing regional efforts to increase exports of fossil fuels through the Salish Sea.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
182	Increasing our stewardship of forest and farms with incentives to sequester carbon would be a specific action that should be spelled out. Saying you are going to REDUCE is easy, where are the actions that are based upon the identification going to come from? How about the conservation delivery system that has been in place since 1947 on a local level? The same system that was legislated in Olympia in 1939 which was the child of Federal legislation of 1935. The conservation delivery system needs to be supported with a huge infusion of dollars. Science based practices already exist and the local San Juan Islands Conservation Dist. is the warehouse!	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
183	The Plan should be very specific about the emissions reduction goal and the policies that will be used to reduce emissions. Also, "greenhouse gas emissions" is more accurate than "carbon emissions" as there are several kinds of greenhouse gas emissions besides carbon dioxide.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM

184	Like above, yes, but not at the expense of actually working on and developing solutions. The solution to climate change is not for San Juan County to reduce or halt it's population growth, or try to roll back the clock and be a rural, stagnant place. We must lead, and sometimes that requires using carbon to develop better ways	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
185	ditto last question	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
186	Don't just IDENTIFY,, IMPLEMENT. Be specific, carbon reducing policies should be created, with minimum standards in code and incentive to do more than minimum.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
187	there is no mandatory emissions testing for cars. That needs to change.	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
188	OPALCO's predatory practices are causing an increase in fossil fuel use.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
189	More renewables! Especially in public spaces. The Orcas HS created a solar phone charger; let's get a few of these to put around town (outside coffee shops, library?).	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
190	keep our garbage HERE-recycle glass, incinerate and make compost-very easy-all third world countries do it-it is a no brainer	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
191	The county's powers and authority in this area should also be reviewed, and enabling state lehislation sought if necessary.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
192	as previously stated.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
193	This has to be addressed at a state and national level, although development of alternative energy sources such as tidal should be encouraged, if economical.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
194	Now that the Town of Friday Harbor is no longer using an incinerator, there is nothing worth evaluating as to carbon emissions.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
195	buy electric cars	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
196	There is nothing that the County could implement that would impact carbon emission in any measurable way. The only impact from any County initiative would be to lower the economic viability of the County without any benefit to the residents of the County. Instead, County and State officials should encourage Federal regulators to consider carbon emissions and its implications in their decision-making.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
197	This must be done in a balanced way, considering all we value... the off shore placement of windfarms for instance would be very detrimental to the character of the islands	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
198	There is only so much we can realistically do, for all the other goals. This one we should probably leave to the federal and state EPA.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
199	Siting for solar, EV chargers, car-free village centers, incentives tonleave cars on mainland - EV rental fleets	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
200	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
201	In so far as this doesn't financially penalize those who can't afford electric cars, etc. So encourage the reduction but not by taxing people who are already on a tight budget because all they can afford is an old pick up truck.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
202	County fleet - 100% electric on island and hybrid for off island. Set up incentives in the code for people who build small and net zero.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
203	Encourage ride share, public transportation, taxi services, walking and biking, plus trails and wide road shoulders to do so.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
204	add cost effective between the words Identify and ways in the sentence.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
205	A worthy goal, but very expensive. There are lots of other things that have more near-term need (e.g., affordable housing).	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
206	Don't we already know? Electric charging stations, solar solar solar.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
207	And reward them on the ferries!!!	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
208	You have bigger fish to fry	11/1/2017 4:43 PM
209	The Comp Plan needs to recognize the need for siting for community solar and other renewable energy sources.	11/1/2017 4:22 PM

210	Yes and this helps with another issue which arose - the need for safer bicycle use as a key transportation element. Good for residents and tourists alike. A part of our climate change needs.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
211	This is happening w/o county blessing; while it is laudable, it should not divert county resources from much more challenging topics.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM

Q25 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resource and environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. There is housing for people of all incomes. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, and our natural environment.

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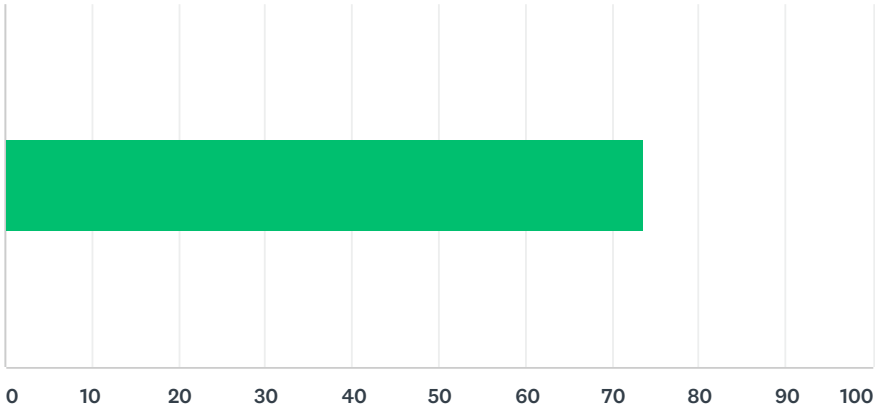

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	74	38,658	525

Total Respondents: 525

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2	4	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
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9	75	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	84	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	50	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM

Q26 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would like to see less of the shoreline to be inhabited by wealthy individuals who are not year round residents and who do not contribute to the island economy.	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	This should address year round housing needs. Please add: Our shoreline is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas. Unfortunately our recent Shoreline plan appeared to be more protective of homeowners then of the shoreline itself. Would add the "rights of nature" to the end of the statment.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Suggest changing to "Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Add affordable housing during ALL seasons. Limit building in sensitive areas. And . . . maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment as best protects the wildlife on the shores and in the water. Less emphasis on protection of private property and more emphasis on the rights of the natural world.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	Some suggested edits: "Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM

7	A suggested modified statement: "Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest and mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth."	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
8	Reword the last sentence of the statement above to read ...public rights, our natural envrironment and scenic views. " Then add a statement after #31 below to emphasize the importance of preserving scenic vistas from the sea towards the islands and from the island looking to sea. This can be done through establishing a scenic view overlay map and district in the comp plan update. The overlay would address careful siting and screening of development and reducing the currently allowed residential building height from 35' to perhaps 20' which is already required in many Homeowners Associations bylaws. It is a blight to the island and community values when huge footprint homes that can build to 35' block out views of the neighbors behind them. The recent publication "A Place in the Islands;How Private Land Owners Shape the future of the San Juan and Gulf Islands" contains many non-regulator suggestions to address this very issue. The county could take a responsible step by making many of those suggestions regulations. While this survey deals with the Vision Statement, some kind of action statement about preserving the scenic views for all could be crafted so that it could then be developed in to a goal and eventully a regulation in the updat to the Comprehensive PLan.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
9	The Land Bank should be more accessible to residents. It is currently not user friendly	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
10	I agree this is a statement. It is not always true. The county has to protect the environment, not just write dreamy paragraphs.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
11	We also need to start to include the Rights of wild animals and of the land itself!	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
12	Another outdated statement. There is a housing crisis, shorelines are being degraded by illegal activities that are not reigned in, private property owners run rough-shod over shoreline regulations and totally fail to "do the right thing" to protect the precious shoreline.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
13	I think some of our recent policy changes with Shoreline Master plan and County Growth plan have been more heavily influenced by those pushing development without as much long term view of the negative effects on the islands. For example, I think the County needs to more vigorously pursue remedies against those who "accidentally" clear cut trees along the shoreline - perhaps a required class or certificate for any logger/arborist/developer so they can't pretend "I didn't know."	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
14	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	Very nice statement of our aspirations. Difficult to achieve, but exactly what we should try for.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
16	Appreciate the county providing access and encourage the county to do more of this, e.g. road ends, easements. Like having the county work on bike and walking paths	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
17	There are about 6 different unrelated items addressed, so I'm confused about what this is trying to emphasize. However, the shorelines are certainly protected because their all privately owned more or less, except for the scant public lands - which has cause an explosion of kayaking, which in turn has created crowding and overuse of westside amenities, like the county park, by tourist flocking to see Orcas. Local residents are feeling squeezed out of the places that their tax dollars support - the extremely few shoreline access areas.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
18	Land bank is land out of ag. Trails are taking land out of ag.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM

19	Preserving nature is very important. But I feel that sometimes the well-intentioned desire to preserve the peace and serenity of the islands interferes with folks actually living their lives in a normal way.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
20	I like the use of the words encourage and balance. But when one organization, with lawyers and scientists, that may be biased towards anyone other than who they represent, that make policy decisions that overly restrict private property owners, balance is skewed.	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
21	As stated above, shoreline development is negatively impacting forage fish habitat, which is critical to the larger marine ecosystem. Education and policy related to critical areas needs to lean towards environmental conservation and stewardship even if it outweighs private property rights.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
22	Promote agricultural use of lands for local food and value added production.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
23	We need adequate housing for all income levels	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
24	I like the kayakers and want to keep them on our shores.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
25	a large portion of our shoreline property is privately owned, not shared with the general public or even local residents, and probably by only part time residents	11/30/2017 7:40 AM
26	I do feel like it is a crime that beaches are private? and that the vast majority of people that can not afford extremely expensive waterfront are forced to all use the very few public breaches, that tend to be over run by tourist! living on the island for 40 years, I want to cry about all the beaches that i can no longer access, all of the new homes scattered through the woods with fences and NO TRESPASSING signs! I do not feel safe or even have options of places i can Ride my horses, with out traffic or fences!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
27	Great. Can this be legislated?	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
28	Good job, Land Bank!!	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
29	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
30	MUCH more support for public places needed. Our islands are under threat of becoming a patchwork if no-go private property, ultimately detrimental to all in the long run.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
31	Private Property Rights means you can actually use your property. I do not think we are even close to this being true. Historical use and reality of the land is not consistent with current zoning and "allowed use."	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
32	Agree with conservation initiatives.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
33	I'm not sure this is so clearly defined. Because those of us who live here feel it is our duty to preserve the unique beauty we live with every day, we proceed carefully. However, on Lopez Island there are several, very visible properties close to county roads which are filled with multiple defunct cars, trucks and unbelievable amounts of trash. These properties look like wrecking yards. I think this should be addressed as a violation...it's not fair for someone who maintains their property to have to live side by side with someone who fills their property with junk! It devalues adjacent homeowners.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
34	This statement sounds so good - it is sad that it is not true - yet. Ambitious goals but hopefully attainable.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
35	There is not housing for all incomes- the core of the community are workers that have several jobs to be able to stay and pay the rising cost of living here. Development such as Orca Dream shows private, public, and environment are out of balance.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
36	Protection of the unique character of our shorelines and shoreline environment is interfering with siting affordable housing.	11/29/2017 5:39 PM
37	Why doesn't county consider preferential tax breaks to waterfront property owners, to allow public access to water, the orcas, the beautiful views to other islands???? Why must we all get onto a boat or ferry to experience these things? Whale watch boats (we used to live on waterfront property on Carefree Way, above whale watch park, west side of San Juan Island) are constantly 'dogging' our precious orcas. Intentional whale viewing should be only by land.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM

38	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve AND SUPPORT THRIVING AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURAL, forest, mineral resource ACTIVITIES, and TO CONSERVE AND RESTORE environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for SUSTAINABLE commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS PROVIDE ADEQUATE housing for people of all incomes, DURING ALL SEASONS, WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING RURAL CHARACTER. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by LIMITING BUILDING IN SENSITIVE AREAS AND encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, RESOURCE LANDS FOR FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTION, and our natural environment. LAND HELD IN COMMUNITY TRUST IS ACTIVELY MANAGED FOR COMPATIBLE PUBLIC BENEFITS INCLUDING CONSERVATION, FOOD PRODUCTION AND LONG TERM SOIL TILTH.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
39	There needs to be more public access to our shorelines. These shorelines will be changing with rising sea levels, and this will affect biodiversity on many levels. Increased public shoreline access for human powered watercraft.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
40	The balance, and transparency about balance is important	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
41	Our natural environment is very poorly "protected" at this time.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
42	Public and environmental concerns are more important than private property rights. We need to clean up a lot of junk on private property.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
43	Public access to waterfront combined with environmental education and protection are critically important.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
44	Do we really need to call out mineral resources?	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
45	Inadequate housing, inadequate protections of the islands and surrounding waters...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
46	The super wealthy, who can afford aggressive legal representation, are consistently able to get dock permits, etc. despite shoreline protections. There is not enough housing for all income levels, either.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
47	I feel in the past few years with a lot more influx of wealth without any commitment to our fragile islands, rules for not "stripping" natural landscapes - trees shorelines etc - are not being enforced by the county.	11/29/2017 12:24 PM
48	There has been a great deal of loss in private property rights. Write sensible enforcable policies that protect property rights while protecting the environment.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
49	Please adopt "Friends of the San Juans" nature-based solutions for shorelines, local, renewable energy, climate action, etc.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
50	Lovely altruistic statement. Huge disconnects with current use reality. Our current use actions do not match our altruistic vision statement.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
51	It would be wonderful to encourage agriculture. How would his be done?	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
52	To me, the above statement says. Keep the low income scum in the towns, and let wealth control all the shorelines and beautiful rural areas. We should move, similar to Oregon, to have shorelines not privately owned. This land is our land? Or not?	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
53	Yes, and provide various housing options for people of limited income --not just having all the service people in the land trust communities.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
54	Protecting the natural environment also works to protect neighbors'; rights. What I do in my yard affects my neighbor, and so my relationship with my neighbor. Clustering development makes sense in economic, ecological and aesthetic ways.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
55	See the permanent signs posted on Shoal Bay by the lagoon. We are concerned about storm serge, nesting grounds, and food supplies so posted signs encouraging people to not walk on the fragile turf.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
56	More could be done to preserve the environment and shorelines, particularly during the summer tourism season. Policing of regulations during the summer tourism season should be increased (for example, noise disturbances from visiting boats moored near shoreline houses).	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
57	Parts of this I agree with. — parts I do not. Housing is a critical issue	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
58	"visions of improvement" should not infringe on existing property owners,	11/28/2017 6:09 PM

59	I don't think that we're doing such a good job taking care of people, or of shorelines. Also the private property rights on shorelines are absurd. Below the high water mark should be public, always	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
60	I believe development has been rampant with little regard to long term livability. Growth should be focused in towns, Hamlet's and existing neighborhoods.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
61	It is important that no single interest be given priority in the uses of natural areas. I think particularly of natural areas that have very limited possibilities to intrusive and consumptive uses. Our natural heritage requires places where marine species may reproduce, forage and thrive undisturbed. Such places provide the biological diversity for other locations -- the diversity that makes our region so unique	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
62	This is a nice statement, but when the pedal hits the metal next to a UGA when the County wants it they get it.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
63	Housing issue - again.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
64	The land use regulations, especially when combined with assessor regulations such as CUFA, are too restrictive. This needs to be modified.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
65	Big ongoing changes in real estate values, population and land use need to be considered actively in evaluating the viablility of local agricultural economy and other environmental impacts - setting goals with "moving targets" to protect both environment and viability of agriculture.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
66	The first sentence this sounds good, but everything thereafter undermines it. This is a potpourri that will provide little meaningful guidance. It promises balance and beautiful outcomes but really it's just a list of people's values. Doesn't add much and gives everyone a hook to hang their hat on. What is this trying to do? If the hamlets really are intended to be small, special places then just say that they are places for small scale activity that don't place added burden on our natural resources. Housing for everyone is a dream and protecting public, private property rights and the environment is a stew that rarely works out well because it's code for private property rights trumping the public interest and the environment.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
67	There should be tax breaks for people who own shorefront property with marine occupations. Otherwise businesses will be "Taxed right off the water." It happened in Maine and elsewhere.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
68	Not enough is being done to protect the shoreline. For example, the Mar Vista fiasco.	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
69	Remove the housing sentence.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
70	There is a major need for greater beach and waterfront public access throughout the county (and State). Road ends should be identified and opportunities for public development around them identified	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
71	Farmands and forest lands around schools and ports should be considered different density, and zoning, as on Lopez, we are soon out of developable land within the village.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
72	Another vision that I hope will be realized.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
73	I hope this holds true.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
74	the housing comment is way off.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
75	Much has been done. More is needed.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
76	We need to protect more and we need to enforce the laws to the affluent too.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
77	A lot of talk	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
78	Balance is the key	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
79	Housing is inadequate. Our balance of property rights, public rights, and natural environment seems to be framed more in favor of wealthy preservationists and those that would like to pretend that infrastructure is unnecessary and that all residents should live according to their values. This is not in line with our claim that we have a diverse, respectful, and tolerant community.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
80	Need housing	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
81	Again affordable housing is the wrench in the works.	11/28/2017 11:29 AM
82	As long as these "innovative land use strategies" include vigorous support of land conservation (which severely limits shoreline development), I'm on board with this statement.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM

83	Our land mass is finite therefore there will be increasing pressures for more and more build out. When the islands fill up with people the housing costs will go sky high due to demand and lack of further territory to expand into. We have many years before we reach this point but it is coming at some point and we need to plan for it. My fear is that all of our land protections and zoning will be scrapped when the population pressures become too great.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
84	Urban growth boundaries primarily serve to keep land values high. The shorelines are hugely overdeveloped with large residential structures.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
85	There is housing for people of all incomes. This is not a true statement.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
86	Install low/zero-emissions and energy-efficient energy systems in any new capital facilities. All new County buildings should be LEED certified at the Gold or Platinum level.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
87	There is not housing for ALL people. Housing is an issue with every island. We need a way to have the Islands Land Trusts buy land, designate "Affordable or Farm Intern" ONLY housing and have it strictly remain what it is intended for. No ABNB or "Guest housing" - for profit.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
88	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
89	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate year-round housing for people of all incomes, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and soil tilth.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
90	fine.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
91	I totally agree except that the devil's in the details - make it to easy for everyone to move here and quality of life goes down the toilet.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
92	This vision written 20 years ago has not been effective in guiding our policies. We have not been successful in addressing the lack of affordable housing, which is now a crisis that threatens our ability to be a year round, full service island (Lopez.) We need to get REAL about housing. It cannot be secondary to "rural character" or "privacy" or UGA's that are so limited and land so expensive that no multi-unit projects are feasible.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
93	..housing for all incomes in ALL SEASONS... add shoreline is protected by LIMITING BUILDING IN SENSITIVE AREAS AND....	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
94	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM

95	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
96	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by limiting building in sensitive areas and encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
97	Again "housing for...all incomes" is false.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
98	I think the county would be hard pushed to still be able to say that there is housing for all incomes as this clearly isn't the case and was highlighted as such in the previous questions. Therefore, this statement is no longer adequate as a guide for the county into the future	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
99	This sounds like a song from the '30s: "The Big Rock Candy Mountain". Today's overpopulation and climate change, income inequality and political quagmire mean than we must decide between a rock and a hard place..	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
100	Affordable housing inadequate	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
101	Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth. Expand outright 'yes' uses of RFF zoned parcels.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
102	"There is housing for people of all incomes IN ALL SEASONS. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by LIMITING BUILDING IN SENSITIVE AREAS AND encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. "	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
103	Allowing more choices for housing is important. Many people want to live in a neighborhood that is active and directly connected to agriculture rather than a more urban environment. Hence the success of Agri-hoods (agricultural neighborhoods)	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
104	Many falsehoods in that paragraph.	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
105	Pay more attention to private property rights.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
106	"Balance" is the key. Private property owners are caretakers only and what we protect and pass on to future generations is the most important. Land is not ours to alter, to use and abuse, but to preserve and protect. We must recognize our stewardship responsibilities in all of our land use decisions.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
107	Protecting shorelines by encouraging good stewardship is not enough. We need to also discourage or even prohibit the things that damage shorelines.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
108	A truly worth goal but one that has been systematically ignored by the county council for the 18 years I have lived here. Mr. Hughes certainly does not support conservation or protection of the environment. In SJC the 'balance' is always tipped toward development. Innovative land use strategies require considering how we can fit ourselves into the landscape rather than how we can alter it to meet our needs and sense of economy. Our non conforming regulations on the shoreline are an abomination, our wetlands regulations inadequate. We need to redefine our land use laws to accommodate the reality that there are parcels of land that should not be developed or not to the extent that someone might want to. We might consider the principle that private property rights, rights that exist only by virtue of law, are subject to restrictions as all of our other rights particularly when they infringe on public rights and alter or degrade the environment.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM

109	I think it is time to be a bit more bold about what is part of our "Commons." - the sea, air and land are not owned by us, but borrowed by us, and we are stewards. Our over-arching goal should be to improve the health and quality of the environment, not to preserve it.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
110	Again, we need to be more assertive around finding solutions to our affordable housing needs.	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
111	What's not to like? A little bit of everything thrown into the same soup pot to try to please everybody. Pablum. The first three sentences should stand alone.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
112	Agree, but the recent roll-back in shoreline protections adopted in the Shoreline master program shows that our vision statement essentially means nothing.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
113	Public access versus public rights. Promotion of opportunities to explore our islands environment through trail corridors and connectivity across each island for multi modal transportation.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
114	There is NOT housing for people of all incomes. Personally, I'd welcome changes to eliminate private shoreline ownership, similar to Oregon.	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
115	There is not enough housing for people of all incomes as it appears real estate prices have gone up and available rentals are in short supply (gentrification factor). Shoreline protections have eroded in the last few years. The small scale attractive island ambiance is threatened if full build out population is reached.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
116	We need more housing for all income levels, and yet we need to preserve our wild and rural lands.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
117	Reduce ultimate buildout by creating a lottery for the issuance of building permits so we don't grow too swiftly or too much. Tax sales of real estate to fund the purchase-and-extinguishment of development right. Use transfer of development rights to protect rural character by maintaining forests and fields, clustering development, surrounding it with green belts and including parks in towns.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
118	I think there is over-emphasis on private property rights.	11/16/2017 8:37 PM
119	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
120	There is no such thing as "public rights". I have no right to shove a government gun in the face of my neighbor just because I don't like what he is doing with what belongs to him.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
121	Development is advancing our rural character	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
122	lack of public ownership and access to tidelands and beaches is a tremendous loss to our society!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
123	It is of concern to me that, here, (along with everywhere else), public access to coastlines is being strangled by private property. Don't know the answer to this one.... How can our organizations/institutions protect us, when they so often behave like... organizations/institutions? Innovative land use strategies are crucial.... for undeveloped lands. What to do about the areas that have already been raped/abused?	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
124	The county needs to do more in this area. I understand that this is extremely difficult if not impossible. If we are to keep what we have we must be much more pro active along these lines or we will loose what we have.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
125	There is not enough housing for all, especially low income.	11/16/2017 12:48 PM
126	I would like to see the environment given first priority. It is the reason we want to live in this place above others.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
127	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and REGENERATIVE agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to PROTECT and RENEW environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable, LOCALIZED commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including REGENERATION, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
128	This statement is too diverse, it seems to address towns, shorelines, and affordable income all at the same time. Please address one issue at a time.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM

129	Make sure there is no suburban sprawl, concentrate population growth within existing built-up areas. Perhaps identify locations that could become new settlements. Around a general store, perhaps?	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
130	Jenny Rice did not have much support protecting her property rights from others.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
131	Private citizens need to be supportive of protecting shoreline and island habitat rather than seeing it forced on them through county codes.	11/15/2017 3:28 PM
132	An unrealized goal.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
133	I think it is very out of balance. Regulations and restrictions put upon the land in the name of conservation are good, but only to a point that encourages and nourishes growth of the community. Currently I feel those regulations of good intent are more focused on "freezing" land use for aesthetic and political reasons despite the needs of the community. There has to be a line, but there also has to be a balance, and right now the scales are out of balance in favor or fundamental conservancy i.e. "Let's make it as difficult and unattractive of a prospect for people to live here".	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
134	Statement to generic in trying to include too many aspects here. There is not housing for all incomes...really?? Sounds like you are patting yourselves on the back here.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
135	Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve and support thriving and sustainable agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities, and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Innovative solutions provide adequate housing for people of all incomes, during all seasons, while also maintaining rural character. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, resource lands for food and fiber production, and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefits including conservation, food production and long term soil tilth.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
136	There is NOT housing for people of all incomes	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
137	Finally a mention of private property rights but it is buried in rhetoric-" housing for all incomes?" This is not a governmental guarantee nor right. Sounds nice but not a job of the government.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
138	Not sure. Seems like land owners and wealth has alot of "rights" doesnt mean it serves the enviornment.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
139	Housing for all incomes is not true.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
140	Our forests are not being groomed to prevent forest fires, our ambiance is not being protected; we need a statement of Nature's Rights; along with more compassion practiced between each other and for our land.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
141	Sounds like the ideal; however, who knows what will happen by 2036.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
142	Again, if you can actually pull that off! Every pissed of FoSJ or your neighbor!?	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
143	Agree with the model of clustered housing like Lopez Land Trust and LOHO to leave open space for farming, and to maintain rural esthetic of the islands. However neither of these models are affordable to many families and seniors	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
144	Not sure we are there yet on housing, and I look forward to hearing more on innovative land use strategies.	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
145	"innovative land use strategies" is so vague a term as to have little meaning, and could span a wide range of options with opposing goals. Please be more specific.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
146	Second sentence: These developed areas provide for sustainable commerce and community activities, without losing their small scale, attractive island ambience, and neighborhood feeling. Innovative planning provides adequate housing for residents of all incomes, close to their employment. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses which maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline and marine environment. Agricultural and forestry lands are increasingly bountiful through considered management, providing food, fiber, energy and building materials for local use. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions maintain our natural environment and balance public and private rights.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
147	There is not much in the way of housing for low income.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM

148	Private property rights are a flash point in a small community populated by a wide range of non-local transplants that may have other ideas than what is presumed to be the collective vision. I've lived on SJI where there aren't really any of these 'hamlets.'	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
149	There is not adequate housing for all incomes and private property rights are given too much protection except when it comes to building codes that don't allow owners to build what suits them.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
150	I agree, but we need to get more innovative than we are now	11/14/2017 8:24 AM
151	Shorelines: removal of armoring!	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
152	shoreline protection should have high priority, with the goal of no net loss of shoreline habitat	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
153	I hear from a county employee that there are hundreds of environmental code violations when people clear land here and start to build houses. Enforce the land-use regulations and restrictions actively and forcefulluy.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
154	I think that there is specific need to include language that provides for future growth, both in and outside of "urban areas."	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
155	Those with money get what they want regardless of what regulations we have set. Some of our famously wealthy land owners have been able to get what they want simply because they can sue our county into submission. The Land Bank and friends of the San Juans have also abused their position by buying up land, driving prices up for potential blue collar workers thereby pricing them out of ownership.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
156	I would love live in Paradise too, but this is as good as it gets.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
157	Balance is the key	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
158	Let's face it, there are thousands of parcels incorrectly zoned. We need to do something about all these grand-fathered in parcels in our rural lands.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
159	The natural environment outweighs all other considerations, full stop.	11/11/2017 4:04 PM
160	Ah ... a hamlet with ambience! Haven't seen one of them since I watch Heidi and saw rural Switzerland. We need some here. Again, this is so all inclusive as to be useless.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
161	i am somewhat suspicious of the language here. private property rights are rights up to a point. if the exertion of an individual's 'rights' results in the loss of rights of others in the community then i'm not in support of them. we need a new way of looking at these 'rights'. if there is no water available to a site, then it should not be buildable. if a waterfront lot cannot be built upon without impacting nearshore habitat, then it is unbuildable. Period.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
162	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
163	Good statement but is that what is happening?	11/9/2017 9:17 AM
164	We need to recognize that we are failing in some of these areas. We cannot remotely say that there is housing for all incomes. Primarily there is housing for second homes for the wealthy! Housing for tourists! Yes, there are some successful housing projects on the islands, primarily through the Community Land Trust.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
165	Agree with the exception of housing needing to be addressed for middle income and lower income that do not want to live in subsidized housing.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
166	Yes! Finally! A statement about private rights. The best planning process recognizes that government cannot do it all, even by fiat, and that the private sector is not an enemy but an ally. Planning requires a three-legged stool: planners/government, businesses and private interests, and the public. Without any one, the other two fall. It is do-able; I've done it in other areas. But it takes a commitment by all sides to make it work.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
167	no	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
168	Water supply??? Water quality?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
169	Balance and protect are the important words here.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
170	Not enough is being done to keep our commercial areas rural in nature. Just because we need banks, shops and grocery stores doesn't mean we need huge buildings, chain link fences, enormous parking lots. Keep the size of the buildings small with lots of trees and open space around them.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM

171	On Lopez, the UGA has little land for sale that can be used for high density housing and rentals, so we have to be willing to use other areas to meet housing needs.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
172	A wonderful ideal to strive for but not really true in 2017	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
173	There is no balance at present. "The Friends" and their new Judge, and county staff bias preclude balance.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
174	If only this statement had been actualized by the county government over the past 18 years! Obviously, successive county officials have chosen to ignore, in its entirety, the Comp Plan's Vision Statement. We need tougher language here. So, instead of "encouraging" uses, we need to stipulate that we "require" uses. Obviously, "encouragement" has been ignored. Perhaps with the use of stronger language, we can hold our elected officials' feet to the fire more effectively!	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
175	The concept of encouraging growth in urban areas or centers of activity is sound. Discourage mega-projects in rural areas. Think about how to regulate event venues in rural areas	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
176	This one is trying to be all things to all people. that just isn't realistic	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
177	I'd like to know what these "innovative land use strategies" are, and what public rights we might have. For example, does the public have a right to shoreline access? In many cases, the answer is no, and even the intertidal zone cannot be entered without private owners' permission. Without public ownership and/or easements, the public would not get to enjoy many of these areas now owned by the wealthiest. Our open space classifications should truly allow public access in exchange for low property taxes. The County will really have to work hard on this one, and if growth is limited to towns, hamlets, etc., this may conflict with the goal of affordable housing. Community Development should reserve the right to be flexible.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
178	Yes, address the vital housing situation as described in previous sections, and also find solution for what is happening between local businesses in town and their impact on each other, in the tight, in town/down town spaces. Change zoning as necessary to re-locate those businesses which are not able to function in their independent spaces anymore, and are becoming dependent on their business neighbors' real estate too much.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
179	I think we've gone a bit overboard in ignoring private property rights already.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
180	Housing for our lower income individuals families is lacking.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
181	Great vision, we are moving away from it with increasing development. How many houses/people can live in the San Juans without destroying what we love? Freshwater streams were largely compromised starting 100 years ago. We have a lot of restoration to do in the freshwater and marine waters.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
182	Change to: "Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resource and environmentally sensitive lands. These areas provide for commerce and community activities without environmental degradation and without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. There is adequate quality housing for people of low and middle means. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by discouraging uses which do not maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our residents and institutions protect the natural environment on properties public and private." The county has no responsibility to assure housing for the wealthy, nor protection of private property rights in conflict with the public good.	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
183	There is not housing for people of all incomes.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
184	Low score because housing is not affordable for all incomes. Shorelines are not always protected, see previous comments. The public commons, public rights, is often not protected verses private property development.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
185	Clearly untrue, but nice words	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
186	There is not housing for people of all incomes.	11/5/2017 3:38 PM
187	no balance	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
188	Again, falling short on "There is housing for people of all incomes."	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
189	Because of Provincial Politics many things are clearly not being done here. Land Use Codes need to be revised concerning Home Occupations by those who are negatively impacted by them. Zoning issues need to be enforced. By not monitoring infractions many discrepancies' continue causing many problems	11/5/2017 11:54 AM

190	the shoreline residents must not use pesticides on their waterfront property it ends up in the water	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
191	Protecting our natural environment is more important than private property rights or public rights. Policy balance should lean towards the environment	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
192	There is NOT affordable housing for all income levels. Half the living spaces are someone's second or third house that is boarded up half the year, while others who live and work year round are couch surfing or living in a car or a tent.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
193	Yes!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
194	Drop the last sentence.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
195	i believe over regulation is not okay. too many people think they have theirs and time to close the door. waste of our tax payers dollars!!!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
196	My sense is that property rights, $ and a powerful real estate lobby are winning out over any of the aspirations expressed above. How can we ensure accountability and performance metrics apply to all parts of the vision statement	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
197	This should not be written as 'housing for people of all incomes'. People who don't earn an honest living should not be subsidized by the do gooders of the community. Where are all these citizens we are providing housing for going to work? We need to be based on very low growth. Wealthy do-gooders have pushed the village and island towards their ideal wealthy enclave. Many large ugly homes... we do not need more housing for employees to service their house cleaning and yard mowing. Really.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
198	sounds good to me	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
199	SJC needs to do a better job protecting our shorelines from development such as docks and other shoreline structure on rural lands, and the development of housing that has ANY potential to require a bulkhead in the future.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
200	Property rights in WA state means exclusion of most residents from access to the shoreline. We can learn from California and from the rest of the world that air, sky, forest, shorelines and nature in general, cannot be "owned" and hogged to the exclusion of the majority of the population.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
201	As long as individual property rights are a high priority.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
202	signs need to educate people at all environmental spots	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
203	Again, the pollyannish statement regarding housing is tragically unrealized. Almost absurd given the actual circumstances today. Smaller hamlets on SJI must be encouraged despite the NIMBYism. Surely there is county property here and there that can be developed in a low key character through leases or other creative means to allow appropriate private enterprise outside of our already overly busy tourist destination town?	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
204	The above statement contains numerous internal conflicts and is thus useless. It is also vague to the extent that different interests can interpret it in conflicting ways.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
205	I am agreeing 100% to the principle. However, we are not there but these are goals which we should try to achieve through educated decision making.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
206	the key words are balance and protect private property rights.	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
207	Add to innovative land use strategies wording that encourages a stewardship ethic and practices that allow that ethic to be followed and activated. The environment is a neutral party, the activities of humans are the problem. You are either in tune or you are not. You are either practicing that ethic or you are part of the problem.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
208	The small scale and attractive island ambiance of the hamlets, villages and town must be allowed and encouraged to evolve, and get more dense as new population growth is encouraged to locate in those areas. Protecting the shoreline should be less important in Hamlets/villages/towns since we should be encouraging marine based employment in those areas.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
209	I cannot understand how a statement such as this can co exist in a community planning that supported the adoption of bulk fuel storage in a dense residential neighborhood with a no outlet street and continues to deny incompatibility of industrial uses of that same street in view of small children and pedestrian insufficiency. this vision appears as simply hoax	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
210	This is a wonderful vision, but we lose more shoreline every day to development, and agricultural lands to lots for home construction. Turn back the clock!	11/2/2017 9:29 PM

211	Would like to see vision include affordable housing distributed throughout each island, not just limited to UGAs.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
212	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
213	Emphasis on "innovative" strategies. We must think outside the box.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
214	no exclusions-all inclusive	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
215	Housing is grossly inadequate for those of middle and low income employed, resulting in unnecessary labor and skills shortages, unhealthily skewing the county economy. This results in under-use of designated commercial areas, and overuse of protected areas by those forced to camp or live in their cars. Additional dwelling units skew this further by adding housing unusable to these people, and making it appear, falsely, that we are adding housing. We are not. Instead, we are adding tourist facilities.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
216	We must not lose sight of the importance of community welfare as compared to private wants.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
217	There is not enough affordable housing. Private property rights have been reduced to an extreme especially on the shoreline.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
218	No artificial barriers to keep out sea level changes. No concrete walls or other intrusive construction	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
219	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
220	To encourage affordable housing, the County should loosen regulations and allow more development in open spaces. By encouraging more development and more growth, the County would address the housing issues.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
221	Hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined to ensure appropriate and affordable opportunity for denser housing accommodation as well.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
222	Of course, this statement is not currently true, and should be rephrased from "is" to "should be" (where appropriate).	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
223	Landowner agency in policy setting	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
224	Not sufficient housing for school teachers, firefighters, health workers that is year around.	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
225	For affordable housing that fits in with this statement, the county may want to issue special waivers for areas outside of the identified UGA where affordable housing could be built, perhaps at less density than current projects.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
226	Yes to balance	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
227	Make it happen!	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
228	Avoid Disney-fying the county. Be aware of "classic" Island businesses and farms that would be illegal under some of the new and proposed laws.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
229	I disagree with the 3rd sentence. In 2017 San Juan County faced a major lack of affordable housing due to the nature of tourism. Employers and workers experienced lack of affordable housing for their workers. This affordable housing situation is only going to grow as San Juan County employers in private enterprise continues to grow. I believe that in the third sentence language needs to be inserted to guide the future generation that in 2017-2018 is aware and will continue addressing the lack of affordable housing in San Juan County.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
230	Interesting thought, but are all these divisions (e.g., hamlets) self sustaining or does keeping all the attractive attributes require subsidy by others? Not sure everyone would see it the same way...	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
231	Not sure how you work through "housing for people of all incomes." Should people move here with very little or no income? That makes no sense. We certainly need more rental housing. The push to provide single-family homes for has led to a really warped rental market. We could use several rental apartment complexes and likely even an RV mobile home park, suitably sited.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
232	Key word: balance. How will this balance be maintained and monitored?	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
233	Again except for right to peace and serenity when neighbors have barking dogs they create noise pollution Lower property values and are free to do so.	11/1/2017 4:52 PM
234	Yes.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

235	This vision statement element needs to be qualified and quantified. We don't have innovative land use strategies (LB and SJPT notwithstanding). We don't have clear boundaries to conserve rural lands (note that the statement does not speak to sprawl which we already have in rural lands). The HNA clearly shows we do not have housing for people of all incomes.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
236	Again, this is stated as if it were an accomplished fact. These are GOALS, laudable it's true.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q27 According to what we heard during the pop-up studios and workshops, the rural landscape is a fundamental element in the County's identity, but farming and forestry are on the decline and economic activity in rural areas is limited. In response, the plan must…Encourage a revitalized agricultural economy.

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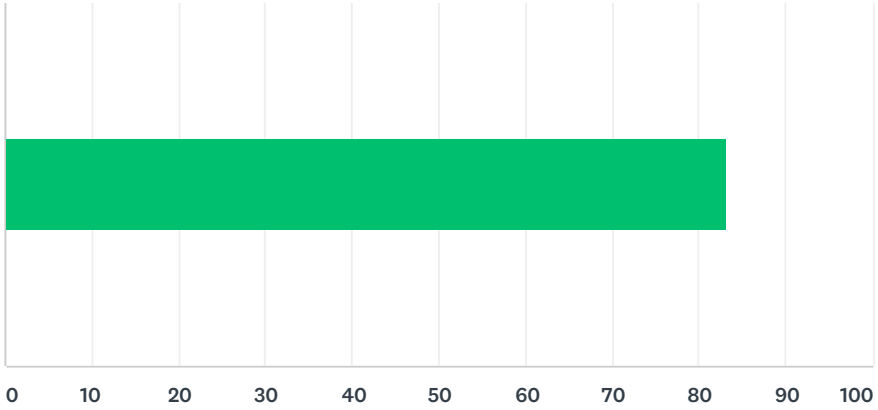

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	83	44,298	532

Total Respondents: 532

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1	100	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	95	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	77	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	74	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
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10	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
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14	98	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	98	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
17	85	11/30/2017 8:54 PM

Q28 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm in agreement if it follows a sustainable model.	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	See Islands Climate Resilience "Agricultural Resource Lands".	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	consider adding "by supporting investment in initiatives that address barriers to agricultural viability.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	The plan must provide sensible provisions that acknowledge the current economic challenges facing small farmers. Allowing for rural farm stands, seasonal farmworker housing, and prioritizing locally produced goods.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	With proper public and private consumer support, the County is entirely capable of feeding itself from local agricultural sources. Both commercial and non-commercial production should be encouraged and supported through land-use regulation and taxation, and education	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	And forest and fishing!	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
7	Basically farmers, etc. can't make money here because land is too expensive. Does the Land Bank or Preservation trust have a mandate to offer opportunities in this realm?	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
8	Fostering Agri-tourism is a way to partially address this subject.	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
9	lavender is not food.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
10	Finally a true definitive statement.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
11	Allow them to supplement the agricultural areas with transient rentals, eating/drinking establishments, higher density allowance. Forestry doesn't seem to be a real big business on the islands.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
12	Being guided by organic and sustainable practices for any agriculture or forestry.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
13	particularly by providing support in creating sustainable water infrastructure (e.g. water catchment, ponds) for agricultural use to protect our limited ground water.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
14	I think this is the biggest single, concrete, measurable thing we could do to keep the county the way most of us seem to want it.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	Good, depending on what agriculture practices are being promoted and how socially and environmentally responsible they are.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
16	discussed above	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
17	As long as it's sustainable and organic. The rape and pillage way of farming is alive and well on the islands, as well as more sane practices. Funding the annual sustainability conferences seem like a good idea. The San Juans used to be known for its apples. They need too much care, but what about hazelnuts? Walnuts? Goat cheeses?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
18	Yes! And encourage and support farm based agri-tourism when it makes sense for the surrounding environments.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
19	Encourage yes, but ag is not really viable in the islands. It's quaint. It has its historic ties. Be realistic with open ag's requirements/restrictions - it is not easy to make a profit in ag. You want ag, yet the assessor attacks ag, especially small size plots.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
20	We need to seriously consider how to be more self-reliant when we are cut-off from the mainland when the big-one hits; you can't feed an island over night - this will take years of investing in small scale local farms and making it possible for them to compete with the grocery stores so that it is lucrative enough form them to stay in business.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
21	I do not want to lose our ability to get locally produced food.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
22	Hunting is allowed.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM

23	People should be able to run various kinds of businesses on their own land.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
24	Support agriculture strongly in the vision statement and follow through with supportive language in the comp plan.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
25	I think there should be Tax intensives for people that farm and garden and provide for the community in a sustainable way.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
26	I am very interested in promoting appropriate agriculture in the islands, and I think that local food production, including value added products, is a very attractive and promotable path to economic development in the islands. But, there are numerous and highly challenging obstacles to this, especially for young farmers--lack of affordable land, marginal soil fertility, and lack of housing for farm workers stand out. This effort needs serious support.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
27	Follow California and Colorado's models of Agritourism, take it out of the Visitors Bureau and start educating farmers on opportunities and risks.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
28	We should support sustainable horticultural practices	11/29/2017 11:20 PM
29	I think this is important, and equally important is what type of agriculture we want to support. I think the islands need to be forward thinking and support sustainable, restoration agricultural practices that will improve soil, mitigate climate change, and support diversity.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
30	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
31	What does that even mean? Try harder? Force people to buy island grown food? The world is changing. If we want to encourage meaningful agricultural use the county through modified property tax codes would offer meaningful incentives for verifiable agricultural development. It must not look like the Forestry Tax deferment JOKE where no one harvests their trees, yet enjoys a tax holiday. Further, careful analysis of economic barriers to development and operation of agriculture based property should be done and acted upon.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
32	I am in favor of farming, and judicious forestry.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
33	At least for Lopez Island, I think that farming is definitely on the rise and defines our community in a very healthy way. I only hope it can be economically viable.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
34	e and forest industryncourage logging	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
35	With land costs so high this will be a real challenge. Most of our Ag land is used as tax write offs for the wealthy. And this will continue to trend as land prices escalate.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
36	Only when it doesn't negatively affect the environment.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
37	In a sustainable way.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
38	IN TANDEM with good environmental practices especially regarding controlling farmland 'runoff' and forestry with an eye to enhancing the forested island areas.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
39	Farming yes. Forestry no	11/29/2017 5:00 PM
40	especially small farms and new farmers who don't come with large amounts of capital.	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
41	Maybe we can have cheaper farmer's market food instead of all the "artesian" priced goods for rich people that we mostly have now. I have been to mainland markets that have comparable food for much cheaper than here.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
42	The county must make allowances for farm worker housing in higher density than other residential uses. We can not revitalize farms withoutworkers. Same for forests. Encourage value added products. Facilitate food hubs on each island to help distribute localy grown food. Encourage fossil fuel free delivery systems, electric and animal.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
43	Programs to support younger people that would like to farm would be amazing. We own five acres and have a huge desire to farm but resources are limited to begin a new adventure like that.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
44	Northwest Natural Resource Group could help the islands, island by island, thin their forests using ecological forestry principals, provide revenue for thinnings, reduce massive fire risk from overstocked second growth forests, and close the gap between revenue and the costs to get logs to market from non-ferry served islands (and ferry served) by encouraging group thinning projects. They would need the support of donors and the state to pull this off.	11/29/2017 3:15 PM

45	Agriculture in the islands should be primarily "organic" and use of herbicides/pesticides should be much more severely limited than allowed by current EPA standards.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
46	Why encourage the supply of ag products unless there's a corresponding demand? This seems similar to the problem with farm subsidies in the mid-western US.	11/29/2017 2:33 PM
47	I'm pretty neutral on this one: we're already spending millions of dollars on 10 different ag organizations. It's highly unlikely that property values will go down, so the best we can hope for is retired wealthy people wanting to come here and farm. Is that something we need to encourage?	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
48	Organic agriculture	11/29/2017 2:08 PM
49	It is important to focus on crops that are sustainable and grow consistently well here	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
50	Public support for community food security is of paramount importance. Zoning flexibility, tax incentives, education and community involvement in agricultural & animal husbandry are of vital concern.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
51	Sure, that would be great. But economics dictate that it's not going to happen. Given the cost of farm labor and the value of land in the county, it is unreasonable to expect island agriculture to be competitive with mainland agriculture except for highly-specialized, high-value-add artisanal products and products that are very expensive to transport from off-island. If we encourage any form of agriculture, it should be based on the Italian agriturismo model, where it is less about production and more about education. Moreover, policies that benefit or subsidize land owners do so at the expense of those who do not own land and may, in fact, be in worse economic shape. Farms in San Juan county are romantic and pastoral, but they are not economically viable as production farms. We should make plans to smoothly transition them to high-value-add production, artisanal production, or agriturism. Many will continue to exist as money-losing hobby farms, and that is okay as long as they are not subsidized.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
52	Revitalize in a way that does not cause pollution or poisoning of the soil and surrounding waters...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
53	does that mean to follow one blue print for farming?	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
54	Reasons these industries are declining include some elements that can be changed by policy: excessive ferry fees that make transporting goods unfeasible and short-sighted restrictions that virtually eliminated reef net fishing. We don't seem to be able to do anything about state and national policies that subsidize factory farming and factory fishing.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
55	what about agricultural tourism? Host paying guests to learn about farming or other trades on the islands	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
56	Locally grown food is so important. We don't want to lose those skills.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
57	Ecological and sustainable agriculture should be encouraged.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
58	Give exemptions to farming activities so that the encroaching housing developments don't dictate the community. Farming is smelly, noisy and not necessarily the "placid and pastoral" view that people may have when they buy their land in the country.	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
59	We already support agriculture through zoning and development regulations. We are an island community with a limited population. There is just so much food that we can eat. In order to grow out agricultural economy, food needs to be shipped and sold on the mainland. Transportation makes that a difficult option.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
60	Must address affordable & legal farm worker housing. Must address affordable housing for all working class folks.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
61	in so far as it is conservative of environmental impacts and resouces Very carefully and not as a prime source	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
62	Non Gmo, organic please.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
63	I love seeing the farms around us, however I know from 55 years of living there that work agriculture alone is never enough to support a family. Farmers have always had to have 2nd or 3rd jobs and to expect another result is not realistic. The expense of shipping lumber makes forestry untenable unless the finished product made with the lumber is actually made in the islands.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
64	Support them by encouraging at least one item per meal is raised, caught, or harvested on Lopez in every household	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
65	It would be great if the agricultural products were actually affordable.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM

66	The agricultural economy should be encouraged on land already being used for (or historically used for) agriculture in order to reduce dependency on high-impact tourism. We should not deforest additional land or alter more habitat for species.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
67	Absolutely!!!	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
68	many are already working hard this way, but with sometimes burdensome regulations	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
69	I can encourage a football team to win, but the positive value of that encouragement is probably tiny. Farmers should meet together and recommend changes to policies and regulations that would increase balanced agricultural production.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
70	I beg ignorance on the degree of decline the agricultural base of the Islands is in decline. I see food fairs, fresh produce stands and selective cutting activity continuing to be present on the Islands. Such land that provide sources of food, both local and healthy require our protection and management.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
71	Pavement and subdivisions are forever. Many of the best Ag areas in the County have been subdivided into unusable ranch-ettes and are no longer farmed whatsoever. This should be stopped by not making certain areas sub-dividable, but allowing detached ADUs and the County should also be more supportive of conversion of forested areas to usable farm land (as opposed to being a wild fire waiting to happen. Many of our forested areas are completely underutilized and a real fire danger.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
72	YES!	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
73	Not ANY agricultural interests, but small scale non-chemical ones. Aerial spraying and clear cuts aren't exactly what the islands need. Supporting working family farms and forests does make sense to me, not just large acreages for second home owners.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
74	Lower taxes on agricultural property.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
75	Relegate forestry and agriclture to the dust bin of history.	11/28/2017 4:07 PM
76	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
77	Yes, but making it more realistic to keep a farm in farm deferral taxes or other creative ways to make/grow a product.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
78	Talk and work with farmers and other agricultural leaders in the county and give more assistance to help this revitalization come to realization.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
79	Yes!!! Our farms are invaluable. We need to strengthen the agricultural sector.	11/28/2017 3:39 PM
80	Broad generalization.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
81	Agriculture should be part of the landscape, and we should ensure a minimum threshold of farming activity to ensure our long-term food security. But we shouldn't defend farming for its own sake. Agriculture here needs to be sustainable (viable without subsidy). Encourage creative approaches to crop selection and value-added production, but do not prop up farmers that can't make it without subsidized access to land or markets (as many are today - grazing, for example, is in most cases not sustainable here).	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
82	this is a daunting task, but needs to be addressed, particularly with regard to farmer/farm worker housing.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
83	Needs to be compatible with environmental quality, habitat protection.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
84	make it easier to build housing on ag land, sell ag products on ag land and let ag land folks do what works for their farm to make a living, farm-stays, retail, restaurant, events, schools, retreats, worshops, concerts, markets etc.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
85	No, it is not a healthy alternative.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
86	More agriculture uses the better not just weak hay fields	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
87	Allow expanded agritourism but don’t force it	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
88	Revision agriculture and housing. Guest stays and learning opportunities. Venues for events.	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
89	Absolutely!	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
90	... as long as this revitalization is based on sound, sustainable agricultural practices, i.e., NOT chemical-intensive agriculture.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM

91	Leaving territory for the wild inhabitants of these islands needs to be considered and letting land revert to a natural state should not be discouraged. I also feel that the county should actively encourage education regarding the benefits of sustainable landscaping and farming, perhaps regulating the types of pesticides and weed killers that can be sold and used here.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
92	Must differentiate between self-sufficient agriculture and export-based agriculture. Exporting agricultural products ultimately reduces land productivity.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
93	YES YES YES!	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
94	And support younger farmers	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
95	We also want to ensure that island agriculture remains viable, even as temperatures rise, summers become drier, and new pests emerge.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
96	Our islands NEED to encourage as well as support local growing on every island. Food is paramount to health and sustainability for everyone. Since we are "Islands", we need to have enough food grown & produced & processed to survive if there should ever be a "Puerto Rico" situation.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
97	yeah!	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
98	this is also an effort to combat climate change (growing local food)	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
99	See above - encourage small scale organic farming.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
100	Make sure it really supports ag land being kept for agriculture. The danger of agtourism is that it invites commercial uses on ag land, oftentimes converting ag land in the process both literally and figuratively because, for example, events can be much more lucrative than row crops. If the use is not related to the ag on site and if the use is not scaled to be secondary to the ag on site, the risk is that the commercial use becomes primary and the ag use secondary, often leading to abandonment of commercial agriculture. We do not need tourism in ag clothing. We need real agriculture, value added processing in industrial or commercial zones and a distribution system that makes scale feasible. We also need promotion of ag products, buy local, and promotion of the use of local agricultural products in schools and in restaurants and stores.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
101	for sure, for sure	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
102	Yes, put more effort and money into agriculture expansion.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
103	The agricultural economy must be sustainable and not degrade the environment.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
104	As long as it is environmentally safe farming, not industrial style.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
105	The Islands have not been an agricultural economy for many years...I doubt it will ever be again.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
106	Yes to some extent this is what the county must do. But the county must also support a wider diversity in agriculture and provide support to those involved in the agricultural economy. Rural areas that are actively farmed should be continued to be managed appropriately and residential residents who do not participate in agricultural activities should understand this about the land that may surround their properties.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
107	Sure, but how?	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
108	Vision statement must include more focus on food security, sustainable food production and support for local farms producing value added products to feed our community with healthy nourishing food.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
109	Transportation costs of SJC-produce to offisland markets will exceed net economic benefits to SJC.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
110	Encourage the development of small land based businesses. Allowing restaurants and cafes in ag resource zoned and rural farm forest areas would allow for direct farm to table experiences and provide much needed revenue for agricultural operations.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
111	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
112	Forestry is NOT an economic element I would encourage as it removes biomass from the land which is avery finite resource in these islands. I support agriculture as long as it steers clear of wetland areas	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
113	We don't have great soil here, but we could be making much better use of it and that means we need to improve marketplace options so farmers are able to make a living.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM

114	Use those tourism taxes to invest in agriculture, housing, solar panels.	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
115	What is a "revitalized" agricultural economy and how do you encourage it? It would be better to be clear about what is within our reach. "Encourage high-quality, sustainable, local-serving agriculture."	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
116	And add with the goal of moving the islands toward more self sufficiency in food supply.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
117	The ills of the agricultural system here are primarily due to economic forces beyond our control.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
118	Imperative to strengthen this area to ensure access to healthy, nutritious foods and maintaining self sufficiency of our island community while helping reduce our carbon footprint.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
119	Encourage agricultural zoning to stay agricultural and find ways to discourage zoning change when large agricultural parcels are sold.. Allow more tax credits for agriculture.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
120	We should have programs to encourage and support small scale farmers. Resources for young people who did not grow up in an agricultural/rural setting, but want to farm and steward the land.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
121	The agricultural current use taxation program should prefer landowners who grant realistically long leases on their land to willing organic farmers who lack land. The islands should be known for their unpolluted organic products.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
122	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
123	farming is a hard way to make a living and the islands are harder with poor soils and small scale. some smart hard working people are trying and all should be encouraged and supported.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
124	The Plan must not presume to dictate or apply subtle pressure in favor of any voluntary, i.e. natural outcomes.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
125	Very important. But it would seem we are pretty maxed out in terms of new farming to meet the island demand.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
126	in order to actually do this, the economics of ag need to be assessed under current day circumstances. the farmers must have viable markets and profitability	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
127	We absolutely, much revitalize the agriculture community. At this time farming has declined from what it was and more big homes are being built on farm land reducing the possibility of young farmers getting started. There is so little farming being on the islands that there is little food available it we are cut off from the mainland. Compounded by the fact that most people do not understand the bad chemicals that they are eating and the horrible conditions that most animals in this country must live. People need to be educated.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
128	Revitalizing organic, locally accessible agricultural and encouraging environmentally safe practices would make the islands a leader and example in the industry and benefit locals.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
129	At the end of the day, we all have to eat.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
130	Limiting economic activity is vital to maintaining our way of life.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
131	Not just identity, but a necessity perhaps in a future where shipping industrial foodstuffs around the world is no longer possible. We have not found a replacement for petroleum, and it of course is in limited supply. We have to take this and other economic realities into account.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
132	How would that be done? This is like a really vague statement. For one thing, how does one encourage agricultural economy on land that costs as much as ours does. Our farmers are either generational landowners or retired folks who farm for fun. No one else can afford land to farm here. Unless one addresses the economic inequality perpetuated by a number of other factors, this is kind of a pointless suggestion.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
133	Overly restrictive tax regulations have made this difficult.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
134	Support of farms through tax incentives, ability to sell locally and off-island in an affordable way, advertising to mainland purchasers, farm tours, use of economic development dollars to support.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
135	We need to encourage resources that allow the most "buy local" opportunities for food and other needs	11/15/2017 11:17 AM
136	More emphasis on local grown, sustainable farming, encourage new and establish farms and small market availability and outreach.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
137	A revitalized agricultural ethos that treats the land as a living partner could both feed our community and nuture our lands.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM

138	Local agriculture is so vital to our community's sustainability	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
139	Open space ag/timber requirements are burdensome already.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
140	Not just agriculture... but involvement with the lush Island space in general. Deer, mycology, seaweed all have monetary value... more than that the unique scape of the Islands off opprotunities to learn and test out strategies regarding how we can exist better with the Earth	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
141	Trades of all sort should be taught, not just agricultural (eg, electrician, plumber, carpentry).	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
142	Organic farming, maybe community gardens, discussions on the values of nature's rights and human vision	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
143	I'm very familiar with revitalization of agricultural economy. Be very careful what you ask for.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
144	Totally agree. This thought bubble was not a waste of time (like some of the others).	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
145	How about those innovative land use strategies... maybe more viticulture, apiculture...(farm enterprise)	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
146	Encourage how, what are some options?	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
147	Agriculture may be declining in an economic sense, but that is just a single aspect. Do not ignore the community benefits of agriculture which does not make a lot of money. At the same time, in order to maintain our agricultural base in this time of capitalism, it is prudent to encourage agricultural profit. Just don't require it.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
148	Fallow farm land also provides ecological benefits. Preserving non-farmed ag/forest land is just as critical as the economic incentives for working it.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
149	I think the open fields are absolutely lovely, however we exchange fewer agricultural fields for more imports (gas, emissions, pollution). Not that we should farm every acre of arable land, but another beautiful site is a diverse, organic, providing farm. And no-till farming!!!	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
150	Find opportunities for export farm products and help farmer's tap the local market; residents are not that supportive of local produced products (from our experience as farmers).	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
151	Why import food from Mexico and California, when we can grow it here? Only 5% of food on these islands is grown here, it could be way more.	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
152	Like i said above, we need to eradicate regulation and policy/code/permitting that create barriers to entry (to beginning farmers) and are a hindrance to operating. There are quite a few and simply asking a few farmers will shed light on what needs changing.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
153	Encouraging production and consumption of locally grown food is important for multiple reasons (health and environment). Promote locally grown food. Promote forestry IF sustainable and if it doesn't produce long-term environmental damage.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
154	Yes! Why with all the wonderful farmland and we shipping all this food here on the ferries? We can have sustainable farmers work the private and public land in a way that still maintains the rural beauty we all love.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
155	Agriculture need to include processing and onsite sales	11/13/2017 5:54 PM
156	I like to eat local food when possible.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
157	Brickworks is a nice start for SJI	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
158	We need to be subsidizing agricultural activity and incentivizing the purchase of local agriculture.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
159	Ag is encouraged by a series of incentives already. It is a struggling sector of the economy and there's not much more the county can do. It's time to look elsewhere.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
160	Maybe there's a reason it has declined ... tourism is more lucrative, maybe. I'm all for agriculture. Got any ideas to revitalize it?	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
161	agreed, although i am ambivalent about forestry. if forestry is sustainable - as in harvest is FSC certified, then i am in support. i think that a property tax system that encourages land to be logged for the sake of a tax break is not a good idea. We can't help that it costs more to log here, but we don't have to subsidize the practice thru tax breaks. Perhaps if those breaks were only available thru FSC certified harvesting then that would be a good balance.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM

162	The buy locally produced foods is gaining in momentum and the islands are the ideal location for producing organic, sensitively raised animals, seafood, vegetables, fruits; beer and wine produced locally should be encouraged and sold to the growing affluent Seattle marketplace.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
163	there are many small forest landowner and farm owner programs available to people coming onto the island and buying land with acreage. We need to find ways to encourage those landowners to lease the land to the local farmers to grow that economy. Additionally there are programs like FREP that landowners can join to place there riparian areas in conservation easement and taking that taxable acreage out of the landowners responsiblitly.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
164	Consider environmental impact - sustainable practices	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
165	The agricultural economy can be supported with infrastructure to get products to market.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
166	I have no idea what this means, and it seems to contradict several other ideas, such as reducing carbon emissions.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
167	With good jobs, not free labor and substandard housing.....	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
168	Encourage and develop means by which to market and buy local products; year-round access to local produce; establish community gardens and farms	11/8/2017 3:45 PM
169	Regenerative farming provides a carbon sink, healthy soil, local goods, decent jobs. This is all important.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
170	Encourage may mean making it easier to obtain governmental approvals.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
171	How are you going to do this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
172	Tax breaks for fake farming and forestry are not the answer. Encourage real farming and forestry.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
173	Absolutely, let's encourage affordable farming over affordable housing. Or give farm workers the affordable housing and would-be employees of stores selling touristy crap.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
174	Needs to be balanced with housing needs and exploring more options for housing.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
175	The balance would be to preserve streams and wetlands. A lot of streams and wetlands, especially on Lopez, have been erased by agricultural practices.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
176	I feel we can greatly encourage local provision for our food needs here in SJC!!	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
177	No housing for farm workers, not competitive.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
178	??	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
179	Add LOCAL to agricultural economy. So that meats, cheese, fruits, vegetables, and seafood that is harvested locally is available to be processed and eaten locally. Additionally would hope we focus on creating an economy that allows for local consumption of goods from small local farms.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
180	However, we do not need to encourage more forestry. We do not need the remnant of our forests to be further depleted (and, of course, all the associated natural habitat of wildlife). At the same time, our new agriculture needs to be free of pesticides and fungicides. Why poison our environment just for the sake of a few more jobs?	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
181	Usually, trying to "save" declining industries is a waste of resources that has little success. Any efforts should be focused on adapting to new trends.	11/7/2017 9:33 AM
182	Pursue possibilities for fledgling farmers to lease land.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
183	absolutely no future for large scale economicly beneficial agriculture. local csa and truck gardens definitely. the time for large scale ag has passed.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM
184	I wouldn't give away everything to ag, but the County should not create strong disincentives to farm. I'd look to the WSU Extension folks on this one. Farmers are getting older, with few younger farmers able to afford the start-up costs (owning land, primarily). This could be an opportunity for cooperatives or publicly owned farms (Coffelts).	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
185	There are few locals I know that care to buy non-local produce. This should be an easy fix. There are plenty of cottage industries looking to thrive. Encourage local retail food businesses to buy more from and support our local growers.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
186	Absolutely! We need to support our farmers and use (carefully) the resources we already have.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
187	I don't this it is the County's job.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM

188	We are freshwater limited, Ag uses a lot of water. There is a limit to Ag in the SJI.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
189	It is doubtful that many of the people choosing to buy vacation homes or second residences are looking to work the land in an agricultural sense.	11/6/2017 9:54 AM
190	Change to: "Encourage a revitalized organic agricultural economy."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
191	There's not enough money in farming and forestry. Shipping costs reduce the profitability of manufacturing. Tourism is only a temporary fix. Tourism actually contributes to the economic issues we face.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
192	It should be a top priority to support small farms and to encourage islanders to buy locally produced food whenever possible	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
193	Having been a farmer in the Midwest, I favor agricultural renewal in the islands. But to be realistic I would not anticipate much economic gain from such improvement. Small scale niche agriculture would seem viable and needs encouragement from County government.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
194	let it take its own path	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
195	this is part of our charm and beauty San Juan valley must not be developed	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
196	Buy local and share the surplus.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
197	With a focus on organic!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
198	Add “small-scale” before “agricultural.”	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
199	Comments noted above under 18	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
200	Yes! Absolutely. No Monsanto, etc.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
201	Is there enough land here for a forestry industry? If so, yes. Are you including farm animals in your farming statement? Flatulence you know. I eat meat but if you are concerned about carbon emissions... :O) Seriously. I love Andre's goat cheese. I wonder how much flatulence goat's produce. hahaha I love our island and our people. But I feel testy answering this questionnaire. My hackles get raised when tourism comes up. We can't be everything to everybody. There is little room for tourism if we want to maximize rural nature and the arts.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
202	... probably a specific or two could be added, but I'm not sure how to do it !	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
203	a portion of tourist dollars should go to subsidising farm land use	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
204	Not only we must revitalize local organic agriculture, we should educate the public on the importance of organic local economy to the islands, the planet and our physical and communal health.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
205	We need to help farmers .The land is to expensive for them to by so we need to lease it to farmers for a very moderate price .We must buy the forest and preserve it this is why tourist come here and why multimillionaires live here	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
206	I believe that the Land Bank model should be used to preserve arable lands and good forest lands for lease to growers and producers. The county must drive this revitalization and not wait any longer for the private sector to rise above inertia. In 20 to 30 years this arable land and working farms will become incredibly important and the option must be preserved and nurtured through REET or tourist taxation or second home taxation strategies.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
207	Rural land should certainly be used for ag and forestry and should be preserved such that these are viable in the islands. How much we can encourage ag and forestry industries is questionable but if we can, we should	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
208	The county should be supportive of sustainable and locally-produced agriculture. However, the county should be cognizant of the economic challenges faced by farmers and not promote or allow unstainable practices that create additional demands on services and environmental degradation.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
209	Right on. I would not say they are on the decline, they are re-positioning. The Europeanization of agriculture and forest management. More citizens doing more stewardship practices on smaller parcels. We need outlets for forest products along with agricultural products. To have these we must have local infrastructure to support them.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
210	farming is not on the decline in a real sense although many in choosing not to use the required "farm plan" and farm in a private way. forestry isn't a continuously sustainable operation anyway	11/3/2017 5:01 AM

211	Agriculture is essential to an island community where resources are limited, for survival, for the economy, for community.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
212	we don't have water resources to compete in ag sector. nor can ag generate economic return. I'm ok with letting ag succeed or fail on its own without intervention.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
213	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
214	Agree wholeheartedly. We need innovative strategies to support our farmers and the production of local food, including provisions to allow 1) increased econ activities on farms that is compatible with farming, 2) year-round housing for farm workers and succession farmers; 3) policy and code that encourages innovation	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
215	Absolutely! Anything the county can do to encourage healthy farm and agriculture ventures should be implimented	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
216	Small scale and sustainable.	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
217	we have nothing if we lose ag	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
218	This is easier said than done. Those in these businesses should be individually interviewed under conditions of nondisclosure to determine what measures the county could take toward this end. Planners do not know the inside realities of these businesses and can otherwise waste political and financial capital in resolving this issue.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
219	recognize that agriculture is but one element of the regions identity.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
220	The county can not change the fundamental economic equation for small scale agriculture but can be supportive of high value added agricultural entrepreneurs	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
221	While small farms are a part of the overall attractiveness of the Islands, they do not represent enough of the populace to warrant priority treatment within the Comprehensive Plan.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
222	Expand local produce so that the island can feed itself	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
223	I think a few large farms are giving way to many small specialized farms	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
224	The current agricultural activity is undervalued by the tabulators. We are the fastest growing County in agriculture. The world is changing and local food is growing in importance. The trend is for more food security locally. We can't deny that and must plan the infrastructure for it.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
225	Allow economic factors to determine the highest and best use of the land.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
226	Agriculture must find sweet spots of high value need. Forestry must be very selective and high value wood product development may be a better approach.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
227	We have too much to do in the other, more vital, areas. Yes, rural landscape is fundamental, let's encourage and preserve it. What agriculture there is that is economically viable, let's not discourage it in any way, even give it tax incentives or whatever else. But transportation costs and other economic factors that discourage agriculture in the islands are outside of our control. Let us focus our efforts on the highest priorities, and while open land is highly important, agriculture on that land is not.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
228	I don't agree that farming is on the decline.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
229	strongly agree, and one that can export products as in the past.	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
230	Try making it not so incredibly difficult to put or keep property in open space/Ag use!!	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
231	Yes - support incentives for revitalizing farms, encourage affordable housing on farm land within a very limited foot print so young farmers can be housed on the land and learn.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
232	Shared farm stands, encourage CSAs	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
233	Again, REAL ag, not Disney.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
234	Look at the lesson of Saltspring Island. They were in the same situation we are in today less than 10 years ago. They took a “Market back” look at what was needed rather than cannibalizing each other, selling commoditized crops that could be bought cheaper at the grocery store. Today, they are a true success story and, by partnering with the local tourist bureau, they have created a thriving agritourism industry.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM

235	Ag has proven to be an uphill battle. CSA is great, but our farmers still seem to be struggling. Forestry is not viable. Perhaps remove the tax loopholes for forestry because it's not going to happen.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
236	And figure out ways to make it sustainable and profitable enough for a family to live on it.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
237	I think the county and we on the Island do this, so not sure what we can do against forces beyond our control - such as the global economy. I think we are all trying to do this and should continue.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
238	This goal is laudable. However, right now it is essentially laughable. No farm in sjc is making it on farm income alone; each farm has substantial non-farm income. Perhaps Pelindaba may be an exception, creating high value added products; there is surely a back story just like Heyday farm on Bainbridge. Rough estimates are that 99% of the food eaten in SJC is not raised/grown here. Given marginal soils, this goal needs to be realistic. Farming is hard work for marginal returns. This goal presupposes a much younger workforce.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
239	The County already provides a significant tax break to those properties which are classified as farm or forest. However, many of those properties are farm/forest in name only and if the County were more proactive in PROPERLY classifying those parcels it might serve to motivate their utilization as such.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q29 According to what we heard during the pop-up studios and workshops, the rural landscape is a fundamental element in the County's identity, but farming and forestry are on the decline and economic activity in rural areas is limited. In response, the plan must…Preserve fields and forests for their aesthetic and environmental values.

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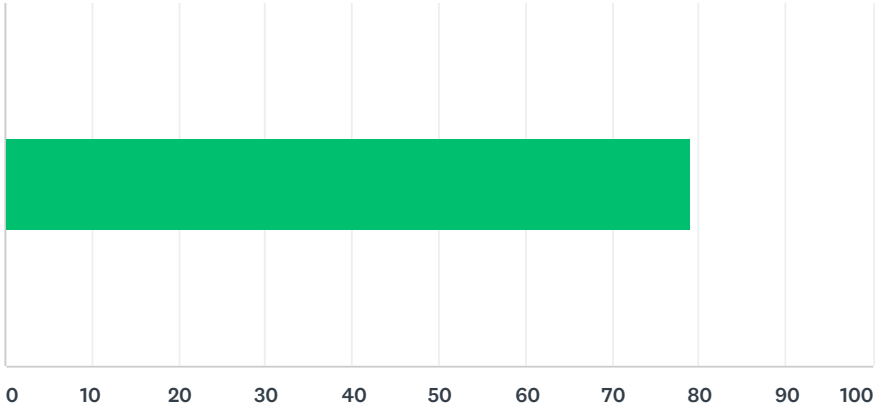

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3	89	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
4	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
6	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
7	30	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
8	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
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Q30 Comments?

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1	The landscape we have now is not natural, it is the results of humans clearing fields and managing woodlands. Let's now Disney-fy the landscape to make an artificial landscape permanent.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Forests should be preserved. Fields can be cultivated.	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
3	It is a misconception that fields and forests can be "preserved" simply for aesthetic and environmental values. We need to get away from the word "preserve". I suggest changing this to "Encourage management of our fields and forests that maintains and enhances their aesthetic and environmental values while also maintaining and enhancing agriculture and forestry as viable industries in the islands.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	It is possible to protect open space and the aesthetic value of fields and forests while making sensible provisions for small family farms to thrive. Creating a commission or committee to review current conservation easement language, allowing for more in-depth public comment, and bringing farmers into the conversation with island, county and state decision-makers.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	Field and forest should be preserved not only for their esthetic and environmental values, but also for their value in feeding and supplying the citizens of the County.	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	In any way possible	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
7	fields are needed for forage. they are part of the established agricultural landscape of the islands are are essential for livestock production. lavender is not food.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
8	Thank goodness for the Land Bank and Preservation Trust's leadership in this area and for the many environmental organizations and individuals that fight daily to preserve open spaces and forested landscapes.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
9	To a certain degree. Preserve the landscape visible to the public but allow already developed areas to benefit from cluster development and looser regulations on allowable use.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
10	Examine again what tax advantages can be offered to incentivize retention of ag land.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
11	The rural beauty of these island is why most of us choose to live here. Preserving the aesthetics of rural fields and forests also preserves the ecology.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
12	Preserve fields and forests for their aesthetic and environmental values by ACTIVELY supporting their USE as sites for sustainable farming and forestry.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
13	I agree with the sentiment, but we will not be able to achieve this unless those fields and forests are also generating some economic return, of some kind. Of course, tourists coming to look at them is economic return, of some kind. But probably not enough.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
14	Protect habitat for wildlife.	11/30/2017 2:14 PM
15	If we're going to have tourism, we need to have something for them to look at. If we're going to have emotionally healthy residents, we need the same. This is a no-brainer.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
16	Yes, and also make sure we don't rule out diversity of housing options in the process. We need to balance healthy environment and sustainable community.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
17	Open space has great value. But in preserving do so with the objective of limited public access such as a walking path along a fence line.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	If we want to preserve our forests, we need to manage them back to health, which includes thinning and forestry management that encourage species diversity.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	Fields need animals and crops. You cannot cut hay with nothing to feed them.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
20	Let's encourage more publicly owned lands for preservation. Let's NOT interpret this as a license to control individuals' privately owned lands.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM

21	Working on an individual basis, taking into account each unique circumstance, should be the policy. Not blanket moratoriums.	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
22	Keep agricultural lands working, once 'Preserved' they will never be used again for food production.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
23	Not if means killing animals	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
24	Yes we need Balance and we need our forests and and wild animal habitat, we are not the only ones on the island, yet we act like it!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
25	There are difficulties in legislating broad directives here. Exceptions are always sticking points, but it almost seems that our county needs case by case decision making here. For example, if a piece of land is zoned r-40 but a farmer needs to supply farmworker housing, that seems legitimate. But if the same land is dotted with cabins for tourists, even eco-tourists, that is not acceptable. We all love open space and rolling vistas, and sometimes the lay of the land allows for niches of activity that might in a broad way be prohibited.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
26	Include quiet recreation - trails in those settings. Develop memories that will foster stewardship	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
27	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
28	Land-use / management strategy needed.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
29	PROPERTY RIGHTS is not just a few words. This notion is offensive. So if I disagree I am against nature and the wonderful rural landscape? Taking without compensation is what we are discussing here. So who is going to pay for the Prohibition of Development? Currently improper zoning is used as a barrier to development to avoid "a taking." This statement is dangerous. It picks winners and losers again. Just because a field or forest is not "protected" does not mean it will turn into an asphalt parking lot. Further, every inch of the county could fall under this thinking if allowed to flourish. Subjective is the enemy as some think people should not even be on the islands, except for themselves of course.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
30	Preserve existing fields and forests for their beauty and inherent environmental value, while assisting existing farmers/ranchers to market island products so that they may have a livelihood.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
31	.But additionally it must benefit the economy of the community. Lopez Island is beautiful, our terrain is very pleasant for biking, biking groups love to come here for that...so by protecting the environment, we create beauty which provides a reason for people to live here, as well as visit.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
32	Restricts private property rights and the ability for the farmer or forestry to be productive	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
33	This is tricky. In order to actively farm the citizens must realize that "farming" and "forestry" isn't always pretty. Greenhouses are perhaps the most economical way of growing in this climate and a few years back a couple county councilmen that didn't want to look at greenhouses from their own homes nearly shut down some promising new agricultural adventures in the county. It is very important that there are no loopholes that the governing leaders get to use their personal bias to shut down agriculture or other business that doesn't look pretty.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
34	Must keep forests from being cut down for agriculture, but allow farming of fields and open spaces in an aesthetically pleasing way. For example not create an unsightly collection of farm-worker housing next to a major road.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
35	Yes, but not ONLY for their aesthetic & environmental values. Both farming & forestry can be a livelihood that can be done in a way to enhance the natural beauty of our islands. (Such as diversifying tree species in a forest & culling weaker members so stronger members have a chance, or farming suitable land so we can feed ourselves to a better degree & avoid 'importing' supplies by ferry.)	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
36	Preserve fields and forests for their aesthetic and environmental values. ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC VIBRANCY AND DIVERSITY MUST BE PART OF THE VALUES THAT WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
37	Needs to balance with growing food.	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
38	higher fines for cutting trees with out a permit.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM

39	Preserving viewsheds and environmental values are important, however emphasis must be on revitalizing working farms and forests. Allowing workers in rural clustered housing and improving access to ag land for farmers is fundamental to our community. Protecting watersheds from chemical contamination is more important than a tourist driving by admiring the view.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
40	People need to pay their property taxes even if for timber open space. The forests can store carbon AND provide revenue as long as the thinning is in line with FSC standards and the community supports the concept of making all these forests fire resilient. They can't just be left over stocked. They need to be returned to old growth characteristics and then the "interest (thinnings) will be of high value.	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
41	REALLY IMPORTANT!	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
42	Fields are not a natural habitat. For instance, the Landbank's Beaverton Valley preserve is fallow farmland filled with non-native vegetation. It was formerly a cedar forest with a salmon spawning stream running through it. Its current value is purely aesthetic. One can see this sort of disaster all over the islands.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
43	Selective logging in areas that are diseased should be only logging on the islands.	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
44	Community dictating "aesthetics"to private landowners must be balanced by ongoing permission for working farm & forestry activities.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
45	Yes, but also because they are essential to groundwater aquifer recharge. Landowners should only be compensated by the county if they allow recreation and hunting on their protected land. The county should, however, serve as the buyer of last resort in cases where ag land would be most useful converted into parkland...but only at discounted sale prices.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
46	Farming does not need to be on the decline if encouraged by local communities and government. Forest health is vital for wildlife diversity and sustainability. Employ forest stewards, conservation educators...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
47	whos definition of preservation? If I own my property are you saying I have to share it with you?	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
48	Once they're gone, they're gone.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
49	100% agree with this statement.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
50	Do not fill them with houses!	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
51	You already asked this question above.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
52	The rural character of our islands should be preserved.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
53	Agreed. But we need “working Farm and forest landscapes “. “Pastoral views” strongly imply dead, non-working lands forced into idle, non-usable landscapes by non-resident vacation owners.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
54	to general need criteria, think wetland and contigouous, think forage fish and habitat, think specializd, think cultural significance, erosion and aquifer sensitve, please consider stormwater and native vegetation And stop fragmenting ecosystems	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
55	Preserving fields and forests for their "only" aesthetic and environmental values, is nice eye candy, but a strong program that brings farming back to life, would make it a functional, instead of an aesthetic part of the community. We need to get young farmers on that land for cheap, and for a long time.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
56	Please include wetlands here. We depend on all these areas to recharge our water table. Our water supply is not to be taken for granted.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
57	Plan and build on sites with idea of preserving view corridors and privacy screens.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
58	Important to consider protected corridors, and connected preserves.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
59	We should preserve pristine habitats and limit agriculture to locations where it already takes place or historically took place (old farm fields no longer being used for agriculture).	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
60	Need to support rehabilitation of Agriculture , sustainable farms, commercial fishing and aquaculture. This shouldn't conflict with property owners harvest of crops and wood and timber; particularly when the owners have planted and practiced correct forestry and agricultural management.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
61	AND preserve them for their use values as farm lands	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
62	When possible, but needs to be balanced with housing and economic development needs	11/28/2017 6:00 PM

63	The aesthetic values of forest are there for a good reason. They should remind us of the immeasurable services that such forests provide from water and air purification to providing a complex system of biological diversity that is essential to the well being of our planet.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
64	Agree but make it easier for the land to be farmed, NOT Harder and more expensive....i.e., Current Use programs, Critical Areas Ordinance, Farm Stewardship programs, etc.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
65	Preservation of fields and forest can conflict with the goal of agricultural revitalization and/or environmental enhancement. Decisions regarding such preservation regulations must take into account all factors and not be black and white.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
66	Continue to build land trust areas and support healthy agricultural uses.	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
67	While ensuring that not all land is tied up in preservation...we need to reserve some for new sustainable/affordable housing.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
68	The rural landscape is more than pretty. It protects natural functions like cleaner water, healthy soil that is more resistant to erosion. This makes it sound as if the rural landscape is pretty and green, rather than a foundational part of island living. YES protect it, so I agree with that.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
69	Some second growth forest areas are not suitable for more forestry development. Planning of the forest and fields should be based on soil suitability studies	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
70	Our current zoning is not taking into account how farms and forests can support more than one family per dwelling, as families change and needs of home owners change.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
71	This conflicts with the previous goal. You can't preserve fields an forests and then encourage more farming on them.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
72	Absolutely.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
73	Increased population will test the preservation of fields and forests.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
74	Let's face it: Most of the value of our fields and forests today are in their aesthetic (rather than utilitarian) value. Encourage landowners to maintain their land in open space, and let them return those lands to their native state without penalty.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
75	This statement would pit environmental and aesthetic concerns or values against local agriculture. There is already a tendency (exhibited by the Land Bank and the San Juan Island Preservation Trust) to preserve fields and forests at the expense of local ag.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
76	as long as agricultural function is considered, not just the bucolic views of rich people, but beauty that is the land being used well. House size should be limited to preserve sight-lines for all the tiny-house dwellers. Big houses are uglier than farming.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
77	Yes, it is good for the environment and tourism,	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
78	Land should be better send for food production	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
79	Yes, and one way we can do that is by implement some well designed, higher density housing areas for the working class and lower income residents.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
80	Support them making more money to be economically viable	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
81	Fields and forest must also be preserved for their economic value, in addition to environmental and aesthetic benefits.	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
82	Agree 1,000 percent!	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
83	Forest and fields are ever-chagning environments. "Preservation" indicates a desire to keep these values static, which is simply preserving a random snapshot in time. Land management must be based on ecological principles, not preservationist ones.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
84	What?! This is a counter statement to the concerns voiced by the workshop participants. This would not encourage economic activity in farming and forestry if the suggested statement above is added.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
85	We need to fister agriculture and food security along side of this.	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
86	these islands are meant to be forested for the most part. I'm in favor of encouraging all residents to grow more of their own food, ala victory garden style, and put less pressure on exhaustive agriculture. I'm keen on fields that were never meant to be plowed in the first place being let to go back to the forest- the trees need to be considered as well and all our non-human relations in this. Where is the addendum for them?	11/27/2017 10:41 PM

87	We need to make sure that our forests remain healthy, contribute to increased carbon sequestration, and provide good habitat for wildlife. As temperatures rise, shade will be increasingly important for animal and human well-being. And as heavy rainfall events become more frequent, the groundwater retention and site stability benefits provided by trees will be critical.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
88	Preserve the working agricultural and forest landscapes as the basis of our island culture, aesthetic values, and land stewardship.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
89	We must preserve the working agricultural and forest landscapes as the basis of our island culture, aesthetic values and land stewardship.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
90	we will need these resources in the future.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
91	Be careful about preserving for aesthetic values. That is VERY subjective. Who owns the view? Environmental ecosystems are very important.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
92	Preserve habitat for animals as much as possible. Ecological diversity must be part of the values that we strive to achieve.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
93	Ecological diversity must be part of the values that we strive to achieve.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
94	Ecological and economic vibrancy and diversity must be part of the values that we strive to achieve.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
95	It is not clear what you mean by "preserve" when it comes to fields. Land that has been worked for agriculture needs to be managed as such and not simply left unmanaged as this does not result in healthy ecosystems. The county might also consider the preservation of wet land environments. Though I do not have all the details, as I understand there is currently no incentive for landowners to preserve these important ecosystems. While preserving fields and forests is a great goal, wetland, and shoreline environments are just as important to preserve or in the very least probably manage and because these environments are often part of private property there should be some incentive to the landowners to properly manage and conserve these habitats.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
96	Yes, but you may have to choose between this and encouraging agriculture.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
97	Keep farm lands active in farm use. Do NOT turn productive agricultural land back into prairie under the auspices of preservation. Land Bank and Preservation Trust have taken too many acres of land out of viable food production.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
98	Ecological and economic vibrancy and diversity must be part of the values that we strive to achieve.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
99	Preservation implies freezing and not allowing things to evolve. We should be encouraging the creation of beautiful productive open spaces.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
100	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
101	Fields and forests are the reason so many people come to the islands, for their wonderful, throwback, rural character. There are so many other places for people to go who want to pursue other activities.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
102	Who preserves whose land?	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
103	Trees and forests are more than just timber and lumber they make it possible for humans to inhabit not just this county, but this planet. People who forgo development and exploitation of their land in order to protect the air we all breathe and the water we drink should be afforded the same tax consideration as those who harvest their trees for gain.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
104	It is more important to me to preserve these landscapes as truly working lands, rather than for their aesthetic qualities. Or, again, we are on the slippery slope toward Disneyfication.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
105	Pavement is forever. The benefits of preserved land are too numerous to list.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
106	Preserve fields yes but the County needs to do a far better job at managing their forests. Much of the islands are overgrown and it's not a healthy forest ecosystem and all this dense underbrush may one day lead to increased risk of wildfires.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
107	Depends on what preservation entails.	11/17/2017 9:23 AM

108	San Juan county currently subsidizes logging of our forests with the state DFL and the county current use taxation program for forestry. Our islands forests are drought/climate stressed and a generation of loggers and their equipment have recently left the islands. The county current use taxation forest program should allow forest management plans that do not require harvest and whose goals are to restore and grow native old growth forests in perpetuity using native plant species (grown from native seeds) that are suited to the terrain. Healthy old growth forests support health in surrounding forests and of wildlife. We should create new local business of trained restoration professionals to provide science based ecological consulting, restoration, management and forest fire hazard reduction. This business could develop appropriate local forest restoration plans and skilled foresters who can be hired by landowners to perform forest practices that minimize interference in the forest (machinery and people carry invasive non native species into the forest). See the work of Suzanne Simmard PhD teacher/researcher UBC Vancouver on how trees support each other. https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/artful-amoeba/dying-trees-can-send-food-to-neighbors-of-different-species/ Without this information thinning even with the best intentions is mindlessly destructive of forest health and stability necessary to endure climate change. Our island forests are drought/climate stressed, at risk of fires and our wildflowers and wildlife are vanishing. We should provide current use taxation program benefits through the open space program for science based conservation and conservation of of native plant communities whether forest or meadow. There are such skillful professionals at work here, on Turtleback for example, and other projects of the San Juan Preservation Trust and Friends of the San Juans. Train and hire locals to achieve science-based ecological restoration and conservation and subsidize the landowners who practice it. Restore all fish streams with native plantings, identify and support native species of local concern such as SJ Preservation Trust is doing with the bluebird reintroduction program. Hundreds of locals would volunteer to help with such programs.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
109	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
110	need to control deer overgrazing.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
111	To repeat again, Bud out.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
112	Yes. But who pays for such idealism?	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
113	This statement sounds good, but it leaves me very uncomfortable because it can mean much more that is actually stated here. Fields and forests should not just be allowed to be left alone and allow what ever to grow. There are too many invasives here now and with this there in deterioration of our farms land and forests. This issue is not just for people to look at, it should be to maintain the land in good health. Farming and forestry need to be encouraged and supported.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
114	Support the ability of wild spaces to renew and regenerate themselves.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
115	I believe the forests and fields should be conserved. I am concerned that often the "rule makers" attempt to achieve this conservation by outlawing /excluding human activity. This leads directly to a reality where only people who can afford to own large tracts and not touch them will be here - not much of a community. The best strategy for achieving long term ecological conservation and sustainability is to find ways that human activity can exist and collaborate with natural ecosystems. Then there are people who actually, intimately, understand how the ecosystems work, and can help participate in steering them toward health. People sitting in offices making up rules to "protect" the natural environment often create other sorts of damage.	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
116	I want more details on how this would be done.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
117	You have to separate the "aesthetic" from the "environmental" to get a true reading from survey takers. I am strongly for the environmental values but not the aesthetic.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
118	More needs to be done to preserve forest and trees. Identifying a balance of forest and field in the county is critical to the survival of natural habitat.	11/15/2017 3:28 PM
119	Environmental AND aesthetic? Conservation for aesthetic is values is just another way of saying preserving rich people's property values for which we should all give less than 2 fucks.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
120	Fields and forests on the island are in very little danger of damage from year round residents who hope to make this place their home and steward their land. Preservation for aesthetic purposes is wrong. This island is a not a museum for visitors to peruse and leave. It is a living, breathing place that people live and need to live. It is those people that are the best hope for the livelihood and health of this place.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
121	to dovetail with affordable housing - cluster housing within existing forests and agricultural preserves.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM

122	As they related to agriculture support. Not to preserve with the intent to prohibit farming or agricultural opportunities. Hold the ad activities accountable to help preserve natural resources of the islands.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
123	Forests and farmlands as aesthetics only serves the wealthy and is a disconnect from what a rural landscape really is. If forests are recognized as life sustaining entities and 'harvest' takes into account the needs of the forest to sustain itself and us, a balance can be found between taking all and taking none. Farmland for farms makes sense but again, requires an ethos of sustainability based on recognition of the vitality of the soil, how water is used, etc.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
124	Land owners should drive this not government regs.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
125	Yes and allow Access.... forests are being felled for development and fence put up for hobby farms. Both of these things lumber and use of space needed to be considered. Added to this much more effects the flow of the Wild and humans. We must have more communition regarding things like this.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
126	With training and educational classes given to the general public to educate them on things organic, and needs of human survival via environmental values.... get the Native Tribes involved in the education.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
127	Agreed, unless you are stepping on someone's rights as a land owner. This county also tends to forget animal husbandry is also a farming/agriculture entity.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
128	Tax incentives maintained for agriculture and managed forrest	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
129	Sounds good except it is the opposite of innovative land use policy...	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
130	How preserve, via changes in zoning and/or comprehensive land use plans, other...?	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
131	Aesthetic values are only a single criterium for preservation. Equally important are environmental benefits, food security benefits, economic benefits, and lifestyle benefits. You can't eat a view.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
132	See comment re: fallow farm/forest land in #29.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
133	I'm for preserving some fields for aesthetic and environmental values and using some for environmentally beneficial farming practices. I'm for keeping as much forest as we can intact with still using selective harvesting methods for wood fuel and building uses. I'm not for exporting any wood just for economic gain, but we should realize the wood resources that we use come from somewhere and take some ownership on taking some trees in a selective, environmentally friendly way.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
134	Fields return to forests very fast; someone has to use them (mow, plow, etc)	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
135	we must preserve farmland for future generations, they might have to grow their food again	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
136	Yes, but not at the expense of preventing those picturesque vistas from being farmed because they will look like a farm instead of some ideal in our tourists eyes, or some of our wealthy part-timers who have 5 homes and don't like extra trucks driving on their road or the smell, etc.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
137	Absolutely. Keep development and loss of forests and farmland to a minimum, or eliminate this type of "development" (which should really be labeled "degradation") altogether.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
138	As a farmer, what does that actually mean? Keeping something visually appealing to people driving by, is not the same thing as using the land responsibly to grow food for our community. Most farms here use organic practices, so we do value the environment. I think this needs more clarity	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
139	We need aesthetic value but properly maintained farmland is beautiful, offers local food and value added productions and lowers carbon emissions by less reliance on shipping our food from the mainland.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
140	Not just preserve, but enhance, and work with	11/13/2017 6:18 PM
141	To a point. We've overdone the whole tax-free ownership of land. Easements make more sense.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
142	Same comment. Forestry is wonderful but, clearly not wonderful enough to be self sustaining. What specific guidance do you offer? I'd like all SJI residents to have an annual income of at least $90,000 but I am a little short on ideas to make it so and therefore of little help.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
143	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
144	Be clear on the difference of conserve and preserve. Preserve means no change at all	11/9/2017 1:13 PM

145	This is good, but we need to be considering wildlife, and also recreational value for our quality of life.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
146	Again, not sure what this means, but it sounds as though it might be an approach to preserve tourism.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
147	The land trust is actively doing this. What happens to private property is not easily controlled without excessive regulation. On the other hand, most people live here because of the natural environment and work to keep their own property in keeping with this.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
148	Some areas need to be used for housing. This will involve sacrificing some natural areas. Try for more dense, less impactful housing. But it must be added.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
149	How?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
150	Fields don’t need to be preserved. If desired they could be reseeded with native trees and plants.	11/8/2017 9:36 AM
151	Rich people with views not wanting to look at greenhouses etc... let them buy the field and not use it. Genuine public spaces should be encouraged.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
152	And the ability of those fields to feed us.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
153	Need to be open to other needs as well, without destroying these important features too.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
154	This is part of the draw to the islands.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
155	YES!	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
156	OK, more limited zooning, and more special tax benefits...???	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
157	Of course, consistent with reasonable land use designations and property rights considerations.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
158	Which means discouraging forestry, which is an industry that has too many damaging consequences.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
159	Yes, but active farming is preferable to just grazing or hay.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
160	plant something in those preserved fields. one cutting of hay is not utilizing property wisely. consider planting with conifers for xmas trees and lumber production.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM
161	"Preserve" sounds static to me, and as any forester or farmer knows, landscapes can change over time. "Manage" would be preferable: this would allow timber thinning, for example, or prescribed burning and other vegetation management techniques that might be precluded were one to take a strict "preservation" bent. I certainly agree that I would like fields and forests to be a major part of our county's landscapes, but understand that they cannot be merely preserved.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
162	No brainer. We cannot fully indulge on our landscape and expect to survive.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
163	A field "preserved" by using it to grow low-value hay so that it can be a lovely fake-rural landscape seems silly. Similarly, our forests need sound forest management practices.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
164	Include marine shorelines in that list.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
165	We should preserve them for their agricultural function, not just aesthetics	11/6/2017 7:42 AM
166	Change to: "Preserve fields and forests, and their large and tiny creatures, for their aesthetic values and their enhanced provision of environmental services."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
167	That is a wonderful in theory. It won't however, support our economic needs.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
168	Tourists, full and part time residents are drawn to such land and seascapes. Their value is expressed in tourist and residential financial contributions to the County's domestic tax and business well being. Tax and land use regulations should reflect this benefit.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
169	Real activity is the goal	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
170	no meadow big-macs	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
171	Our affordable housing crisis makes the views rather expensive. Everything in moderation, folks!	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
172	Let rural remain rural, do not move commercial anything there	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
173	do not allow clear cutting	11/5/2017 10:43 AM

174	Fields and forests MUST be preserved. On Orcas Island Moran's vision has preserved natural lands that are an economic and ecological bounty and we must continue this kind of vision into the future on the islands.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
175	And for sustainable agriculture.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
176	our land bank is doing an excellent job. don't over regulate our private land!!!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
177	Conducting a study on the $ value of ecosystem services specific to the islands would help the community embrace this more fully-	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
178	... and we are willing to pay for it.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
179	and allow them to be used for farming and forest husbandry	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
180	Forests are most essential as part of our critical aquafer recharge. Farmland that is preserved for aesthetic and environmental values today coud still be utilized as farmland tomorrow. INCREASING the acres of farmland in Ag Resource designation should be a priority of this Comp Plan update.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
181	The top priority should be that people must be allowed to use their land and property as they wish. Consideration of impacts should be considered but do NOT enable emotional NIMBYs	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
182	Add "and wildlife" to values.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
183	And minimal impact recreational use	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
184	eating is not on the decline therefore we must set aside land for farming to feed people we must pay fare wages to farmers . Forests must be saved to keep the charm of this land	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
185	Of course but their is no greater beauty or inspiring aesthetic than a mosaic of cared-for working landscapes supporting the larger community. Agricultural landscapes in an already highly disturbed ecosystem like ours have greater richness and diversity if critical areas are preserved and careful husbandry carried out.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
186	the San Juans have a lot of open land. It would be great to see more of it open for recreational use, especially multiple use (biking etc not just walkers). I particularly hope Zylstra Lake can be acquired and not simply conserved as a beautiful spot to look at. We need a community recreational swimming area, a safe place to host Island Rec's learn-to-sail programs, and trails that can be walked and mountain biked, and horse-ridden.	11/3/2017 2:51 PM
187	Open space is vitally important to the natural beauty and resources of the San Juans. Forests and fields need to be managed, not just 'preserved' if they are to continue to be healthy and productive ecosystems. The county needs to foster forest and agricultural management plans at the landscape level to identify policies and best management practices that will ensure long-term aesthetic and environmental values.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
188	Fields and forests only respond to management when management is happening. If it is all take and no give we are not going to get there. Environmental values include health of soil first, water, plants, animals, air, and the human element must be contained within any preservation schema. If the human element is not involved in the preservation through conservation practices we will never get the environmental values and the aesthetic portion becomes shorted and degraded.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
189	Extraordinary forests and fields should be considered for parks, but over all we need to encourage the sustainable, long term USE of these resources	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
190	same answer as 28	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
191	Manage natural resources to encourage farming and sustainable forestry.	11/2/2017 6:42 PM
192	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
193	Fields and forests should be protected and managed as Working Lands, which is an important functional aesthetic. Protection of the environmental values of farms and forests should not inhibit the viability of the these traditional industries/. A balance of environmental integrity and viable working lands is possible and essential.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
194	preserve land and really let farmers farm it-RIGHT NOW there is much land that farmers can not touch and that is a travesty-land that is "held" by an entity for "visual value- that must change	11/2/2017 2:42 PM

195	We can allow and encourage preservation, but the county should not impose preservation on private property without paying for its financial effect on the owner(s). Farming is environmentally beneficial only if good farming practices are followed. There is only a little justification for dealing with soeone's property because others like to look at it. This is a legally dangerous area.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
196	recognize the resource limits as being real limits.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
197	Over 50% of the land mass in San Juan County is something other than full taxation.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
198	preserving woodlands is an important source of water preservation and carbon sequesterization	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
199	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
200	There is a misconception that mowing fields is good for the environment. It is not. Nor are unstewarded forests. It is an elitism to think all we need to do is keep the islands "pretty." By whose standards? I find livestock on the land and market produce pretty, not mowed or simply constant haying of poor quality grass.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
201	If the County wishes to preserve fields and forests for their aesthetic and environmental values, then the County must step-up and purchase these lands or pay for conservation easements over those lands.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
202	For an under taxed county... public support for development rights/preservation purchase is not too much to ask... We need public leadership	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
203	Agree, provided that the landowner's freedom to sell their land for any purpose is not restricted beyond a general comprehensive plan, by area.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
204	In balance with ag and economic strategic dev	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
205	We need to encourage more farming.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
206	with an economic component.	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
207	As much as possible, some forested areas could be considered for affordable housing, at less density. Each one reviewed on a case by case basis determining how the plan would fit in with the overall community. The Lopez Island affordable housing on Lopez Road is horrible. Basically clear cut with a mish mash of style and architecture. No more of that please!!	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
208	Aesthetic and environment yes - but what's with all the mowing of fields. Give incentives for grazing and ag related activities. Not too much emphasis on "keep it pretty".	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
209	I think we can withstand more development. I believe that the UGA boundaries are misguided. The build out is happening on one of the most ecologically sensitive areas of Orcas Island. Seems crazy to me to not spread the growth. We should have developed LAMIRD.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
210	And for farming!!!	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
211	Forests are beautiful but fire hazards....brush should be limited and controlled all through the islands.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
212	In front of the sentence "Preserve field and forests....." add Encourage the preservation of fields and forests.....".	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
213	If we can restimulate growth in our farming business, we absolutely should, and this includes keeping pastureland available. If that is not in the offing, pastureland can be returned to its natural state, often creating habitat for local and migrating animals. The various land preservation organizations have done a good job at this.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
214	Voluntarily. We already do LOTS of this. How much nontaxable land do we have already and what proportion are we willing to support?	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
215	Exactly.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
216	Yes.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
217	Presumably to preserve fields and forests SJC will have to limit or guide rural land residential development to avoid sprawl and the evisceration of those aesthetic and environmental values.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
218	You cannot address the vision goal of maintaining the rural nature of the islands without preserving the fields and forests.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q31 According to what we heard during the pop-up studios and workshops, the rural landscape is a fundamental element in the County's identity, but farming and forestry are on the decline and economic activity in rural areas is limited. In response, the plan must…Permit a broader range of land uses to enhance economic opportunity in rural areas.

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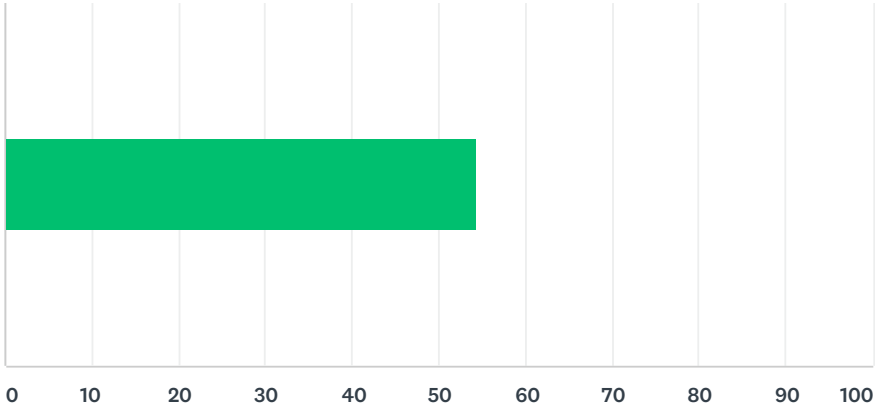

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2	71	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
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4	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
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7	0	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
8	25	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
9	90	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
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12	80	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
13	30	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
14	86	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
15	5	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
16	10	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
17	88	11/30/2017 8:38 PM

Q32 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would want to know what would be included in the "broader range" before agreeing	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	As long as these activities don't detract from the rural beauty.	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
3	No. This is a slippery. Make it Agriculture specific. This should instead read: "Permit a broader range of agricultural activities on Agricultural Resource land to enhance economic opportunities for productive farms.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	The islands are small enough to allow for more flexibility regarding farm stands, seasonal farmworker housing, and events sites while still keeping a very high standard of sustainable practices and providing for preserved open space.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	Encourage both commercial and non-commercial food production in the County	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	This is a wide open statement, and without knowing those uses being permitted, cannot answer responsibly.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
7	Farming, yes. Not tourist attractions like mini-golf and go-carts.	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
8	Save open space and parkland. We will never get it back again once it is designated for another use	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
9	Like marijuana, which some people have a problem with.	11/30/2017 8:38 PM
10	example of a broader range?	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
11	Give more support to existing farmers and foresters to enhance their businesses in a manner consistent with long term values here.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
12	Exactly.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
13	Any broadening of allowable activities in rural zones should be limited to ag-related activity.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
14	I am wary of this statement since I don't know what a 'broader range of land uses" would entail.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
15	However, these land uses must be consistent with the overall long-term vision of the county, protect resources, and support sustainable economic activity above all else.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
16	What are these broader range of uses? I haven't heard a single example of how the county's restrictions on land use are preventing new economic activity. I have heard many claims that regulation is preventing people from building and selling houses. This is a one time event, that only kicks the can down the road. There does seem to be examples of people trying to shut down activity on neighboring property, but so far the cases I have heard about depend on deed restrictions. Perhaps the county can address those. And if farming is limited by the county, we can loosen those regulations. But if people just want more land for unregulated construction, that solves nothing.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
17	Allowing that changes what the islands are and what makes them so desirable to a broad range of people and animals.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
18	What does "broader range" mean? I can't imagine a sustainable use of a forest that isn't just shade-grazing, logging, or tourism. What do people have in mind for this?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
19	Depending on environmental impact, yes...needs to be monitored and watched carefully...stewardship of the island environment should take priority over short term gain.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
20	It depends on what they are....	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
21	We just don't know what the future holds so we much allow for suggestions of alternatives.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
22	Not at the expense of environmental stewardship. With our current growth rate, conservation is essential.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM

23	Permit agriculture based value added and tourism based uses of agricultural land, including Rural Farm Forest.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
24	Depends on what that use may be	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
25	I can't envision the meaning of this.	11/30/2017 6:54 AM
26	The answer to this depends on identifying the "broader range of land uses"	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
27	Lacks specifics.	11/30/2017 2:58 AM
28	Yes but only if the economic opportunities benefit the over all good of the islands and the local residence. we need to make a step up to encourage new ways of building and and lowering our impact as our population continues to grow!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
29	This depends entirely on what the land uses are, and in what context. The vision needs to take precedence over the rules.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
30	Too vague a statement. Were you wanting oil and gas development perhaps? This stages that opportunity.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
31	I am hesitant to agree with this without knowing what types of land use options are being considered.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
32	What we do locally on the Islands, is being done on a sinking ship with respect to the life of Nature/Earth. We are not doing what we easily and best could contribute to repairing the hole, rather we tend to increase it. The life of our Planet is increasingly in deficit and since we share that life, its demise adversely effects everything we do. Things go better with Nature. To our loss, this past year we went out of Nature/Earth balance and further into our personal, social and environmental miseries on August 2, 2017. Our present way of life is 45% bankrupt and it denies rather than addresses this issue. By supporting recreational tourism that revitalizes our visitors' excessively destructive socialization and attachments we are increasing rather than remedying the misery of Earth Overshoot. This will catch up with us shortly for with respect to the life of Nature and its optimums of harmonic purity and beauty, there is no substitute for the real thing. Learning how to consciously tap into and enjoy the 54 sense, organic wisdom of our planet's life in our local natural areas improves our relationships with the natural world and each other. It is re-creation via recreation. The fact that we can easily accomplish this and teach it to others and are not meeting this responsibility is an overlooked Earth Misery factor that secretly pollutes and degrades each of the 25 categories in this survey. What we are locally achieving is being unnecessarily and unethically accomplished at a loss of life to people, places and things. We could instead have our economy help bring the world into balance and sanity while bettering ourselves in the process. See www.ProjectNatureConnect.com or www.SaneEarth.com for details or contact me at 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
33	See comment above.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
34	Any legal use... So nice that the government will ALLOW us to use our property. So yes I agree, but the statement should be the other way around "disallow a smaller range of land uses. " We are a rural county and we need to stop acting like a city.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
35	Once land use is moved from open space to economic, it is gone.	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
36	That would need to be defined.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
37	I would hate to see small strip malls and funky storage sheds and apartments in rural areas	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
38	What type of land uses? Impacts to the ecosystem must be a priority consideration.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
39	But nothing damaging to the environment than what exists now, surely.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
40	Permit a broader range of land uses to enhance economic opportunity in rural areas. HOWEVER, THESE LAND USES MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL LONG-TERM VISION OF THE COUNTY.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
41	Like what?	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
42	like community tresures	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
43	Farming is on the rise, and must be encouraged. No loss of ag land for other uses, but do allow changes to land use; rural cluster housing for farm and forest workers.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
44	Uses, like what?	11/29/2017 3:15 PM

45	environmental preservation more important. it would be short sighted to destroy that for economic gains.	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
46	But care must be taken to ensure that cottage industries and the like are non-polluting, quiet, and do not further damage our ecosystem. Forgot about extractive industries such as quarrying and mechanized logging.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
47	The comp plan already allows a wide variety of land uses, so permitting a broader range would not likely benefit the land itself.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
48	Land is so limited...no more development of land needed	11/29/2017 2:03 PM
49	It depends on what the proposed uses are.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
50	Careful permit regulations requiring buffer zones, screening, wildlife & drainage enhancement in exchange for development/density should be enacted.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
51	what is 'broader'?	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
52	Yes, but while balancing preservation of natural ecosystems/habitat, air quality, water quality, quiet, darkness, and recreation opportunities.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
53	Depends on the use... protection of the land for it's beauty, agricultural aspects, sustainability of the natural resources etc are most important...	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
54	diversification should be allowed and encouraged.	11/29/2017 12:49 PM
55	It depends. Does a "broader range" mean paving fields for stores, tourist accommodations, resource extraction, etc?	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
56	'A broader range of land uses' is too vague for me to agree. There are some uses--manufacturing, mining for example would damage the islands	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
57	So long as it does not corrupt the rural beauty, but yes, permitting a wider range of land use--such as workshops, weddings, agro-tourism, Air B&B, low impact sporting events like cricket or lawn bowling. Here's an idea--research what folks do in England to preserve rural landscapes while retaining jobs and vitality. The countryside of the UK is a good example of retaining character while moving forward economically.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
58	Economic activities must be sustainable and not harm the Island's environment.	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
59	Rule areas should be limited to agriculture and small cottage industry.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
60	Depending on what that broader range is.....	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
61	The land use must be defined in terms of sustainability, more important than economic enhancement	11/29/2017 10:09 AM
62	This is the third time this question was asked.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
63	provided it does not impact the rural character	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
64	I can't respond to this until I had some idea about what is meant by "broader range of land uses".	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
65	Please read a book by Tim Jackson named, "Prosperity Without Growth".	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
66	Yes, however, ideas like Agri-tourism and on-Farm stays need strict regulation to keep working farms working & not turned into AirBNB/Vicasa “gentleman hobby farms”.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
67	Need more info on what this might include	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
68	only on a case by case and not at the cost of the greater good there is such thing as carrying capacity	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
69	As long as conversation is first and foremost.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
70	I have no idea what this means. It depends on what the specific new land uses to be included are and how they relate to the other desirable aspects of our islands.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
71	We need to be careful about allowing uses that are more destructive. Forestry? Maybe very small scale, but we're currently giving tax breaks to properties in forest land designation, and all the logs are hauled off island.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
72	Land-use should be carefully vetted on a case-by-case basis and be subject to rigorous environmental reviews.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM

73	see 30. Does this mean changing agricultural to housing? Change needs to l preserve water and property rights of land owners owners. Leave the status quo!	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
74	Anything polluting or reliant on a growing population should not be permitted, however, other land uses could be acceptable	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
75	What are rural areas? Fields and forests. Large scale (>1,000 square feet) non-agricultural and non-residential buildings and associated hard surfaces should be regulated.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
76	Economic activity should be focused in populated areas.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
77	Broader range of uses? What does that mean? I would be very cautious about exploiting the rural areas on some argument that such activity will "enhance economic opportunity" when in fact it may well diminish or destroy the character of our home over the long term and render our region no different than any other.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
78	Can't have it perfect both ways.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
79	Not sure I agree here..... broader range of land use?	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
80	The degree of permitting and licensure required for various aspects of farming and forestry are too cumbersome. The plan should provide basic guidelines that balance the needs of the environment with the needs of our economy, but then provide greater flexibility in allowing citizens to achieve the goals.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
81	Depends on impacts - what is being considered?	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
82	I have no idea what that means, but it sounds as if someone wants to use rural areas of non-rural activities. Bad idea. Check out every place that has tried it. Those uses cost more to maintain, costs not made up by property taxes. Keep rural rural or tourism will dry up and the character of our communities will change. Why not just say our rural areas should remain rural and here's how we do that? No net loss of farm or forestland?	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
83	Uncertain as to what a broader use example is - please clarify.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
84	Agree if environmental impact studies are considered.	11/28/2017 4:21 PM
85	This should be limited to protect rural character and conserve diverse natural habitats/ecology	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
86	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
87	No one wants a noisy, polluting operation next door, so within reason, guidelines and laws are needed.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
88	Too vague. Land uses consistent with what??	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
89	Depends entirely on what is meant by "a broader range of land uses."	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
90	Light industry OK	11/28/2017 3:39 PM
91	Without strict guidelines and oversight backed by finance this could destroy the beauty of these islands.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
92	I personally feel that a comprehensive plan cannot adequately anticipate future economic opportunities (let alone where they should take place). Allow some flexibility for businesses or activities that do not cause significant impacts - for example, it shouldn't be impossible to set up a small office that creates few environmental impacts in a rural location. This will be even more important as technology advances. I also think that sustainable energy generation may require accepting some compromises.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
93	Sounds like Pandora's box.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
94	Without sacrificing environmental quality	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
95	Depends on what uses. Habitat protection and other environmental quality benefits present and future island residents.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
96	No, we will damage what we have and destroy our tourism and beauty of the islands.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
97	Need to be specific	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
98	Allow greater housing density, farm stay and educational/hospitality opportunities	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
99	Would require careful oversight and determination regarding the cross purposes of maintaining the "rural environment" and "industry"	11/28/2017 11:29 AM

100	Agree in principle, but without extraordinary regulation, difficult to accomplish without damage to the aesthetic and environmental values.	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
101	Totally depends on what this broader range of land uses includes. Sustainability should be the paramount guiding principle.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
102	I don't know what this might entail	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
103	If the uses are strategic. There are many ways that we might increase our economic base by embracing the necessity of environmental stewardship. It may be possible to have development work for the greater good . If agriculture is what you want to encourage then make it easier to put in ponds so as not to deplete ground water. Set up Bio-char as a farm community effort for carbon sequestration and the long term health of the soil for future generations. Take on the recycling of trash by facilitating local processing of materials using existing technologies. There is a simple system for turning plastic trash into construction blocks. Glass could be tumbled to create colorful pea gravel for construction.... Allowing for clean energy production should also be added into the mix. We are well aware of the changing climate of our planet and the potential chaos it could bring. The county could be a model for carbon reduction and use that to it's advantage by promoting that aspect of our island community in the tourist trade. It may be necessary to change some zoning to make these activities more possible but the county should not just free up the zoning rules to any sort of development. All of these activities would make us more resilient as a community and would help us feel connected to each other in our common efforts to be proactive toward a common good. Be strategic.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
104	Should we be turning the San Juans into a commodity export system? Who benefits from this additional "economic opportunity"?	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
105	I don't agree with the suggested addition. This is subject to interpretation and not really enforceable, my concern is it could be interpreted to allow more housing development in rural areas. Should be better worded.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
106	W/O sacrificing environmental and neighborhood values	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
107	Again, without an example of what "economic opportunity" looks like I am unclear how to answer.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
108	Include areas and habitats that can provide refuge for species that are vulnerable to climate change impacts like rising temperatures, and allow for migration of critical marine habitats as sea levels rise. Consider climate impacts and opportunities to reduce climate vulnerability during restoration activities. Examples include opportunities to reduce runoff, mitigate flooding, and retain fresh water resources, and opportunities to use natural shading to conserve moisture in dry sites.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
109	YES. YES. YES!	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
110	I don't think this should be in the visions statement, even though I agree, to a limited extent, with this sentiment. When it gets down to the details, sure, we need to lighten up the regulations so that agricultural activities or other activities which are compatible with the other elements described in the vision statement can be more profitable and sustainable. Somehow, we need to help farms successfully compete with the tremendous pressure from the conversion of farmland to private estates.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
111	This is tricky! There are small changes that could have a positive impact on entrepreneurial enterprises, value added production, agro-tourism etc. but we need to be careful. This is ripe with unintended consequences.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
112	don't wreck the beauty.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
113	Apart from affordable housing and cottage industries already allowed, commercial uses should occur in industrial and commercially zoned areas. We have very helpful and important cottage industry rules which allow small scale food production and things like farm stands. Scale is key here. These kind of commercial uses make sense because they have a very low impact on neighbors and rural infrastructure.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
114	these must be consistent with overall long term vision	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
115	However, these land uses must be consistent with the overall long-term vision of the county. As long as you are taking into consideration the environmental impacts and coming up with sustainable opportunities.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
116	Use of rural lands must be consistent with ecological values and must be environmentally sustainable meeting the long term vision of the county.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM

117	However, these land uses must be consistent with the overall long-term vision of the county.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
118	Use rural land for retirement complex, camps, environmental schools..example: Orcasong on Orcas; Indralaya	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
119	I do agree with this but any broader land uses must be properly managed and regulated.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
120	Your hands may be tied here given the other priorities (agricultural, natural).	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
121	Accessory dwelling units	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
122	Promote agricultural uses of land and allow outright uses that include value added production of agricultural products.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
123	However, these land uses must be consistent with the overall long-term vision of the county.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
124	why enhance economic opportunity?	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
125	This is exactly what we should be encouraging.	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
126	Stop telling people what they cannot do, and look for permissible alternatives.	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
127	Such as? I don't know what this means; it sounds antithetical to what we consider "rural".	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
128	Permitting land uses that help people get outdoors and experience and learn to appreciate mother nature would be good... but I get a little skeptical about "enhancing economic opportunity in rural areas".	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
129	The environment is the economy. To protect and enhance the economy protect the environment.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
130	Landowners who wish for perfect pastoral quiet should not be allowed to dictate. People need to be able to work the land without fear of being sued by a wealthy neighbor.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
131	What does that mean?	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
132	Like what? Depends...If the suggestion means putting commercial or industrial uses on rural lands, definitely not.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
133	Maybe, making those lands economically valuable is one way to preserve them, but it has to be balanced against their preservation. Trees do grow back.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
134	As long as there is good growth management and rural areas are not subdivided into multiple housing units.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
135	Can economic opportunity and a broader range of land uses be one and the same? For example, selective logging to keep forests healthy. Selective burning as was done prior to European contact to keep and enhance meadows and produce more plant materials 9that could be commercially viable).	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
136	Ensure that diversifying land use does not detract from the rural aesthetic.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
137	We allow home occupations and cottage industries.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
138	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
139	depends on the uses.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
140	Carefully. No ugly industry...	11/16/2017 5:58 PM
141	Civil authority can't even handle a simple questionaire. All together now - We love big brother.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
142	Let the market work.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
143	this sounds like conversion to residential...not a good idea; if this is the intent of this question...need to address in relation to Density and Sustainable Growth/development	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
144	Discretion is key, but we could certainly allow for more!!!!	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
145	If farming and forestry were supported/encouraged there would be more of it happening and that would help the environment at the same time.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
146	Remove barriers to entry and legislative road-blocks so that farmers, fishers and wild crafters can support themselves, our community, and the land and sea in perpetuity.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
147	worth considering	11/15/2017 10:28 PM

148	With some limits, no heavy industry, however commercial zoning should be heavily extended and light industrial should as well.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
149	No sprawl in rural areas. We might encourage small farms by braking up those large "aesthetic" hayfields, but we have to be careful about this.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
150	What does this even mean?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
151	This is way too vague and opens the door to destruction of the environment.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
152	Double edged sword - WHAT uses, how invasive, etc.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
153	I don't know what constitutes a 'broader range' of land uses	11/15/2017 10:38 AM
154	Local farm stands should be allowed. Perhaps small scale cottage industries and on a case by case process, consideration of small scale opportunities that don't alter the locality character too much.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
155	There would need to be some boundaries/limitations	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
156	What kinda range? Use of more open and wooded space would be amazing. Maybe an adventure course, food forest, fungi preserve / tour.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
157	Move to the city to enhance economic opportunity.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
158	Slippery Slope. Nope, not much change except towards nature's rights and education of people to our physical, emotional and mental health in regard to adequate natural environment.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
159	economic activity is not going to be viable goal in a long term plan	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
160	Hard to imagine enhancing economic opportunity when rural land prices are among the highest in the United States. Hope you don't mean fracking.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
161	More permits = more money the county sucks out of its citizens.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
162	Not sure what this would be	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
163	This appears to give up on promoting farming and forestry. This would have huge negative impacts over the long-term.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
164	This might be true if economic benefits were the only consideration. See #30 response. Most development in agricultural and forestry areas will permanently destroy the resource base that is needed for agriculture and forestry. Allow those uses that do not degrade the resource base.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
165	The word "broad" here is troublesome. Can I put up a gas station for scooters on land bordering a conservation easement or ag-designated land?? I would not use "broad," perhaps "semi-flexible" or "graduated" or "conditionally permissive."	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
166	It totally depends on the land use. Sustainable farming, yes! But turning a big area of land, for example, into a dirk bike riding area I would not be for. Basically, I think the uses should benefit our local economy through helping provide our basic needs.	11/14/2017 8:51 AM
167	What does this mean?	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
168	rural areas will loose rural character quickly when other activities are allowed, plus it will encourage sprawl and loss of farmland	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
169	Allow for clustered living on appropriate farms. A farm hosts a winter farmer's market and this is illegal because of the zoning, but this is a good thing to do. It must be acceptable to provide a venue for the ag business community to sell their products during the "off season."	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
170	"Broader range of land uses" is vague ... what does that mean??? It's hard to agree with this or disagree with it when we don't know what it means. I would be against building more condos or hotels.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
171	Value Added farm production, farm stands, etc...	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
172	That's a pretty broad statement. While I agree with this statement for some activities, I think this statement could be taken advantage of in a negative way.	11/13/2017 6:18 PM
173	Allow for onsite processing and sales	11/13/2017 5:54 PM
174	Do that in our city. Where high growth is encourage.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
175	No big apartment complexes please!	11/12/2017 9:43 AM

176	I DO NOT want a marijuana operation next to my home--smell, crime, noise, traffic, water use.	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
177	This statement is uncomfortably vague. I would want to know what the proposed uses are before forming an opinion.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
178	Absolutely. We haven't enough land to use for commercial and other new enterprises.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
179	Oh Boy! More vacation rentals.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
180	statement is vague. with specific examples it would be possible to comment.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
181	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
182	Please don't chop up our lovely landscape. Rural areas are already piecemeal with 5-acre zoning. By clustering economic and population centers, we leave more land wild and free.	11/10/2017 9:03 AM
183	I would need more information about this. I do not believe it would benefit the islands to transform forests and farms into businesses. There is already quite a bit of empty commercial property. This is not clear and seems to be in opposition to many other guiding statements.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
184	It's all about balance.	11/9/2017 9:17 AM
185	I agree with this opportunity, it just also needs to be in keeping with environmental guidelines, and given careful consideration for maintaining neighborhoods.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
186	Acceptable if we are at the same time promoting restoration practices. If we deplete resources for the sake of increased economic activity, we don't get them back. We take a tree, we should be planting a tree.	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
187	This seems like a trick question.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
188	Avoid industrial uses of island land	11/8/2017 3:45 PM
189	"broader range of land uses" needs to be better defined.	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
190	It comes down more to design than to use. Many businesses could be housed in rural areas with design restrictions so that their impact on the surrounding environment was not much different than a large single family residence.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
191	Needs to be defined	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
192	Vague	11/8/2017 9:36 AM
193	Only agricultural uses on agricultural land. Look at Skagit Valley as a success story of protecting the farmland and not commercializing it.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
194	More flexibility, and willingness to explore options to meet the needs of the residents.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
195	Depends on what the land uses are. Clear cutting? Tub grinders?	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
196	yes while keeping the integrity of nature	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
197	Broadband and the environment should facilitate low impact software development. Zone some hidden valleys to allow such activity with minimal impact to most.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
198	“Broader range of land uses” is too broad. Needs better definition and limits before I coul$ answer this. As written I disagree.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
199	Be careful of what we wish for but rather try than simply do nothing.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
200	Focus on growth and diversity of economic activity in urban growth areas.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
201	If that "broader range" includes more forestry, absolutely not! What are other examples? Heavy industry? Mining - no.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
202	Make Communitry Treasures conforming now!	11/7/2017 8:41 AM
203	Not sure what this means. What broader uses?	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
204	Just make sure the economic growth in these areas is properly screen visually and noise wise to not impose on neighbors	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
205	This has to be done VERY carefully to make it compatible with the rest of the vision.	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
206	can this include things like bulk fuel storage, warehouses, manufacturing facilties?	11/6/2017 2:52 PM

207	Depends on what the land uses are. If they are non-polluting of air/land/water and sustainable, yes.	11/6/2017 2:13 PM
208	A broader range of land uses: what are we talking about here?	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
209	Most definitely. If we are to create our vision, we must allow those with the resources, knowledge and ability, to bolster their livelihood, while providing services and products which would benefit our local communities and ecosystem. These rural economic opportunities would need to be met with strict guidelines to ensure they are of benefit to our people and environment.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
210	Real working rural landscapes often allow a wide variety of uses. Don't limit our rural lands to Disneyland appearances and uses.	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
211	Would hasten the decline. Confine these opportunities to developed areas.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
212	Broader range of land use? What does this mean? Agriculturally? for development purposes?	11/6/2017 10:04 AM
213	Change to: "Permit a broader range of low-impact land uses to enhance economic opportunity in rural areas."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
214	Wrong. That will destroy the rural charm of the islands.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
215	It is not clear to me, what additional land uses would be considered in a broader range?	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
216	I cannot think of a broader range of uses which would preserve the rural character. Rural areas are money makers for the County via the draw of tourist attracted dollars and new residents who value that attractive attribute of the islands.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
217	Loosen the noose and see what happens	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
218	no meadow bigmacs	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
219	Start with more residential land uses, including but not limited to multi-family.	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
220	we should encourage businesses like the lavender farm	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
221	in limited areas, with limited visual/environmental impacts	11/5/2017 10:35 AM
222	Broader range? Yes. Environmentally friendly is a requirement.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
223	Cottage industry, family businesses small resorts, with sensitive design should be allowed.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
224	to what extent? I do not want commercial in our rural areas!!!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
225	So long as though economic activities do not damage the ecosystem services provided by the rural landscapes, but actually enhance them.	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
226	Like what?	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
227	well, maybe, but what do you have in mind here ? ... I suppose at least add, at the end, "... consistent with the Islands' rural character and sustainability."	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
228	as long as it doesn't change the nature of the environment	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
229	Economic Development should be focused in the UGAs, hamlets, etc. with rural lands designated for rural land dependent economies (e.g., forestry and farming). Cottage industries in homes is already permitted.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
230	It depends on what these range of land uses are. There are certainly some that would be unacceptable.	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
231	Yes, but the wording has to limit it to opportunities that are natural, organic, healthy and attractive.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
232	This has the potential to negatively effect the quality of life for surrounding neighbors.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
233	See previous comments regarding hamlets and economic diversity. However, once arable land is paved or built over it is destroyed. And for an island that is very unwise indeed.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
234	This would quite depend on the uses and impacts. Should be looked at though.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
235	multiple use recreation	11/3/2017 2:51 PM
236	Farming and forestry are on the decline because outside economic forces do not support higher operating costs and limited markets in the San Juans. The county should recognize these forces, but should not allow policies that externalize these higher costs to the environment.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM

237	As long as those cottage forest based and agricultural enterprises are done with science based conservation practices they should be supported! If they are not, forget it, they are then a part of the current problem in that they are strictly extractive processes.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
238	Specifically expand allowable uses in Forest Resource lands.	11/3/2017 6:55 AM
239	If done in an environmentally sound way.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
240	redundant	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
241	Nobody wants the island to be built up like a city.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
242	get bulk fuel storage out of UGA and into less dense rural areas. expand cluster housing options in rural area. make it easier to have tiny homes as 2nd living units on rural properties.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
243	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
244	This absolutely depends on what kind of "land uses"--I think this language opens us up to predatory businesses looking for places with little regulation.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
245	only if in balance with supporting and enhancing the working landscapes and industries	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
246	This can be done with appropriate restrictions. It keeps coming back to the lack of economic opportunity in our county.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
247	not compromise the negative impact of land uses that create harm to the natural life support system of the area.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
248	Fewer restrictions on private property rights will allow for more diverse use.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
249	I would need to know what you are talking about doing.	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
250	Careful. We don't want new subdivisions sprouting up in rural areas.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
251	Depends!!! I believe that having family farm dinners, farm stays, and commercial quality kitchens for value added products are necessary to keep our food security, including on resource lands. I do not think what is considered more "commercial" or "industrial" activity should be expanded to rural areas unless immediately tied to value-added work already in rural areas. I only include the ability for higher density for an additional dwelling for a succession farmer/family.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
252	Allowing a broader range of land uses will provide more economic opportunity for the islands and ease the housing shortage.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
253	A few select, needed industrial land uses which are inappropriate for residential/commercial dominated UGA's, hamlets may need to be very selectively accomodated	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
254	Maintain appropriate use zones	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
255	to some extent yes. But it is very important to preserve our open fields and large forested tracts as well. Balance is the key.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
256	with the caveat that climate change and environment be regarded. Ag lands need to focus on carbon sequestration. Incentivize and people will follow.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
257	I don't know the answer to this. I would rely on experts to explain the impacts of one or the other.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
258	We must limit the number of big houses built on our islands, usually as second homes. Also, use power of eminent domaine to acquire lands devoted to agriculture.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
259	Definitely, affordable rentals, hamlets, adus, communal living, farm workers and intern housing could be located in rural areas.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
260	I guess it would depend on what it was. If we were going to grow marijuana, sure. If we were going to turn it into a dump, no.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
261	There's absolutely no reason not to open up land use in rural areas. Provision of suitable screening and placement to preserve the rural character.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
262	I don’t get this. Change rural to more “economic opportunities?”	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
263	So long as land uses are based on adequate ecological information.	11/1/2017 4:22 PM
264	I'm not sure what this means and it could contradict other goals stated earlier.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
265	Protection needs to remain the priority for undeveloped areas.	11/1/2017 1:20 PM

266	It is impossible to answer this question w/o some notion of what those land use options might be. Commercialization or industrialization is not consistent with quiet peaceful rural experience. Cottage industries are already permitted.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
267	This would entirely depend on the particular use proposed. Vast assemblies of greenhouses for example are not what I would call an example of rural landscapes.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q33 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only on the basis of demonstrated local public need. Advanced interactive communication systems are encouraged.

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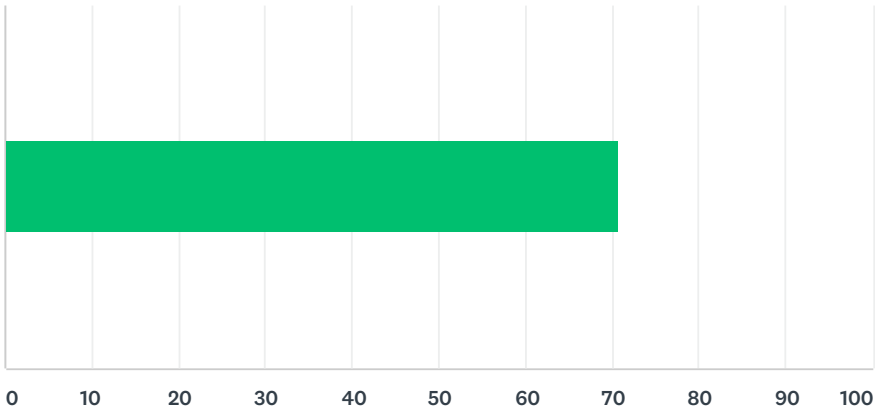

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Q34 Comments?

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1	I would love to provide safe biking and walking paths island wide. "Advanced interactive communication systems" should be limited. Research should be considered on the effects of cell phone towers.	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	Would support electric public transportation. However, I do not believe there is a need for paved bike ways etc.. (I take my bike to work often) as this has been known to be disruptive to agricultural practices (removal of protective hedges etc....) and would effect waterways along the sides of the roads. An assessment of traffic safety should be assessed before determining if there is a problem. People might start thinking that it is unsafe after dark on Lopez due to lack of street lights. I do not think Lopez wants to see street lights everywhere.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Suggest changing to "We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. In some places the, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding and a rustic quality is maintained in public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Add wording about providing public transportation and charging stations for electric vehicles.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	Some suggested edits: "Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity. "	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
7	should be high priority	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
8	do not understand the last sentence at all. "demonstrated local public need" has not been the deciding factor in numerous big ticket county road projects. Enforcing the speed limits would go a long way to keeping our existing roads adequate. It is obvious that SJC public works wants to engineer our roads to "mainland" standards, and will continue to do so regardless of what people want or what is really needed.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
9	agreed, but wtf is "advanced insteractive communication systems?"	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
10	More paved roads and straightaways take away from the rural character of the islands.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM

11	I don't think that there is sufficient consideration for summer population when it comes to transportation and safety of non-vehicle road occupants.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
12	Development of public transportation options should NOT be limited to demonstrated need. Islanders have not developed the habit of relying on public transportation. Leading the way with a subsidized shuttle can open the door to use by locals as well as tourists, reducing vehicles on the road and greenhouse gasses.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
13	I agree with this value statement. Rightly or wrongly, it often feels that the County Road department focuses more on the engineering and mainland "standards" aspects of our roads rather than the aesthetics. Witness Mt. Baker Rd now highway like in proportion. I hear no one asking for wider, straighter roads. The rural winding tree lined character of our roads is part of maintaining the character of the islands. We don't need sidewalks like in a city in Eastsound. We need infrastructure that accomplishes it's purpose with minimal aesthetic impact. Leave the trees on the sides of the road, make narrower sidewalks, stop putting ugly guardrails everywhere. I think we need to put more emphasis on reliable, frequent and inexpensive public transportation. We need to build separated pedestrian/bike paths from Orcas ferry landing to town. We need to not straighten and widen roads just to do it. By far the majority of the auto accidents in the islands are due to intoxication and excessive speed for the conditions. Wider straighter roads only encourage higher speeds. Take a step back and ask the citizens if they want any given 'improvement" before the road department gets a grant they feel compelled to spend.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
14	Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle, livestock, and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Our town and village centers are compact, mixed use, and walkable. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	Bicycles and pedestrians are not well integrated. Driverless vehicles may allow significantly different ways of using our current infrastructure. The state is bungling the ferry system. The statement is good, but we need to be very alert to rapid changes coming in this area.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
16	I really really want to see more attention paid to bike paths. It is scary commuting on Lopez, and when I was on Orcas, I thought the same. These islands are small enough so that if it were possible to bike safely, more people would.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
17	Except bike and walking paths are currently about nil.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	Well, something's gotta give. We can't keep encouraging all this tourism, including bike guiding companies with up to 50 riders in a pack and pretend like our roads are safe! Most roads have no shoulders, and getting private landowners to give easements for trails through their propoerty along the roadway is challenging. It is disingenuous to suggest that new construction or public transportation facilities are only expanded on the basis of "local" need. All this increased traffic and road congestion is tourism-related; so we either need to reduce tourism, or expand roadway shoulders and pull-out, and provide public transportation or we will see roadside fatalities again in the future.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	Based on public need.	11/30/2017 11:57 AM
20	We do not have scenic roads. We have roads and trails with decreasing scenic vistas.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
21	Better internet everywhere!	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
22	Improved bicycle paths are needed, as well as the expansion of high-speed Internet. Also, public transportation should be expanded and single-driver vehicles discouraged.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
23	Create bike lanes, bike paths and walking paths, expand the narrow roads that make it unsafe to walk or ride bikes.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
24	Safety is missing from this statement, as is a non-motorized component to roadways as a specific dynamic.	11/30/2017 2:58 AM

25	Yes , we should maintain a rustic quality and stir away from paving every road, and putting up too many road signs, but we also need to accommodate non motorized transportation, and as of now it is not safe to be on the main road if you are not in a car. we need a commuters path along the main road from North to South on Lopez island, "the Bikers Island".	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
26	Two things occur to me here. One is that, in keeping with awareness of climate change and minimizing CO2 emissions, there is a need for some kind of public transport even though this will not (except perhaps in summer) be economically plausible as a private enterprise. Many efforts in the islands need extra, public financial support to be viable, and we cannot rely on private investment to undertake projects that are crucial to islands' welfare but not financially renumerative. Secondly, it is somewhat cruel to promote the islands as bicycle friendly when most rural roads have little or no easement, much less a bike lane. Often bicyclists are blissfully unaware of features like blind curves or places with heavy truck traffic, and I have seen several dramatic near misses. Bicycling outfits need to educate and protect their clients, but I have seen groups assembled in a road milling around oblivious to the fact that they are actually on a well used roadway. I feel that businesses like this should be obliged to uphold stringent standards which would then be demonstrated to other independent bicyclists, and that these businesses might also be charged for using public facilities, which they do extensively.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
27	Make room for cyclists to safely visit, spend money and go home to Seattle.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
28	The roads are generally unsafe for bike traffic; we should expand bike lanes throughout the county.	11/29/2017 11:20 PM
29	I think the county needs to support as many alternative modes of transportation and offer public transportation to decrease the number of cars on the road.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
30	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
31	If unhindered, traffic WILL be an ever-more serious problem in many islands. Creative solutions needed to be thought out now.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
32	Safety is completely omitted.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
33	We do need high speed internet. That's just a fact. While our roads are beautifully maintained, If we are going to encourage biking as a major activity for tourists, we need bike lanes. It's a safety issue and will benefit residents and tourists both.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
34	What are advanced interactive communication systems?	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
35	We have gone far too long ignoring the safety needs of bicyclists AND failed to cite bicyclists who flout rules of the road. Cars and bicycles are a danger to each other.	11/29/2017 5:39 PM
36	I agree and would not like to see our roads further widened even though I am a bike rider. The speeds are slow enough that I believe cars & bikes can share our roads safely.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
37	TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM OUR ISLANDS SUPPORTS AND MAINTAINS OUR UNIQUE ISLAND COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ECONOMIES. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle, LIVESTOCK, and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. CARE IS TAKEN TO MAINTAIN OUR RURAL AGRICULTURAL WAY OF LIFE. OUR TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTERS ARE COMPACT, MIXED USE, AND WALKABLE. Unpaved, narrow, and winding ROADS ARE MAINTAINED and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in MINIMAL public signs. HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL METHODS FOR MOVING LIVESTOCK AND FARM EQUIPMENT DOWN ROADS IS SUPPORTED. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only IN RESPONSE TO demonstrated local public need AND WILL MAINTAIN RURAL CHARACTER IN SCALE AND ALIGNMENT. COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION SHALL BE SITED TO PROTECT HUMAN SAFETY AND MAINTAIN RURAL ISLAND CHARACTER AND ACTIVITIES, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING HIGH SPEED CONNECTIVITY.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
38	Need safe bike lanes!	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
39	many more bike lanes. high speed internet that is not charged to people that don't want it.	11/29/2017 4:35 PM

40	Automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians do NOT function without conflict now. We have to shift away from car-centric transportation, and create bike and pedestrian safe access. Most roads have no space for walking or biking. Public transportation needs to be provided now, don't wait for demonstrated need; once it is in place, reliable we can get cars off the roads. Increased ferry options, using electric propulsion for walkons, bicycles and kayaks is greatly needed, especially interisland.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
41	Yes to all of this!	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
42	Tourism should not drive our infrastructure and leave us without funds for other needs.	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
43	not sure what that last sentence means.	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
44	More bike lanes would be good, but will Americans ever use them again? Maybe if fuel taxes were as high as they are in Europe we would get back on our bicycles.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
45	Lowering and enforcing speed limits would magically fix almost all of this conflict.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
46	Low cost inter-Island foot passenger water taxi is needed!	11/29/2017 2:08 PM
47	Not clear what interactive communications systems has to do with safety...	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
48	bicycling is widely promoted as a enjoyable vacation activity but our roads are not widely supportive of safe bike travel, for locals or visitors	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
49	The claim about bicycle and pedestrian functionality is far from a reality. I would argue the "demonstrated local public need" is too narrow a measure. People from other parts of the county or from out-of-county deserve the ability to access our local treasures. And locals will suffer if the infrastructure is built to support their needs but is actually utilized by a much larger public. For example, the road to Watmough Bay on Lopez is (and should be) utilized by much more than its local public - it gets dramatic usage from people across the island and from visitors.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
50	Mostly, yes, but the island would benefit from better bicycle and pedestrian trail connections to improve safety on major automobile routes and enhance recreation opportunities. A sophisticated walking/biking path network, as is present in much of rural Europe, would increase exercise and recreation opportunities for locals and visitors alike, and would reduce on-road conflict with cars. (I'm not advocating for large amounts of clearing or paving -- simply narrow, graveled or wood-chipped paths suitable for walkers, runners, and mountain bikers.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
51	Shaw Island does not have a public, county-owned/managed dock that would enable all citizens to commute between islands by small private boat and minimize the need for private docks. All islands should have a public dock.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
52	More bike trails and routes. Support for alternative energy. A solid Internet.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
53	Public transportation systems (buses, Uber etc.) should be encouraged on each of the Islands	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
54	Bicycle trails along side main roads are needed, for safety Both for tourists and for safe alternative commuting for Island residents.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
55	Is this encouraging call centers?	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
56	Automobiles and bicyclists DO NOT function together without conflict! There is no place for bicyclists to ride except on our roads or the very narrow shoulder along these roads. This is a dangerous situation especially when we advertise around the world we are lovely bicycling destination. NOT TRUE! There needs to be more areas along the roads to accommodate bicyclists without impeding automobile circulation.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
57	However, I would like to note that the continuous chipping and sealing of island roadways. This leaves the roads rough and unfriendly to bicycles. Especially during the tourist season, chipping and sealing discourages the bicycle tourism industry.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
58	The final sentence above needs to be amplified as to what end purpose in intended with “advanced interactive communication systems”. Seems we already have an APP for that. I’d suggest removing the entire final sentence. It didn’t match the intention of the paragraph.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
59	confusing statement- what is this communications thingy? our bike lane situation is abyssmal we need real public transportation for the ferry docks, we do not need all the tourist cars on the island but need to encourage and model low carbon reality ideals and we truly must get safer with bikes	11/28/2017 10:00 PM

60	I am against more "Advanced interactive communication systems and its encouragement." ! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! I'VE HAD IT WITH THE NEWEST LATEST, MORE EXPENSIVE, SOON TO BE OBSOLETE, NEXT PIECE OF EXPENSIVE CRAP! AND THE DISRESPECTFUL LACK OF AFFORDABLE LOW TECH COMMUNICATIONS...	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
61	I would like very few cell towers on Lopez.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
62	I agree that we don't want to create highways, but many of the road shoulders are treacherous for bikers, and especially in summer drivers get impatient and pass in dangerous areas. We should look at creating bike lanes, especially where tourists, who are often inexperienced bikers, tend to hold up traffic.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
63	AS new street and road signs are mounted on the tops of the poles, please consider the low intensity and aim of the vechicle headlights. You can't see some that are so high up.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
64	we need less cars, less parking areas.....should use transit bus/vans to take tourists direcnly to crowded areas, like Mountain lake parking area, cascade lake main area, mt constitution,,,,,dont build more parking areas. use the school parking areas in summer time for all to use free. have a little bicycle rick shaw taxi around town.....encourage tourists to arrive without a car, have a better bus shuttle system, find funding to make this happen...add more shoulders/bike lanes !	11/28/2017 7:34 PM
65	We need to emphasize bike lanes, pedestrian paths, and public transportation especially during tourist season.	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
66	The paving of Watmough Head Road was an unnecessary waste of tax payer money, creating a road surface that takes more money and effort to maintain than the gravel surface. This was not done out of need but at the behest of wealthy property owners who did not like the gravel surface.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM
67	I disagreee that bicycle, auto and pedestrian ways function without conflict. I would like to see safe bicycle lanes on our roads.	11/28/2017 6:47 PM
68	My dad might be alive if cell phones had been functional and encouraged 20 years ago. He had a heart attack on his tractor in our pasture and crawled to the house.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
69	Except, honestly, as a cyclist, it's not that safe or conflict free. Some people are very entitled/dangerous towards cyclists	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
70	Road safety on heavily travelled roads is more important than rustic winding roads. Widen Bailer Hill Road. Provide safe routes for bicyclists. Prepare for autonomous cars and trucks. Prepare for many more electric vehicles and associated charging stations.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
71	Agreed	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
72	We need a lot better/wider roads here and ones with defined bike lanes for both locals and tourists. Way too many accidents here, some deadly.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
73	We do need to upgrade the communication technology on the islands.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
74	Need to encourage safer bicycle and pedestrian access/ trails and promote more shared resources, ie transportation for those with limited means. Also internet service is so varied and the infrastructure underdeveloped - expansion of better service badly needed!	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
75	We need more creative approaches to ride share/public transportation options.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
76	I think I agree if I understand it. A dirt road is not a bad thing. If the last sentence means we all need fiber optics, yes!	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
77	As before noted, IF bicycle tourism is to be continued and/or expanded, bike kanesand paths should be built to reduce possibility of accidents.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
78	Needs work to address multi-modal transportation and current congestion issues with tourism, e.g. bicycles and mopeds on roadways	11/28/2017 4:17 PM
79	The communications in some areas are poor and the service providers are not interested in providing better service. The opportunities for more marine like people transportation based on county dock locations, especially on Orcas, should be encouraged	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
80	What is an advanced interactive communication system for transportation ? Uber San Juan style? I would first start with ferry reservation system going off Lopez.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
81	Another one that needs a lot of definition and clarification.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
82	Not sure what this means??	11/28/2017 3:36 PM

83	Need to add more proactive language in regard to creating bicycle and pedestrian ways of circulating.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
84	walking long distances is very hard on the island, we need excellent trail networks for people who live and work here to use and also visitors to access more of the islands than just the few public parks. bike lanes and signage are desperately needed on Lopez	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
85	We need more walk8ng and biking trails for safety and to help with pollution.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
86	Need more walking and bicycle paths	11/28/2017 12:04 PM
87	Bike paths are needed. Keep trees along our country roads	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
88	The statement is adequate, yes. I only wish it were true.	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
89	Unless we create more bicycle-friendly trails (for transportation, not just recreation), especially on Orcas, we will never really know what "demonstrated public need" really means. In any case, encouraging more bicycle transportation would be consistent with goals of reducing our collective carbon footprint.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
90	What do you mean by advanced interactive communication Systems?	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
91	The county is doing a great job in promoting electric cars and buses. Transportation is our counties largest contributor to our carbon footprint. To achieve our commitment to the Paris Climate Accord we should step up the visibility and accessibility of electric vehicle use, as well as working on the renewable energy infrastructure to power them.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
92	What about the movement of heavy machinery? Livestock trailers, tractors? Propane & Fuel deliveries? Giant semi trucks in towns?	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
93	More bike and walking paths	11/28/2017 6:34 AM
94	Identify road sections or transit infrastructure assets that may be at risk of flooding, erosion, or other temporary or prolonged damage, incorporating climate change projections into the analysis, and collaborate with transportation partners to identify alternate routes and develop an emergency response plan.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
95	Leave rural rural.	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
96	I feel that lots could be done to encourage more bicycling on the island by creating safer corridors. I hear many people claiming they would bike more and encourage their children to if it wereally safer.	11/27/2017 9:05 PM
97	add: Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Our town and village centers are compact, mixed use, and walkable. and add: Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
98	Our town and village centers are compact, mixed use and walkable. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
99	we need more walking and biking trails.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
100	Vague. "Island culture" includes people who don't want even one more person to come and people who want tourism at mach 10. For some it means not paving and yet, over the objection of those local residents, paving occurred. Take a look at Bakerview as you approach the entrance to Spencer Spit State Park. There are so many signs and none of them are "rustic." "Local public need" is vague. What is a need, what is a want? What is determined by public safety and how does that square with serving the wishes of a few? What about public infrastructure like bike lanes? Isn't it time to include the idea that we should share transportation and reduce the use of automobiles? How does this square with lower carbon emission targets?	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
101	our towns and village centers are compact, mixed-use and walkable. stressing walkable (provide parking ares on the edges and less in the towns/villages)	11/25/2017 9:26 AM

102	Question 33 (Transportation and Communication) Comment: Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle, livestock, and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Our town and village centers are compact, mixed use, and walkable. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
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105	Public transportation, buses are needed to move people on the island. Foster transportation solutions like buses that ultimately become revenue neutral.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
106	Vehicle and bicycle uses do NOT exist without conflict. Otherwise, basically agree.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
107	Again, some un-truths when looking at current conditions.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
108	Again this statement is a little utopian. The county roads do not accommodate all means of transport safely. Bike lanes would greatly improve safety for residents and tourists alike. Improving the main county roads would not take away from the rustic quality of the islands.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
109	we do not have adequate transportation systems either to the islands or around the islands.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
110	Need more bike paths. Need high-speed internet.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
111	Widen roads as to safely accommodate bikes. Install bike racks around SJC. Build more trails around roadways for bikes and pedestrians.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
112	"... On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle, LIVESTOCK and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. OUR TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTERS ARE COMPACT, MIXED-USE AND WALKABLE. ..."	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
113	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
114	I would like to see a network of bike trails, or actual bike lanes/shoulders on roadways. I think it would increase the number of bicycle commuters.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
115	While communication is important, if "advanced interactive communication systems" means cluttering up the shoreline and forests with towers and antennas I would strongly oppose.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM

116	Oh but there IS conflict between bicycles and automobiles. Bikes are Slow. Cars are fast. The roads are not safe for biking. And I think that specifying "rustic quality signs" puts preservation of rural character ahead of bicycle and walking safety! Expansion of bike lanes and walking paths should be done to encourage non-motorized transportation. If you build it - they will come. Put the cart before the horse on this one. Don't wait for a "demonstrated public need" - it'll never happen. Also, a much more walkable and bikeable community will help relieve vehicle traffic on ferries during tourist season as people will feel more comfortable leaving their car on the mainland.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
117	This is unfortunately an element of the vision statement that has been completely ignored as public works ahas been widening roads and building bigger bridges.	11/19/2017 5:48 PM
118	I'd like to maintain the rural roads and see more emphasis on creating bike paths and public / shared transportation options.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
119	San Juan Island is not safe for bikers. We need to build dedicated bike paths all over the island. Bikers on SJI are unfortunately an accident waiting to happen, even though biking is excellent for the environment and for health.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
120	Not there now, but it's worth goal especially the safe pedestrian and bicycle options.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
121	I totally disagree with this. There is a great deal of conflict on our narrow winding roads with bikers and pedestrians and it does a disservice to our community to continue to promote this type of thinking. Many of our island children don't know how to ride a bike as there are no safe corridors for them to learn. We need to develop a new mindset that takes into account the current and future needs of promoting active transportation, having trail corridors, and wider safety shoulders. We should be leading the way to make our islands a place where people can walk and ride safely with connectivity across the islands and into town and villages. This rusticity is actually a threat to public safety and discourages people from getting out and exploring the islands under their own power and fosters a dependency on motor vehicles and fossil fuel consumption.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
122	Auto, bike and pedestrians do not function without conflict with autos. Roads encourage autos and I always worry a bicyclist will be injured.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
123	Create bike and walking paths as in Holland	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
124	widen the roads to allow for bicycle traffic	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
125	There is a distinct lack of safe bike lanes on Orcas. The ferry system seems fragile, but it is unique and essential to the county.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
126	Right. And in 5 years 5G will render it all antiquated. Good job as usual.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
127	“We few. We happy few. We band of brothers.”	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
128	this makes sense until the last statement? What does "Advanced interactive communication systems" have to do with roads and bike paths?	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
129	I think there is an argument for, purposefully, keeping/allowing some island areas to remain "off-grid."	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
130	If the public does not understand the need to reduce polution, why would they push for public transportation? I used to drive my carriage on the road on my way to town. I finally quit doing this because of the stupid drivers the were really scaring me.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
131	More cycling access.	11/16/2017 10:49 AM
132	Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high speed connectivity.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
133	what is being said here?	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
134	Our roads are currently dangerous and difficult for bicycles, if there is not fairly extensive improvement of basic public transportation facilities in this area we will absolutely not have the first sentence in the statement.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM

135	Reconfigure the roads to slow the traffic, encourage bikes, horses, power rickshaws... Do not spend money to make roads better for motorhomes.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
136	What are interactive communication systems?	11/15/2017 3:28 PM
137	LOL. Rustic signs but advanced communications systems?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
138	This has not been the case. A great deal of paving in the past 20 years.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
139	Not sure what this means. There is definitely a need for more bicycle lanes. If we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint, it seems that we would need some sort of public transport (perhaps beginning with routes to and from ferry landings at times of sailing).	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
140	Need to provide safe transportation for roadways that encourage alternative uses and tourism (shoulders on roadways would help). Don't sacrifice safety or alternative modes for a rural feel.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
141	Transportation to and from our islands supports and maintains our unique island communities, culture and economies. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. Unpaved, narrow, and winding roads, are maintained and a rustic quality in minimal public signs. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment down roads is supported. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only in response to demonstrated local public need and will maintain rural character in scale and alignment. Communication system development and innovation shall be sited to protect human safety and maintain rural island character and activities, while also supporting high-speed connectivity.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
142	We need bike lanes!	11/15/2017 10:22 AM
143	stop chipsealing all of the roads	11/14/2017 8:59 PM
144	Public transportation is non existent, only catering to tourists in summer. There are no bike lanes, only shoulders on some roads.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
145	Huh? What does that mean?	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
146	advanced communication systems not defined	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
147	Not sure what an 'advanced interactive communication system' is?	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
148	We have transportation - yes. Adequate - NO. "Functioning without conflict" my arse! Our roads are c-r-a-p. Chip sealing is stupid, dust tac violates watershed, roads are too narrow, signage is better than it was in the 70s. How many cyclists and pedestrians have been hit this year? ASPHALT. The environmental impacts of chip sealing every two years far exceeds those of using asphalt (correctly, key part, fire public works and start over is what I'm saying). Basically, its quaint and rural but not functional as is. Try again.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
149	Consider adopting the “complete streets” model to allow for bikes and pedestrians. Many of our roadways are unsafe for bikes and pedestrian traffic and only serve cars. Public transportation with the mainland bus and rail system needs coordination to decrease the car traffic coming to the islands. Transit to meet ferries on either end would be optimal.	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
150	It seems that some attention to enhance or create new or additional bike shoulders would not go amiss	11/14/2017 2:06 PM
151	Effective public transportation and bike paths are important	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
152	This statement is, unfortunately, behind the times. San Juan County government encourages paving of all public roads. Paving and widening leads to more required signage. "Scenic" roads, with overhanging vegetation are now mowed for public safety. This vision statement is now lost.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
153	Has anyone seen SJ Valley Road? It is a pothole nightmare and would be terrifying on a bicycle.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
154	What are "adv'd interactive comm systems"??? Cell towers come to mind... :(. But some form of mesh wifi could be discrete.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
155	We do not have adequate land transportation. Public transit should be available on all thre large islands.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
156	We can't preserve the narrow winding roads and at the same time encourage bicycling, can we? Unless an off-road bike path is established.	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
157	Road signage and condition scan be improved without losing our rural charm	11/14/2017 8:24 AM

158	The last sentence is totally wrong. I feel if we build it, people will use it (they will come). Example: quick, direct, and well coordinated (timed) bus service to Anacortes and the train station in Mt Vernon to catch the high speed train!	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
159	separated bike paths from ferry to Moran, electric bikes will be the future	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
160	The comment about "bicycle ways" is laughable. Most of our roads have very poor, dangerous, uncomfortable, marginal paths for bicycles. We need a lot more safe, comfortable bike lanes on our roads. The roads we have were designed by car-loving individuals in times when bike riding was considered something that kids have to do before they get to be adults and have "real" transportation: a car. The county should spend a lot more time considering ways of enhancing and encouraging safe bicycle riding on our roads ... both for residents and for tourists. It is no fun (and often quite dangerous) for car drivers and cyclists to have to share most of our island roads.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
161	I am not sure what this actually means... although it sounds nice. We need a comprehensive overhaul on the bike lanes from the landing to all of the villages and hamlets. Year round public bus service would be good, with bike racks.	11/13/2017 7:09 PM
162	No I don't think we have adequate safe bike lanes.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
163	There is a fundamental misunderstanding, our current growth has already moved beyond our transportation networks, scenic rural roads that are "roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality" do not provide adequate opportunities for bicycles and pedestrians. Our infrastructure needs to be improved.	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
164	Bicycle safety on our rustic roads should never be basis on demonstrated need. We should encourage visitors to bring thier bicycles and our roads need safety updating.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
165	I don't understand what you mean by "advanced interactive communication systems."	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
166	Stop the ruinous over-engineering. Back to simple roads and barriers and signage.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
167	Rubbish. There is a lot of conflict on the roads and likely will be until we have self-driving cars, trucks, bikes and Suzie's Mopeds. Advanced (interactive?) communication systems are mandatory, not just encouraged ... how else can a work at home economy flourish in today's world?	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
168	not sure i believe that bikes are in a blissful relationship with drivers here - we did have a death on Lopez remember. i think the county could do more to accommodate bicycle transportation	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
169	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
170	I believe more could be done for public safety when it comes to pedestrians and bicycles.	11/9/2017 9:17 AM
171	"Functioning without conflict" should be considering safety. Consider that the public need for transportation is beyond whether citizens have their own transportation. Rather, it is to decrease autos on the roads.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
172	Would be again great to think long-term stewardship - are we intersecting off-road bicycle paths with trail systems? Safer and offers alternative transport that maintains rural character. Encouraging locals to switch to say, smaller electric vehicles for island transport, through incentives would increase use.	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
173	Agree, safety is a concern. Maybe back roads for bicycles and pedestrians can be an option in some areas.	11/8/2017 7:37 PM
174	A cynic might say the island culture is always late and under-delivers. But the sentiment is probably a good one, especially the idea that advanced communications may provide a path for future, low-impact development consistent with small-town or rural lifestyles.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
175	What is an advanced interactive communication system? Also can I just cast a vote for bike lanes?	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
176	Airports are generally not commensurate with our island culture-- they need to be what the Federal Government requires. There are numerous confllcts between cars and bicyles on our narrow roads. Scenic rural roads and accommodating bikes are opposing goals, unless bike paths are created.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
177	There is need for an islands-wide radio station.	11/8/2017 1:09 PM
178	More walking and biking lanes are needed.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
179	Need more emphasis on bike trails and mass transit.	11/8/2017 9:36 AM

180	Just because you get a grant doesn't mean it's a good or necessary thing.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
181	Must be balanced with public safety and economic opportunities to create living wage jobs.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
182	The narrow or non-existent road shoulders were a decision of the Planning Commission to keep the rural character of the island.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
183	I wish to improve safety for bicyclists without destroying a lot of nature. Some form of year round public transportation with a reasonable cost associated that is less than a private taxi, such as a county sponsored van.	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
184	Bland, and not action oriented.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
185	Advanced communications systems are critical to attracting higher paying industries and jobs.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
186	Well, we certainly do not have adequate bicycle or pedestrian ways available. If we actually commit to building these, then I would support the above statement.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
187	Especially agree with the communications statement. We also do need to make cycling safer. I advocate for a county-wide 35 mph speed limit.	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
188	county needs to take the lead on providing multi-modal transportation facilities overriding local public opposition to these same facilities.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM
189	I would consider rewording the last line about "advanced interactive communication systems": doesn't seem to fit with the rest of the statement. There could certainly be a lot more done for non-motorized transport (bike and walking trails), which would also reduce our carbon footprint. Perhaps a per passenger charge for the ferries?	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
190	It would be really nice to expand the shoulder of the main roads to allow for safer cycling and moped traffic.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
191	Accommodation of safe bicycle and foot travel is lacking, though improvements have been made on San Juan Island. More work to develop walking and cycling pathways is needed.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
192	I'd say a lot more could be done to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety and infrastructure	11/6/2017 7:42 AM
193	Won't such construction destroy the charm?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
194	What are advanced interactive communication systems?	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
195	We should support electrification of transportation in all ways - including ferries, island shuttles, and charging stations for electric vehicles	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
196	Not sure what this means, but i'm suspicious....	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
197	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
198	I don't agree that "advanced interactive communication systems are encouraged." I don't agree with building bike paths for tourists. Residents should always have priority over non-residents for ferry service.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
199	we should make bicycling safer provide more safe paths on the islands.	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
200	Save our Ferries! But also encourage more water taxis! Keep the roads rural, not so wide and straight.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
201	All county roads should eventually be paved, and shoulders should be widened or bikeways provided to encourage bike transportation.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
202	Tourists on bikes are problematic, especially out on county roads.Slowing Community Traffic etc.	11/4/2017 9:45 PM
203	what are you trying to say? Cellphone coverage? this is not clear!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
204	Suggested edits - ... demonstrated public need AND WITH AN OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT. Advanced [interactive] BROADBAND communication systems are [encouraged] DEVELOPED.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
205	Encourage adoption and usage of EVs. Provide infrastructure for charging.	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
206	Roads are not always safe for bicycles. Attention should be paid to unsafe conditions before disaster occurs, viz. ice on roads. Ferry needed to Bellingham, winter ferry to Sydney.	11/4/2017 5:00 PM
207	Huh? The biggest mistake ever was to pave the road to Watmough Bay. The do gooders blew it.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
208	sounds good.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM

209	There are no bike trails other than around town. The statement is therefore inaccurate. No walking paths outside of the towns either. We need both, bike and walking trails along ALL paved roads.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
210	If you mean keeping bicycles separate from autos, great. Look at the record - nearly ALL serious or fatal accidents on the Island involve bicycles.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
211	Consider adding: Construction of a network of safe bicylcle paths is a priority.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
212	Keep the rural roads. Bicycle lanes are not necessary on small roads with slow traffic. Seek Right of way multi use paths ar	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
213	The purposeful lack of signage and support for Share the Roads is nice however conflicts abound. Roads around town have been given over to vehicles and impatient and distracted drivers. Sidewalks and accessible curbing has helped some for sure. But paved lanes should be widened and painted to include bike traffic lanes wherever possible to improve safety and encourage healthy activities.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
214	Conflict between bicycles and motor vehicles does exist, most notably on Orcas Island from the ferry landing to Moran State Park. The roads should NOT be widened, to preserve rural character. The county should begin planning for a dedicated pathway for bicycles, pedestrians, and possible horses which carries this traffic completely apart from the vehicle roadway.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
215	This statement needs to be revised to acknowledges that the transportation system does not function without conflict and to promote new basic public transportation facilities necessary to eliminate that conflict. These might include separated paths, wider shoulders, lower speed limits, etc.	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
216	The county should maintain rural scenic roads while improving bicycle and pedestrian paths.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
217	There needs to be more sidewalks for walkers, runners, bikers, alike	11/3/2017 11:53 AM
218	The islands are really only totally accessible via car. It is difficult to walk on most roads, with very few bike paths or walking paths. In order to get out of our cars, it is necessary to do better with other forms of transportation.	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
219	It is really important to make our roads safer for bicycles and pedestrians.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
220	Yes, but we should be boosting the bicycle ways	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
221	ill have to come back to this	11/3/2017 5:01 AM
222	A simple bus route so people in outlying areas can get to town without a car is long overdue. Cell towers and cell phones and computers are sufficiently bad for people to prompt some of us to long for the old days.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
223	dominance of cars absolutely limits viability and safety of bicycling and walking.... Create a requirement that 20% of public transportation funding go to walking and biking alternatives	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
224	cars, bikes and pedestrians do not function without conflict. More bike lanes are needed	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
225	The water is not adequate.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
226	not clear what is being suggested.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
227	transportation infrastructure needs to be enhanced, period -- not based only on "demonstrated" public need. forward-thinking takes leadership. particularly in the building of safe roads that are walkable and bike-able in addition to drivable.	11/2/2017 3:38 PM
228	Used to be but no more!!!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
229	The island culture is not a fixed function, and transportation will need adjustment to stay in sync. The county (with OPALCO) should adjust land use regulations to encourage the transition from a fossil fuel to an electrified transportation sector.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
230	none	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
231	More bike lanes/paths, electric car chargers could support low impact tourism and our environment brand as a destination. The pace of fiber internet deployment is too slow and limiting economic development opportunities.	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
232	This statement makes no sense.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
233	need more walking paths and trails	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
234	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM

235	conflict between pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles is common and needs improvement. Public transit should lead/create demand through convenience, clarity, richness of experience and price. This is a governance responsibility.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
236	Substitute "should occur" for "occurs" in the next to last sentence. Remember the truism, "If you build it, they will come".	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
237	The recent proliferation of new, large road signs contrasts with this vision.	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
238	No separate bike paths of too wide road ways. BUT yes to walk and bike paths.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
239	Road signs on Lopez Island are definitely NOT rustic.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
240	Last should be stated in a more stronger tone. something like Advanced information technology developments need to be embraced and allowed to further the full economic potential of San Juan County.	11/2/2017 8:54 AM
241	Let’s face it — tourism is our #1 industry and that means more people. We need better public transportation and we need to invest in more and better bike paths. These don’t necessarily need to be formal or paved. Several years ago, Hornby Island got all property owners adjacent to roads to provide an easement for a rough Nike trail to come through their properties. Everyone won — less automobile/bike conflict, fewer injuries, etc.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
242	NO SUBURBAN ROADS. Stop the big and garish signs and ugly traffic barriers. We've been here a hundred years. Leave it be. The last County Engineer was a disaster. NO PUBLIC TRANSIT. We have taxis and vouchers and senior services. Visitors will not use buses. Let's look at the data from the experiments that have been subsidized. Roadside hitchhiking signs are about where we should be.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
243	I have no idea what an AdvancedInteraction communication system is. Hopefully, not street lights.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
244	The key is "functioning without conflict." That means dedicated bike lanes and walking paths in some locations.	11/1/2017 4:22 PM
245	I don't agree that there is peaceful co-existence in modes of transportation. Bicycling is difficult in many parts of the islands and there is mutual disrespect and some times hostility from both drivers and bicyclists. I am not convinced there isn't a bigger need for accommodating safer bicycle routes which benefit both residents and tourists alike, I see this need now.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
246	Need more emphasis on supporting safe biking and walking corridors.	11/1/2017 1:20 PM
247	There are powerful and undefined terms in this vision statement element such as "island culture", "scenic rural roads", "demonstrated local public need." All of these terms are entirely impacted by total (not just full time resident) population. So far, at question 34, there has been zero inquiry in this survey about what constitutes a total county population (including non-residents) that is consistent with the many values outlined in the vision elements. If the survey results merely fulfill a public-outreach checkbox on the Dept of Commerce GMA checklist, and do not take appropriate and serious steps to address this issue, yet another betrayal of community aspirations will take place.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM

Q35 During the October Pop-Up Studios and Workshops, Transportation was highlighted as an area with a large gap between where we are today and where we should be tomorrow. Transportation and Communication was also identified as an area where we should apply more resources to close that gap, with a focus on non-motorized transportation. In response, the plan must…Promote pedestrian and bicycle safety in harmony with rural character.

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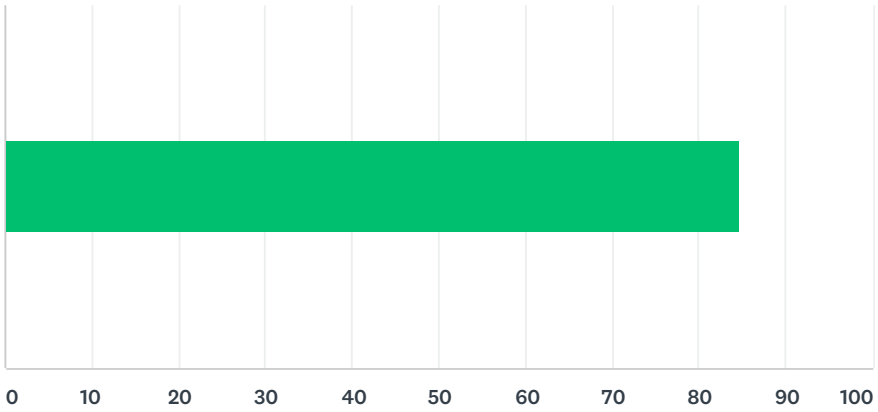

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	85	44,428	524

Total Respondents: 524

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1	50	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	3	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	94	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
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6	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	100	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	99	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	100	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	100	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	99	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
15	98	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q36 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Make pedestrian and bike verges. Keep them off the narrow roads made for vehicles.	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	yes! I have tried to commute to work by bicycle but I don't think it is a safe alternative. Wider shoulders or bike paths would be fantastic!	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
3	I think promoting walking and bicycling are key to a healthy island environment.	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
4	See comment above.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
5	Develop and expand the system of walking paths throughout the County	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	With a few exceptions, most of the roads on San Juan Island have no bike lane and are dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians. With bicycling being one of the most popular tourism activities, this condition must change. The county right-of-ways could be improved to accomodate bike lanes that are next to but separated from the road in many places. There are examples of where this sort of development has been done successfully in rural areas. An exisiting conditions study, desired future conditions and County wide master plan for bicycling and pedestrians is needed to be eligible for outside funding sources.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
7	It would be better for the environment and our sanity if the ferries could be loaded and unloaded without meandering pedestrians causing traffic to stop.	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
8	Create Island wide bike/pedestrian paths	11/30/2017 8:56 PM
9	Paved road bike suitable bike paths.	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
10	pedestrian and bicycle paths are greatly needed	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
11	Hats off to The San Juan Island Trails Committee that works tirelessly to provide new trails and opportunities. But how many new trails are too many? At what point, is the fabric of the natural landscape irrevocably torn apart by even the best intentioned "tinkering" on public lands.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
12	We must do this for a variety of reasons, including safety, health, reducing cars. Kids could walk to school. Bicyclists would flock to the islands if they could bike safely.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
13	Many rural/resort communities have built separated bike/pedestrian paths. We should make building such a system a County priority.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
14	Rural character? What.. OK, I'll shut up.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
15	We have the oldest demographic of any County in the State. For older folks auto access to services is very important. "Public transportation" (an empty bus running around the island all summer) is a joke. Paths and bike lanes are fine but not at the expense of private auto transportation. The notion to close the road at Crescent Beach is just plain stupid. It is one of the few places where everyone can see and get close to the water. We are an island with very limited access to the water for folks with limited mobility (or to even view the water for that matter)	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
16	On Waldron, most people bike. They use bike trailers, and in the past even wheelbarrows for freight. For short distances, encouraging this seems right.	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
17	Absolutely	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
18	How are pedestrians and bicyclists - not already in "harmony" with rural character? The way this is written seems to give anyone an out to not address a safety issue (which usually requires more pavement or signage) because it is incongruent with rural life.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
19	Trails take land out of ag land. Slower speed limits overall roads. What happens when the WS ferry cannot run? Where do we get beer & bread, coffee and potatoes?	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
20	Prioritize alternate transportation methods that include healthy and environmentally friendly walking paths and bike paths and lanes.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
21	we need bike lanes on RH road, san juan valley road, and the major roads.	11/30/2017 9:01 AM

22	We have adequate trail for pedestrians and bikes. We don't need to encourage more bicycles tourism.	11/30/2017 6:24 AM
23	yes! but not just for tourists! locals need a easy, safe, and direct route for non motorized commute.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
24	Yes to biking and walking lanes.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
25	Pedestrian and bike trails don’t just have to be on established roads. Make it beneficial to residents to grant easements.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
26	It might not be realistic, but I would love to see bike paths! It feels very unsafe to bike or walk on our roads.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
27	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
28	We need better words than "rural character." Safety is safety. Some roads are too narrow for bikes and people with cars. No excuse when the only reason is a tree people like. Perhaps the car damage on some trees should be an indication. The non-motorized agenda must be removed from this discussion.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
29	As our population gets older, cars are more relied on. Older folks cannot ride a bike from Olga to Eastsound and back with two bags of groceries.	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
30	Bike companies that bring tourists here need more monitoring, permit fees, rules, licenses, etc. We have bike groups pooping on our property when they can't make it to a bathroom. This is just plain unacceptable. I do not make a dime off a bike group coming to the island but I have to pick up their poopy toilet paper. YUK!	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
31	many of the walking paths and shortcuts through town have disappeared. Also the rural quality of Friday Harbor is disappearing due to paving everywhere! It creates more impervious surfaces and creates polluted run-off.	11/29/2017 6:04 PM
32	again, i think the community is careful in sharing roads between bicycles, cars & pedestrians. Cars and bikes slow down to accommodate pedestrians and cars wait and pull into the empty, oncoming lane to accommodate bicyclists. Right??	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
33	Need bike lanes or walking/biking paths	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
34	many more bike lanes	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
35	Yes, and also provide year round public transportation with provisions for bicycles and packages. Use of smart communication technology to move packages to avoid "errand" car useage. Increase focus on non fossil fuel watercraft. Change wording from non-motorized to non-fossil fuel, that is encourage electric motors on cars, boats and bikes, and provide charging stations. Get the WDOT ferries to provide charging stations in waiting lines for cars and bikes. Obviously, make bike and pedestrian paths.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
36	Being able to bike safely around the islands would be amazing. I would love to be able to introduce my kids to using bikes for transportation and not just recreation, but the island is too unsafe at this point for bicycle traffic.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
37	Add all alternative modes of transportation: by livestock, by small engine vehicles, public transit, etc.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
38	Cover the culverts and create bike paths. Have riders face traffic as it is safer. No neck craning to see a car behind causing the bicyclists to swerve. no more racing down a hill with traffic making it difficult for a car to pass.	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
39	see comment above - while the activity is relative low impact for our communities, it can be difficult to bike safely, especially with a family of young children.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
40	This should include paying attention to the large number of out-of-county visitors who do or would visit to participate in those activities.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
41	See my comments on the previous item. In addition, we should plan now for electric bicycles and similar ultra-light electric vehicles that are not necessarily compatible with cars but are neither completely compatible with pedestrians. Electric bikes and other low-speed electric vehicles are incredibly quiet, efficient, and affordable, and should be encouraged/accommodated.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
42	if you encourage pedestrian and bicycle traffic you need to build safer roadways to accommodate it	11/29/2017 12:49 PM

43	Unfettered automobile priority is not an essential element of "rural character."	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
44	public right of way footpaths like in England--this would be awesome. I would use such a resource readily.	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
45	Build bike trails!	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
46	Equestrian use and the movement of livestock must also be considered	11/29/2017 10:50 AM
47	Bicycling is the lowest carbon in mission form of transportation. Bicycle paths and/or wide shoulders on main roads need to be added, both for tourists and for safe commuting for local residents.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
48	Making the roads safer for all who use them... Car drivers need to give priority to the bikers, moped riders, little tiny car riders, etc. They bring a lot to our little community. Let them enjoy their time!!	11/29/2017 10:15 AM
49	Provide bicycles and pedestrians corridor/pathways s that specifically cater to their needs. Roads should be protected for automobile traffic first.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
50	Provide a trail system throughout the county.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
51	See previous comments on chip seal.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
52	Please adopt the "Complete Streets" Ordinance.	11/28/2017 11:20 PM
53	But: no one wants a white line With safe wide shoulder (think of Crow Valley or Enchanted Forest Rds) and no one wants to pay the extreme costs to place separated citizen paths onto/over Private Lands. How to pay?? Property rights issues...	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
54	Within limits S far as more infrastructure investment: mainly around villages	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
55	like what/ how? describe please	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
56	Absolutely. This dovetails with the clustered small community idea also.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
57	Our roads are death traps for bikes	11/28/2017 7:29 PM
58	Slightly wider bike lanes may be useful to encourage their use - rather than bikes using the middle of the road, especially around blind curves/corners.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
59	Need communications and more sheriff enforcement on bikers. They have caused vehicle accidents through their inconsideration of residents!	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
60	Pedestrians, bicycles, and farm vehicles should always have priority	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
61	Pedestrians and bicycles have an equal right to use public rights of way. Maintence of a “rural character” should never be allowed to restrict safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists.	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
62	I don't want bicycle safety planning to accommodate the bike vacation caravans. They are a road menace and should be discouraged while trying to improve safety for island bikers.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
63	Yes, promoting non motorized travel in our Island is great. Accommodating it should be done with respect to and cooperation of the property owners in the areas where these changes are made.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
64	Bike lanes are important.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
65	I agree with this, but in the summer one is taking a risk by biking on our smaller roads. Not all drivers slow down and pay attention. How about social media for ride sharing? I think we're not going to close the gap outside of towns and hamlets, but we can reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
66	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
67	Walking and Biking tourists are exactly right for Lopez. Continue working on walking corridors and planning for long range view.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
68	Bicycle lanes need to be wider.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
69	Nice idea if it can be done.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
70	bike lanes, road widening to include bike lanes	11/28/2017 2:47 PM
71	Our trail system is a disgrace. Hiking and biking are essential to our most important industry (tourism). Use eminent domain, if necessary, to provide safe and attractive places for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM

72	This is not just a question of safety. Pedestrian and bicycle transportation should also be promoted for human health and environmental reasons.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
73	walking and rural character are in perfect harmony. Speed limits should be less and dangerous parts of the roads address for bikers and walkers. walking and biking through the islands is a wonderful thing, it gets frustrating for local drivers because there just isn't room for bikers, especially with summer visitors.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
74	Walk8ng and bik8ng trails throughout the island.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
75	Bike paths and walking paths	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
76	Who defines "rural character"?	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
77	Bicycling and mopeds are important modes of transportation used by residents and visitors to the islands. Bicycling in particular is a zero-emission alternative that can help further the County's climate change mitigation efforts and that can be more affordable than vehicular travel. Increases in the numbers of bicycling enthusiasts and recreational tour groups, as well as the use of mopeds, requires planning for the development of transportation facilities and operations that promote safe travelling experiences for all users and benefit the local economy.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
78	DEFINATELY!	11/27/2017 9:10 PM
79	yep.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
80	Bike lane expansion probably needed.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
81	Not just safety but development of and use of alternative energy transportation systems and vehicles and shared transportation. What does "in harmony with rural character mean?" Does that mean no bike lane because it takes 10 feet of property? If we are encouraging bike tourism we need to help visitors to be safe.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
82	lower the speed limit everywhere and make it 25 MPH when passing pedestrians and bicyclists	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
83	Make the roads safer for bicycles and pedestrians while cars are on the road.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
84	The county needs include an educational component to educate bicycle users and drivers regarding safety on rural roads.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
85	Also in harmony with resident transportation needs, which are primarily by private vehicle.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
86	bike pathways from the ferry to Eastsound on Orcas. Branches can be added.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
87	Yes this is certainly something that the county needs to promote.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
88	duh	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
89	Widen roads as to safely accommodate bikes. Install bike racks around SJC. Build more trails around roadways for bikes and pedestrians.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
90	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
91	Definitely agree that better bicycle safety would improve things.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
92	I fully agree with promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety. And if it can be done in harmony with rural character, fine. But I don't think rural character should trump safety.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
93	Again, what do you mean? That sounds nice but lets hear it in plain English please. Sounds like you are just trying to give yourselves an out to have things stay as they are.	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
94	Bike paths / lanes--very important for public safety & tourist economy.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
95	But no cutting down of old growth trees on the roadside to accommodate wider roadways. Crow Valley Rd should not be promoted as a bike trail as it is currently.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
96	This is the future - we need to have safe corridors for people to walk and bike around the community and not just for recreation but also to get to school, work, etc.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
97	What does that look like exactly?	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
98	I would use a shuttle bus on Island to town if it were year round and frequent to reduce carbon emission and a ride share website.Cycling is too dangerous for me now.	11/17/2017 9:20 AM
99	rural schmural, Safe bicycle lanes are the way to go. Not safety training	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
100	The plan must not presume, etc.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM

101	A recent national report on bicycle fatalities reported a 13% increase.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
102	We need to educate the drivers to be careful no matter what is on the road.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
103	Yes!!!!!! Please Bike lanes everywhere!!! And horse trails, and tie ups!	11/16/2017 10:14 AM
104	I don't know what harmony with a rural character means but our roads badly need shoulders.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
105	Take out the "in harmony with rural character". What is that supposed to mean, anyway?	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
106	Not much has been done here. Bike paths separated from the road are needed for safety and aesthetic value.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
107	see comment above about more bicycle lanes.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
108	I live in a rural area because I don't want increased traffic of cars or bicyclist in my sight. Don't bring the city to our rural front doors.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
109	Drive slow... i learned this the hard way. Tickets!!!	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
110	Would really like bike lanes on lopez.	11/14/2017 9:47 PM
111	horses	11/14/2017 9:04 PM
112	I see both sides to this. As an elderly person who can no longer balance on a bike...I'm thinking a motorized trike unless there is a part time taxi service I can use. It has to be cost effective for me. So, what is the answer? I think we have to get more creative.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
113	sheriff deputies do not know laws themselves demonstrate dangerous driving towards bicyclists, and permit citizens to drive dangerously around bicyclists. Until this issue is fixed bicycling here will remain the MOST DANGEROUS place in the world I have cycled.	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
114	BIKE LANES AND WALKING PATHS. DO IT. NOW. Also, source of income suggestion... allow police force to actually stop cyclist who fail to follow traffic laws. Make it a $100 ticket. You could make $1M alone at the first stop sign they encounter coming off the ferry.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
115	See comment above for adopting the complete streets model	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
116	There are many benefits to promoting walking and biking. Presently both of those transportation modes are dangerous. They should be a healthy, carbon-free alternative to moving tons of steel along a wide ribbon of oil. Cars have taken priority up to this point, but are now a luxury whose impacts we do not want to pay for.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
117	Bike lanes, who says rural roads can't be wide enough for bikes or bike lanes, it's just stupid policy.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
118	All SJC roads need to be widen to accommodate both pedestrian and bicycles. To pay for widening---- Bicycles need to be licensed. If you ride on the county roads ---- you pay a fee!	11/14/2017 11:14 AM
119	Hell yah, bring it. Squeeze in those bike lanes! Slowing vehicular traffic would be frustrating for drivers (i also drive when not biking) but would decrease pavement/tire interface generated noise pollution; a diff paving system may also be helpful--i've noticed the top-coat aggregate grade sizes have increased over the years -- you can really feel it while biking...	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
120	Public bus system	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
121	How?	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
122	yes, with bus and train connections on the mainland	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
123	one should be able to walk from the ferry to Doe Bay and not get run over!	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
124	Make island roads safe, convenient and enjoyable for cyclists. Encourage cycling ... this is good for the environment AND for people's health.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
125	Most people who bicycle tend to be younger, the cost of infrastructure to provide safe paths would be cost prohibitive considering the increasing average age of our citizens.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
126	See item 35.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
127	Rural bike paths away from the road would be awesome.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
128	Bike lanes on the country and village roads and sharrows are the antithesis of rural character. Bike paths off the roads, maybe.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
129	Go for it!	11/10/2017 10:11 PM

130	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
131	Inviting walkable and bikable paths, trails and roads.	11/9/2017 9:18 AM
132	Safety is always critical, but often overlooked or mis-used. The key to pedestrian and bicycle safety in many places is communication with vehicle drivers, through built structures, not just signs. Not much of that occurs on the Island. Need to review Ian Lockwood's work on sustainable pedestrian-safe development (I believe he's with the Toole Group now).	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
133	There it is!	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
134	Safer bicycle and pedestrian pathways need to be developed, promoting bike tourism and use of non-motorized transportation around the islands. Some roads are VERY dangerous for cyclists.	11/8/2017 3:45 PM
135	That will be a juggle of the highest order.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
136	We need to make changes to accommodate various types of eco-friendly, human-powered transportation.	11/8/2017 11:54 AM
137	Could not agree more. Many more would walk and ride bikes if they could do so on paths and trails that connected hamlets and neighborhoods. Nobody wants to walk or ride where cars are whizzing by.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
138	Bike and pedestrian safety is important.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
139	Safety is good, but most of the cyclists are from off-island, e.g., Tour de Lopez. Most of these off-island cyclists ride in the middle of the road or stop in the middle of the road. I think some haven't been on a bike since they were kids. They are really a hazard.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
140	I already commented on such	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
141	Will have little to no impact.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
142	Some areas of Orcas Island have significant elevation change, sharp curves, and scenic rocky shoulders... We should discourage biking in these types of unsafe areas while preserving the historic beauty of these scenic rural roads.	11/7/2017 12:27 PM
143	Widen the roads if you want bicycles all over the place.	11/7/2017 8:41 AM
144	Not if this is going to be a big drain on resources.	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
145	provide facilities regardless of impacts to rural character.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM
146	This either means wider road shoulders where none now exist (much of Orcas), or dedicated pathways that are separate from the motorized transportation corridors. That would involve owner permission for easements or outright purchase. Local trail organizations are doing a good job with this and should get further support from the County.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
147	We advertise for bicyclists to come to SJI.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
148	Change to "Expand safe pedestrian and bicycle transportation options in harmony with rural character."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
149	You try using non-motorized transportation to get to and from work if you live on the West Side and work in Friday Harbor.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
150	Rural areas rely on single occupancy vehicles. There is no problem with this	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
151	make it safe	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
152	Would love to see the county roads widened to accompany bikes and pedestrians, as well as those slow-moving carts and scooters.	11/5/2017 1:07 PM
153	The reduction of fossil fuel generated transportation is of the most importance.	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
154	see34	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
155	Bicyclist and driver safety needs to be improved.	11/5/2017 8:03 AM
156	But not bike hordes!	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
157	Replace “safety” by “transportation.” We need more than safety.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
158	Silly! Promote safety fine. But motorized transportation is where it's at! this isn't la la land	11/4/2017 8:54 PM

159	Develop safe bicycle paths to popular destinations to encourage residents and visitors to leave their bicycles home	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
160	In an aging population, isn't the median age in the high 40s, low 50s we are going to walk and bicycle the island? Get a grip. 3 people electric carts are fine thank you.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
161	completely agree: we need much more "complete streets" approach that promote cycling and safety.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
162	along with the promotion of community transit in a carbon neutral way	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
163	Such safety for bikers and walkers means: Bike trails and walking trails. Asking people to bike and walk on roads meant for cars simply causes most of us to use cars. It is not safe and not pleasant to bike or walk on a highway.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
164	The focus seems to be bike lanes, etc. on roads used by cars. Two problems here - cars and bikes don't mix. And the costs associated with trying to make cars and bikes mix could be better spent else where. One idea, license or tax bike, like cars to create fare funding for separate bike paths - share the taxes, not the road.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
165	more public transportation so there are less cars so more people feel safe bicycling and walking	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
166	San Juan Valley Road should be 35 mph max and widened and/or painted for bike lanes. Same for Mullis/Cattle Point and Beaverton Valley within a few miles of town. What is the hurry anyway, we live on a friggin island?	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
167	Conflict between bicycles and motor vehicles does exist, most notably on Orcas Island from the ferry landing to Moran State Park. The roads should NOT be widened, to preserve rural character. The county should begin planning for a dedicated pathway for bicycles, pedestrians, and possible horses which carries this traffic completely apart from the vehicle roadway.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
168	Safe roads ok but not unlimited resources to develop.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
169	promoting safety and designing roads and bike pathways are two different things: like thinking about it and actually doing it. It would be great if the county could actively design and encourage bicycling in this community and as a positive reason to visit the San Juans. A rec path or bicycle paths throughout the islands would be a wonderful addition.	11/3/2017 2:51 PM
170	Yes! This encourages non-emission vehicle transportation	11/3/2017 11:53 AM
171	you must provide safe walking and biking pathways.	11/3/2017 10:28 AM
172	It's OK to lose some rural character in exchange for bicycle paths	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
173	add focus on being an EV destination.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
174	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
175	while also protecting rural working lands... public trails are encouraged	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
176	and keep function for ag and industry	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
177	This is most important in the relatively urban areas where vehicle congestion impairs the transaction of business and errands.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
178	include safety with accessibility.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
179	Pedestrian and Bike paths would enhance safety and access to the Island for more visitors and non-motorized transportation. However, the cost will most likely out weigh the benefit.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
180	electric bikes should be made available for short term rentals at an affordable price.	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
181	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
182	There may be a time where it is practicable to have public transport within an island.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
183	Probably requires some adjustment in the mental map of what rural character is	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
184	Add motorized bicycles, mopeds, scooters, and motorcycles to the encouraged modes of transportation.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
185	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
186	Yes - lots more emphasis on walk/bike paths.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM

187	These road are horrible for bicycles. Widening them would be prohibitively expensive and the majority of our population are retirees who can't walk on uneven surfaces, much less ride a bike. I'm all for pedestrian safety.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
188	We must build proper bike lanes. See the Netherlands for good model.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
189	Widen certain roads where bikes and pedestrians use them. Dedicated connecting trails are an even better idea. Mud Bay Road on Lopez is particularly dangerous. Reduce speed limits on Lopez from 45 to 35.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
190	Great idea. Not sure how it will work on Orcas, where the roads are narrow and twisty, with little or no shoulder, and can't be "fixed."	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
191	Sure. An area for lots of innovation, especially in partnership with landowners.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
192	KEY: IN HARMONY with rural character. Not godawful "sharrows" and wild street markings. Seattle is a nightmare we need not emulate. Bike paths separate from roads. We can't have bike lanes on our roads without ruining their rural character and removing trees and rocks. Pedestrian paths are great.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
193	Use electric cars, even golf carts. Catalina Island in southern California is an example. Use smaller vans for moving larger groups of people. Have a shuttle system between ferry and downtown areas.	11/1/2017 5:59 PM
194	Without taking away more forests	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
195	Yes.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
196	On the one hand, promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety is a no brainer. On the other, (esp. bike safety), there are tourist implications (far more than local resident implications) that should be studied. There is always the law of unintended consequences.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
197	While it would be nice to see a network of bike paths within the islands some areas could not maintain their current character if dedicated paths were installed. For example, the road to Deer Harbor, especially where it lies along the water, would have to be drastically expanded to include a dedicated bike/pedestrian path.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q37 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Our community fosters resource and energy conservation. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical.

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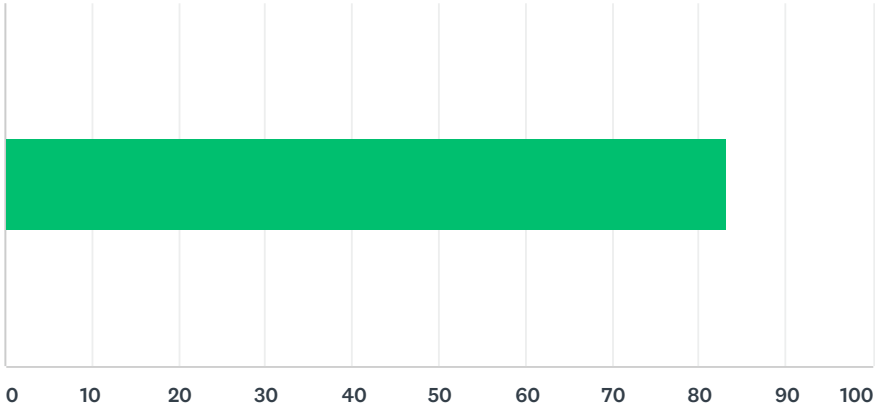

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2	3	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
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5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	75	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
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10	80	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	50	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	80	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	99	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM

Q38 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Don't mess with the Lopez Dump!	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Would rewrite the first line to say: Our community "actively" fosters "renewable" energy..... Would add "Composting" to list of things managed within the confines of the island.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Like the statement but could be improved by making some of the following changes "Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Buying local should be added.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	Some suggested additions: "Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged, with a focus on solar, tidal, and other low impact renewable technologies. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis and monitored carefully for their ongoing health and longevity. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils. "	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
7	Expend the use of non-fossil fuel energy production in the islands by solar, wind and tidal sources.	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
8	Composting should be promoted at the private and community levels, with the aim of minimizing waste and recycling nutrients to maintain fertile soils. A biosolids composting facility (such as that of La Conner) should be considered.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
9	With the recent refusal of China to accept much of the United States' recycled materials, and the fact that the dump no longer accepts recycled materials for free, a statement encouraging the identification of new opportunities for the county's recyclables to be purchased would be valuable.	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
10	foster to absolutely highest level a broad spectrum recycling program	11/30/2017 8:03 PM
11	agree, but think the statement should be much more definitive. Again, this could be a strong source of local pride. we could do so much better with conservation, waste reduction, and limiting the importation of waste.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
12	Island natural resources are not being used in a sustainable manner.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
13	Not very in tune with this sort of thing.	11/30/2017 4:23 PM
14	We could do more to partner with OPALCO and Community Energy Challenge to encourage home energy conservation retrofits, and to promote community solar and other renewable sources of power.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
15	I think some sort of large composting facility could decrease what goes to the landfill significantly. Looking at ways the county could use recycled products. Transitioning County vehicles to electric vehicles.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM

16	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
17	Again, this is an area where if we are alert to opportunity, we could use development as a fulcrum to regenerate more rural character. More local processing and generation would be good.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
18	I totally love Lopez's dump and TIOLI. Waldron doesn't have a good way to get rid of trash, and while most people minimize theirs, there is still an issue about what to do with the trash that does exist. A non-plastic law in the county would be helpful. Especially for groceries!	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
19	We do not manage our waste within the confines of out islands, it all get's shipped to eastern WA.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
20	Like to see more composting, more recycling, less plastic	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
21	We need to expand our reuse and recycling programs. Recycling bins are needed in the town of Friday Harbor. A food waste system is also needed to reduce organic materials ending up in landfills.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
22	Must implement green recycling facility. Green waste going off island is depleting the overall fertility of island soils. Glass should be crushed on island and used for construction projects as substitute for crushed rock. Ensure zoning supports these projects.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
23	I believe this message needs to be loud and clear to tourists who visit our islands before they even get on a ferry	11/30/2017 8:41 AM
24	More wind and solar on the islands. We get more sun than Germany but they are much for energy efficient with solar and wind. Why not us too??	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
25	Renewable energy! composting, not selling overly packaged items and not using plastic as much as possible.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
26	Possible and practical? Who plays god?	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
27	I think the county needs to improve in this area. We could be doing so much more in terms of waste, starting with keeping more out of the waste stream (requiring food vendors to use compostable products), having a composting facility, and a biosolids program.	11/29/2017 10:55 PM
28	What we do locally on the Islands, is being done on a sinking ship with respect to the life of Nature/Earth. We are not doing what we easily and best could contribute to repairing the hole, rather we tend to increase it. The life of our Planet is increasingly in deficit and since we share that life, its demise adversely effects everything we do. Things go better with Nature. To our loss, this past year we went out of Nature/Earth balance and further into our personal, social and environmental miseries on August 2, 2017. Our present way of life is 45% bankrupt and it denies rather than addresses this issue. By supporting recreational tourism that revitalizes our visitors' excessively destructive socialization and attachments we are increasing rather than remedying the misery of Earth Overshoot. This will catch up with us shortly for with respect to the life of Nature and its optimums of harmonic purity and beauty, there is no substitute for the real thing. Learning how to consciously tap into and enjoy the 54 sense, organic wisdom of our planet's life in our local natural areas improves our relationships with the natural world and each other. It is re-creation via recreation. The fact that we can easily accomplish this and teach it to others and are not meeting this responsibility is an overlooked Earth Misery factor that secretly pollutes and degrades each of the 25 categories in this survey. What we are locally achieving is being unnecessarily and unethically accomplished at a loss of life to people, places and things. We could instead have our economy help bring the world into balance and sanity while bettering ourselves in the process. See www.ProjectNatureConnect.com or www.SaneEarth.com for details or contact me at 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
29	Sewage Treatment does not belong in this statement. It is a health matter and MUST be a priority. It Hamlets are to take sustained growth treatment must receive more attention.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM

30	On Lopez Island we couldn't have a better situation than our local "dump"...it's an amazingly efficient place. As far as natural resources, I think professional crabbers and fishermen are allowed to ignore the limited supply of crab and fish that is available. We should all be working to promote the replenishing of fish in our waters...I realize that's a complicated issue, but we need to face the evidence. Each year whales die for lack of food...seals and otters go elsewhere for the same reason.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
31	one gap we might easily bridge is transporting our "pre-consumer" food waste (grocery store leftovers, restaurant & school cafeteria plate scrapings) from all the islands to a company called Impact Bioenergy who transports the waste to a Mt Vernon bio digester at Whole Energy (the same company who makes & furnishes biodiesel to Island Hardware for passenger diesel cars & trucks). Whole Energy, in turn, turns the waste into methane which is being used to create energy, typically electricity.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
32	Our community fosters LOW IMPACT RENEWABLE resource and energy DEVELOPMENT. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, COMPOSTING, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a REGENERATIVE basis. COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE COMPOSTING SYSTEMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MINIMIZE WASTE AND TO INCREASE SOIL FERTILITY. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. GREEN WASTE AND ANIMAL WASTE ARE LOCALLY COMPOSTED TO RECYCLE NUTRIENTS FOR MAINTAINING AND RESTORING FERTILE SOILS.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
33	affordable for non wealthy people	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
34	Inadequate; needs more emphasis on clean energy production; solar panels on every roof, and a carbon tax on fossil fuels. No single use plastics. Reduced waste at the source, increased reuse/recycle.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
35	Improvements in waste management should definitely be explored.	11/29/2017 3:26 PM
36	How exactly is energy independence encouraged? I have heard nothing but discouragement when it comes to installing wind generators due to county restrictions.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
37	Continue upcycling, recycling, "free-stores swaps" exchange opportunities.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
38	We could change within the confines of each island to include collaboratively between islands.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
39	Shaw Island residents are now compelled to pay for county recycling services and would not have them at all if not for citizen initiative. Older, effective and robust gravity-operated septic systems are unfairly being mandated away in favor of expensive mechanical systems prone to breaking down.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
40	Explore utilizing our waste to produce electricity instead of trucking it off island.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
41	Therefore, make Community Treasures zoning compliant. Ensure the continuance of Community Treasures.	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
42	This is an area where the Comp Plan is extremely weak. Systems that support solar, wind and wave energy should be promoted.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
43	better shoot for the moon as it is darn late in the game and we sure do fall short and far of mark out here and it is a slow slow county to hop to it	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
44	We pioneer the inevitable move towards legal human waste composting. We encourage programs that educate about how to choose products that do not make trash. Move completely away from non renewable resources.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
45	This sounds great.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
46	orcas does a lousy job or having recycle bins in town.....create a program like Lopez island.....a program to encourage/remind all of us to bring our own reusable plates, cups and forks to community events (potlucks, picnics, Saturday market eateries)	11/28/2017 7:34 PM
47	Working in the construction industry, I see constant waste of resources.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM
48	Additional household energy independence via small-scale renewable energy should always be encouraged.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
49	Need to provide support for recycling. Good example is the Lopez "Neil's Mall" leave it and take it.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
50	sure, hold to this	11/28/2017 6:04 PM

51	I do think more needs to be done to encourage and demonstrate how energy conservation and efficiency of use of use can be achieved. Rather than energy independence it would be wise to explore collective sources of energy (wind, solar, tidal) that would give communities a common and efficient source for some of the energy needed.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
52	We truck our septage, garbage and recycles off the islands, not very sustainable at any level. We should at least be VERY supportive of keeping materials out of mainland landfills. I am not suggesting we allow spreading biosolids on our farmland however. I would like to see something done in the islands for reusing recycles into other useful products such as glass and plastics and card board/paper.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
53	The recycling issue needs to be resolved. Businesses, citizens and tourists, especially, need to be incentivized to preserve resources, minimize waste, and otherwise protect our environment.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
54	WE need to develop ways to better untilize recyclable resources locally, not to have to ship so much offisland, room for creative brainstorming and shifting priorities	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
55	Can we find creative ways to re-purpose our waste instead of shipping it all to Eastern Washington?	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
56	Again so pie in the sky I doubt it influences many county decisions. I agree with all of it. If we are going to encourage energy independence, how about solar power requirements on all new building and retrofits on qualifying remodels? Solar is ideal as a decentralized power source and can help OPALCO with its peak demand.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
57	Has anyone done a maximum buildout plan?	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
58	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
59	I was thrilled to learn about Opalco's test solar projects on Decateur. We need more of these power farms for the whole community, especially in times of natural disaster.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
60	Nothing here about encouraging renewable energy generation. Wind? Solar? Geothermal? Tidal? We can't have energy independence without generating it.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
61	Tourists should be encouraged to carry off island their garbage, plastics should be banned.	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
62	Would this statement put each island on its own for managing solid waste and recycling? Countywide coordination and cooperation are needed.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
63	we need to invest in machines that an produce construction grade material from glass and plastic. It is easy to find if you do a little research.	11/28/2017 12:40 PM
64	It will nevertheless be necessary to remove many waste materials from the islands.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
65	there should be more awareness made for visitors that all their garbage has to be dealt with by the islands.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
66	It is a must.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
67	There is room for improvement.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
68	More wind and solar	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
69	Certainly the ideal.... we're doing fairly well on recycling and reuse..... Energy independence has quite a ways to go.	11/28/2017 11:29 AM
70	We have a recycling problem on San Juan island. It would be great if the county could facilitate some kind of county- community partnership to deal with recycling in a more sustainable way.	11/28/2017 10:18 AM
71	Food waste management is not mentioned.	11/28/2017 9:45 AM
72	Ensure that the provision of utility services is environmentally responsible and sustainable, and encourage utility services that are carbon neutral and do not contribute to climate change.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
73	Finding more ways to develop re-use versus recycling (which is a questionable eco gain) would be a great step in this direction.	11/27/2017 9:05 PM

74	(we like compost! so:) Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
75	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
76	San Juan Island is behind in the trash department. Be like Lopez.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
77	More needs to be done to encourage the gazillioners moving here to not pave everything in sight, plant huge lawns, etc.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
78	We need a bold statement of our climate/carbon reduction goals and that those goals will be part of every other aspect of the Comp Plan. Non-renewable resources need to be conserved as a necessary part of a healthy ecosystem, not traded off with "whenever possible and practical."	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
79	...fosters RENEWABLE energy... add COMPOSTING, recycling... ...renewable natural resources are use on a REGENERATIVE basis...	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
80	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
81	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment and humanure composting are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
82	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a regenerative basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
83	We are sensitive to climate change indicators, foster local residences and microguides.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
84	Yes this is a grand plan that the County should be following into the future. It would be great to see these plans strongly encouraged right now, especially in light of the recent recycling debacle on San Juan Island.	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
85	Really all of these statements should be set forth as goals, not as statements of present circumstances.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
86	Need better recycling plan/affordable on San Juan.	11/22/2017 3:57 PM
87	Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM

88	Our community fosters RENEWABLE energy and resource conservation. Energy independence is encouraged. COMPOSTING, recycling, solid waste, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a REGENERATIVE basis. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
89	Too much opportunity for oppressive regulations and policing.	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
90	Recycling is a major problem. Re-use is not encouraged, and recycling is not available.	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
91	I would like to see a better recycling program.	11/21/2017 3:11 PM
92	I agree with the sentiment, but is it in anyway possible in the 20-year timeframe to think that we might no longer ship our trash to Eastern WA or ship our recyclables off island? Let's have a vision that we can achieve, not pie in the sky hopes...	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
93	I think we should proactively as a community be more supportive of developing wind/solar technology for generating energy.	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
94	Increase commercial compost systems to reduce waste!!!	11/18/2017 4:40 PM
95	let's make a stronger commitment to energy independence, reduction of fossil fuels, renewable energy and eventually all energy used here is produced here. No more Bonneville power.	11/17/2017 2:17 PM
96	Tourism has a big impact on our garbage/waste etc. There is an opportunity for education. This seems to be the responsibility of each person and I'm not sure how the county can have an impact besides, say taxing nonrenewables more?	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
97	Defined guidelines or current use plans would help in looking forward.	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
98	It is regrettable that garbage must leave the island now.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
99	Not true! It is cheaper for me to throw everything in the trash than it is to recycle. No incentive leads to no compliance.	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
100	Orcas goes to great lengths to make this happen. I hope other islands are doing as weldor better.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
101	Big brother knows best.....	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
102	See my comment #20.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
103	If this was all true, why is the recycling practically stopped and why were we charged to recycle?	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
104	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and REGENERATING fertile soils.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
105	Alternate sewage and grey water systems should be actively explored and encouraged in a systematic and intelligent manner. It is time to get beyond the idea that mixing potable water with sewage is civilized. Composting human waste, and utilizing grey water on site for irrigating ornamental plantings, in many of our rural homesites, would be a more environmentally friendly solution, and it would also be compatible with creating small more affordable rural homes. Dumping treated sewage into the marine environment is not environmentally sound really, due to the toxicity of what goes into human bodies.	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
106	Sounds good.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
107	Use wood from our badly-managed forests to create electricity, heat, and biochar. Work hard to cut down on imported electricity that kills salmon and orcas. Start community composting facilities on each island. Stockpile glass and perhaps aluminum for future local industry. Become a model of resource and energy use that gets national attention.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
108	We aren’t doing that right now. And again we need more recycle containers not just trash containers around town and at the parks.	11/15/2017 4:37 PM
109	Then why does the county insist that everyone use flush toilets in our water-poor islands?	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
110	We have failed here. Much more needs to be done.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM

111	One of the impacts of tourism is the use (overuse) of water and sewage. The Lopez Sewer District has research that shows that off-island visitors use twice as much water as locals who are careful to not waste water when doing dishes, brushing teeth, etc. We should be mindful of not exceeding our non-renewable carrying capacity.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
112	Support local recycling or re-used resources availability. Resource 2000 and other ideas to promote reuse, recycling, less waste, etc.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
113	Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy development. Energy independence is encouraged. Recycling, solid waste, composting, and sewage treatment are managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical. Green waste and animal waste are locally composted to recycle nutrients for maintaining and restoring fertile soils.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
114	I give this a lower number because it's a weak statement -- Make a commitment to all renewables, to reducing energy consumption. Islands the Netherlands are becoming net neutral. Explore these islands and how they are doing that. We can and should be doing that here. (Check out Urgenda's program there) It's not enough to encourage. The county should lead the way and make it easy to follow. "wherever possible and practical" The language in this whole statement is weak when looking out into the future. Why doesn't the county COMMIT to resource and energy conservation? Commit to energy independence over the next 15, 20 years? A vision statement needs vision -- and this one is weak given the rapidity of change in the energy sector. Our county should be a front runner here.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
115	Waste disposal and recycling is pretty unique and well done on Lopez... what kinda renewable resources are being "used" / sustainable. If you talking apples, even that is wasted / under used	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
116	humanure - conserve water and plant nutrients, provide jobs	11/14/2017 9:04 PM
117	Horrible waste and recycling on SJI.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
118	Don't think this is exactly true. We aren't looking at why there are less of certain kinds of salmon and we don't know the long term effects of the release of the GMO salmon. We don't know why we're missing whales. MORE RESEARCH FROM SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION PEEPS.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
119	Actually not truly happening nor encouraged.	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
120	The larger question will probably be how to transfer the islands waste to some where else if no one wants it.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
121	Consider community solar to establish increased energy independence. more active leadership from our local utility to prioritize conservation over profit.	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
122	Recommend including some more specific goals re how to increase recycling and decrease use of non-renewable resources. What are some general options (realizing these are vision statements, not plans)?	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
123	Opal should bring back the larger incentives for alternative power (solar, wind), and the county should support it. Recycling is a new challenge I here, but should be a number one issue.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
124	"Our community fosters renewable production and conservation of natural resources and energy. Energy independence is encouraged as an island way of life. Resources are conserved and renewed through recycling, solid waste, composting and sewage treatment, managed within the confines of each island in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable resources are sustainably managed to promote health and fertility. Nonrenewable resources are carefully conserved wherever possible. The islands import as little as possible, and export sustainable resources only after needs of our local population are met. The islands are carbon neutral in their energy and resource use.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
125	I'm not sure how well rural development codes in SJC support shared solar micro-grid development or implementation based on housing density; Outdated septic standards seem to be a big issue as well.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
126	We need better a recycling program on SJI.	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
127	Good	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
128	solar on all county buildings, and all new construction	11/13/2017 10:06 PM

129	Yes ... and people need to be educated and encouraged to be mindful of the environment and of renewable resources. Talking about it isn't enough.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
130	We should also focus on less consumption. Start with banning plastic bags at the grocery store. All restaurants who offer take-out or to-go should ask customer if they brought their own Tupperware.	11/13/2017 7:03 PM
131	I think the statement "are managed within the confines of each island" needs to be removed.	11/13/2017 11:18 AM
132	This statement is rather ironic, knowing that our mixed recycling will start going straight into landfills now.	11/13/2017 9:49 AM
133	We need better and more extensive recycling on all islands.	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
134	OK	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
135	i agree with the statement but believe we could do much more with respect to these issues. Island composting perhaps? regarding re-use, it's taken years to get the Exchange back up and running on Orcas - that was way too long	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
136	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
137	Need clearer definition (examples) and stronger statement re preservation of nonrenewable resources.	11/10/2017 9:03 AM
138	We need to move into the future here. We need to stop using drinking water for sewage. This is so important on the islands. We need to admit that water treatment is not in keeping with the environment. We need to curtail the pumping of water from island aquifers. We need to develop new guidelines for new construction, and we need to encourage creative new ways to handle waste.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
139	Again, a feel-good statement that's inconsistent with reality. Especially with the County's treatment of Community Treasures and the restriction of Chinese recycling (which may be good in the long-run, but miserable in the short).	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
140	no comment	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
141	More active promotion of solar energy is essential for self-reliance.	11/8/2017 1:09 PM
142	Recycling is obviously becoming a BIG problem. How will you solve this?	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
143	Need to remove the Opalco restrictions on using solar and other power sources.	11/8/2017 9:36 AM
144	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
145	We need to negotiate a better recycling contract. Why are we paying to have recyclables taken away when we could be making money off of them. Lopez is an excellent example of how solid waste and recyclables should be handled. More reuse, such as Community Treasures, should be encouraged.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
146	I want to see the islands recycle and reuse their organic wastes; create a resource of such.	11/7/2017 8:12 PM
147	Bland.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
148	Again, if the above statement was actually true, then I would have no problem supporting it. However, our recycling is poorly managed and too expensive. Our sewage treatment is certainly not done in an environmentally sound manner. Here, on Orcas, the sewage only goes through a stage one process before it is dumped into the Salish Sea That needs to be improved! Which renewable resources are used sustainably? Certainly not our forests. As far as energy conservation is concerned, Opalco has, in the last few years, diminished its commitment to conservation, in favor of maximizing revenue. That needs to be fixed!	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
149	Energy and recycling independence should be pursued in moderation. Choosing inefficient local energy resources over importing energy from more efficient sources is not climate friendly. Likewise, managing waste totally within a small area of a single island may be less environmentally sound. Many items can be more effectively recycled in a larger economic entity.	11/7/2017 9:33 AM
150	Work to promote recycling. Pick up litter. Manage recycling/recycling activities on the are not a blight on the landscape	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
151	Let's turn our trash into power and recycle our glass and plastics for roads.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
152	energy independence would depend on a fuel source to power the islands, what would you like that to be, lng, propane, diesel, nuclear fission? we don't get enough solar or wind to make it work.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM

153	While I agree with the statement, the practice of it will be hard going, mainly because people are naturally selfish. The key is to create incentives that will nudge people to conserve these resources. And remember that "energy independence" may create problems of its own, such as promoting a hydroelectric project that will divert water away from fish-bearing streams. On solid waste, it is laudable to think that we can ever achieve "zero waste", but not likely accomplished. People have to make the personal choice of reducing consumption and doing without. Can this be legislated?	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
154	Remove all barriers and make it possible for all to properly dispose of and recycle their materials.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
155	Yes- we need a solution to the recycling changes as soon as possible. Without being able to recycle plastics and glass, the landfill will fill up faster and harm the earth instead of helping it.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
156	The unfortunate news that China is no longer willing to take our co-mingled recycling represents a new set of challenges for our recycling mentality.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
157	What recycling?	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
158	Does that mean that the islands would not get together to manage solid waste, sewage treatment and recycling? Does that mean we wish to recycle and handle all our own solid waste directly on island? Seems unrealistic, but would be ideal.	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
159	I think we could improve recycling, making it easier to comply. We should also collect food waste and yard waste for locally made compost for local farms	11/5/2017 9:05 PM
160	Same comment regarding such slowly renewable resources such as forests. We need to keep them healthy and sparingly logged, and if logged replanted promptly.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
161	Sure, but again i'm suspicious. How much more money do you want?	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
162	and force victoria onto a sewer system	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
163	The need for recycling is paramount. Presently, throwing glass and plastic into garbage is unforgivable as the present solid waste company dictates	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
164	Remove "wherever possible and practical" - non-renewable resource, including groundwater, must be conserved, period.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
165	the dump on San Juan Island needs to be relocated	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
166	We recently lost our recycle capabilities. We need to find a more workable situation other then individuals taking their recycle off island. Maybe have a system where there are three separate bins., paper, plastics, cans where one truck had 3 separate sections to keep the items separated thereby allowing recycling to vontinue. They started this way years ago in San diego.	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
167	It will be impossible to build anymore landfills on the islands. Need to minimize waste transport and Recycling should be required.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
168	It is a crime that we no longer have effective and active recycling here. The county can do better.	11/4/2017 9:45 PM
169	SJI has had commingled recycling for a very long time...until two weeks ago. i feel we are going backwards in this area.	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
170	Suggested rewrite - Our community fosters resource and energy sustainability, independence and resilience with a focus on reducing our carbon footprint. Reducing, reusing and recycling of solid waste and sewage treatment are accomplished within the county to the greatest extent possible. Renewable resources are developed consistent with our values. Non renewable resources are conserved and replaced whenever practical.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
171	Given recent developments regarding our recycling services it is clear that San Juan island recycling needs a complete overhaul. We should be following the examples of Lopez and Orcas and find innovative ways to deal with our waste	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
172	Please consider adopting a "sustainability" element of the comp plan that would help guide short-term and long-term planning and budgeting.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
173	start taxing all products used in the county that are not recyclabe for the cost of the waste internment	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
174	SJI needs to follow Lopez's example in better managing our trash and recycling. More could be done on the Sutton Road property to provide re-use and recycling services.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM

175	We are going to have to address the very recent problem of China refusing to accept our recycling. We cannot just give up and let it go into our landfills.	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
176	If you had said when "financially reasonable", I would agree.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
177	Consider adding: We encourage construction of modest sized homes that miminize use of natural resources and protect wildlife habitat; we discourage development that is excessive in size.	11/4/2017 9:40 AM
178	Another great statement but not practiced. Just observe all the school parents dropping off and picking up kids from school in big suvs and trucks	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
179	See previous comments. We are on the right track but by no means exemplary.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
180	There is no recycling on Orcas Island. All discards are comingled.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
181	This is very important, but I want to see a lot more ambition. Let's be working towards net zero emissions and zero waste wherever possible.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
182	The Balkanization of each island seems weird and maybe unnecessary.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
183	The statement needs to be followed strictly to conserve fuels, materials, natural resources.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
184	energy independence is IMPOSSIBLE, what a crazy goal. Are we talking an oil refinery on Shaw?, wind turbines on Mt Constitution, solar panels covering 300+ acres of Crow Valley? Crazytown!, Solid Waste and Recycle managed on each island, I'd love to see it but we ship our solid waste out of state and our recycle out of the COUNTRY! Our waste generation would greatly change IF, IF, we could "ship it somewhere else".	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
185	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
186	I would love to see recycling of more materials, and *community composting.*	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
187	Encourage composting of green wastes on each island to reduce landfill and to increase fertility of soils	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
188	resources have to be conserved. we cannot let "wherever possible and practical" be the norm. again, forward-thinking needs leadership. one could argue that our drinking/ground water is non-renewable when pollution is allowed by not having adequate protective measures in place.	11/2/2017 3:38 PM
189	Recycling and solid waste remain challenges and will increase. The issue is not only volume but ultimate disposition.The county will need to be prepared to meet these challenges.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
190	We need to see the term sustainability as a limiting term not just a buzzword. Continuous growth is not sustainable.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
191	A population of 17,000 has little to no impact on the enviroment.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
192	we must improve recycling in the county collection station. The policy of $3 per bag is not clear and I don't know if I am paying twice to recycle.	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
193	recycling up in the air.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
194	Add "wherever practical" to the first sentence also. Technology and economies of scale may continue to make it more practical to export waste.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
195	Encourage renewables and electric power - disincentivize carbon sources - propane, gasoline and wood	11/2/2017 12:07 PM
196	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
197	Seems namby pamby...remove the words wherever practical and possible. We live in a world where we have to make this possible.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
198	We need to do better in this area and provide real incentives for recycling, like we used to.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
199	Reuse and recycle, Take It or Leave It	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
200	"Within the confines of each island"? No, we need a county-wide solution to waste issues, not a fiefdom-by-fiefdom patchwork. Make recycling easier, which includes support for mixed recycling.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
201	In the 3rd sentence I suggest that we provide guidance to future generations by inserting the words "developed and" between are and used	11/2/2017 8:54 AM

202	Trying to come up with workable, affordable solutions on an island-by-Island basis will largely be impossible. Efforts like OPALCO's solar farm idea are the way we need to go. Let's optimize our collective resources for the common good.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
203	No brainer.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
204	Trash and recycling are way too costly	11/1/2017 4:43 PM
205	Mixed recycling never made sense to me. Don't all those mixed elements contaminate each other?	11/1/2017 4:22 PM
206	Wherever possible and practical being an important consideration.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
207	The qualifier "... within the confines of each island ..." seems overly restrictive. Why, for example, are the recycling systems on each island not part of a joint integrated effort?	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q39 Pop-up studio and workshop participants expressed concerns about water quality and availability. Conserving water is important, but there is little understanding of how much is being used by current levels of development. In response, the plan must…Support broader reporting and assessment of water use.

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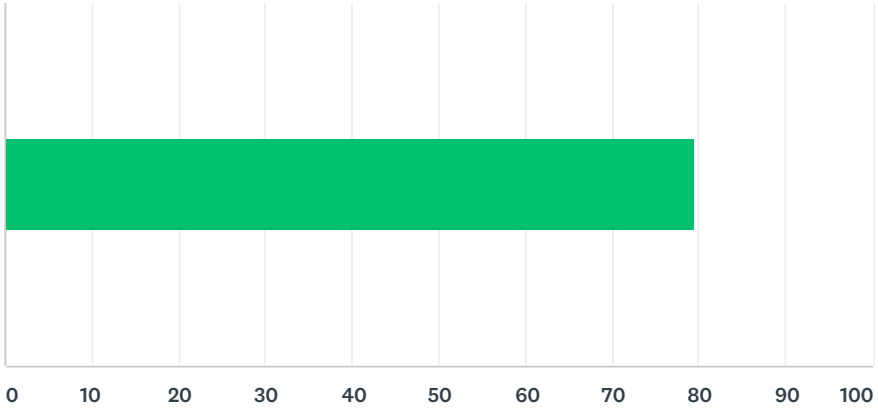

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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
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Q40 Comments?

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1	See Islands Climate Resilience. Great information and suggestions about water use/conservation etc...	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	This is a statewide problem. Look to other counties to see what they are doing.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	Deeply concerned about water issues on the islands. Don't know if broader reporting and assessment of water use would improve conditions. But all decisions development should be informed by a shared interest in protecting, preserving our potable water.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
4	Providing funds to encourage and assist farmers and landowners to monitor and report their use, with incentives for conservation and appropriate use.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
5	Encourage water catchment systems impounding rain water in cisterns and ponds for use during the dry season	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	My support of this would depend on the "reporting" process...	11/30/2017 8:54 PM
7	have to do better understanding, managing, and conserving water resources (and include thinking of this in terms of climate change as well) Every B&B, inn, hotel, vacation rental, etc. should be encouraging this basic step with their guests.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
8	Water, along with climate change, will be the hottest environmental issue in the next 20 years. Our assessment of water use is just the beginning. We must educate the public on the myriad opportunities to conserve water use and improve quality. Codes should be more flexible in allowing alternative approaches, including composting toilets, re-use of gray water, water catchment.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
9	Absolutely. We share a community well, and we have neighbors who are sure our water "will never run out." We understand disturbingly little about water use and the hydrogeology of the islands. I think water quality and availability will become more and more of an important issue with time.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
10	Only rational. Water is critical to our future, and data must come first.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
11	The islands are not dry. The issue in some areas is adequate storage of the winter rains for summer use. That is an area where the County could exercise leadership. Foisting water shortage to stop growth is dishonest.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
12	Not only that, but water testing shows heavy metals. This is ignored because ... ?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
13	This seems essential as we move forward with all of the other goals.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
14	If the county wants this information, it is going to have to pay for the instrumentation needed for each and every well, because it will not be done as an unfunded mandate.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
15	It depends on how this information is used. Many businesses serve tourists or the island public and may need water to operate.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
16	Water use from existing wells, on private property, supplying one or two households, shouldn't be regulated.	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
17	All use should be metered. All public entities should report use. Port of Friday Harbor is a huge waster of water, filling cruise ships when they call in port with tens of thousands of gallons of water. Port has no best practices in place to conserve water, any use is allowed at port. Washing yachts should not be allowed.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
18	The key to this is in the implementation. Broader reporting an assessment should not become more onerous than it currently is.	11/30/2017 6:27 AM
19	Dept. of Health at the state level monitors water.	11/30/2017 6:24 AM
20	Using catchment is an excellent way to augment diminishing ground water supply	11/30/2017 2:58 AM

21	we need to encourage water catchment systems as a sustainable source of drinking water. and encourage water efficient appliances.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
22	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
23	STAY OUT OF MY WELL. There is little understanding of how much water is in the ground. Further, under my property is still my property last I checked. Another program not enforced. Please stop regulating everything.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
24	Without getting hysterical, we need to assess water usage for the future.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
25	County should not get involved with this issue. It is already adequately regulated by the State Dept. of Health.	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
26	Yes, we are interested in better monitoring our water usage from our private well. We'd like to have a water meter preferably inside the kitchen or bath or other location where we use most of our water.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
27	On my own well? who pays for metering that, not me	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
28	We need better assessment of water contamination. Water use for agriculture is a good use, especially with conservation methods. Monitoring of resorts and luxury homes might be necessary. Encourage water catchment systems, swales and appropriate ponds.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
29	This is critically important - many properties here are water-impacted after additional building development occurs in the region.	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
30	Any use of the commons, such as extraction of surface or groundwater, should be monitored closely to ensure that it is not being overly exploited by a minority. All community water systems should have water metering and should charge, in appropriate part, based on usage. Water usage information should be public.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
31	Especially expansions and new construction.	11/29/2017 12:24 PM
32	No more government intervention and no tax increase. How does this state waste so much money compared to Oregon which has no sales tax?	11/29/2017 11:58 AM
33	Our water supply is precious. Encourage rain catchment and recycling grey water.	11/29/2017 11:30 AM
34	Before you can do that I'd like to know what our maximum water capacity is, where the individual aquifers are located, how much is necessary to support existing development and what will be needed in the future. This is a very important issue when establishing how much population growth this county can support in the future	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
35	With possible consideration of regulating water use.	11/29/2017 7:22 AM
36	Water safety and. Conservation is of utmost importance	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
37	of course	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
38	Especially during tourist season, where people do not understand or comply with water limits. Well testing during these times would be helpful.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
39	The assessment process should not involve increased use of water. Some tests require running water just to see how quickly tanks refill. There should be a public campaign to ask part-time residents to conserve.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
40	Really pleased that the Swift Bay-Shoal Bay Water District Board has taken charge and are focusing on the needs for now and future.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
41	Developments of ANY increase in population and housing should be based on existing water supply. We are one of the few on our Island with water right filed with the state for 40+ years. Yet developments have occurred and effect the quality and amount of water. New housing SHOULD prove that they will have no impact>	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
42	I suspect we're already unsustainably exploiting our water resources. we must take care.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
43	Wells should have wayer meters. Annual reports should be required. We need to understand the capacity and use or depletion of islamd water. Will water desalination plants be needed?	11/28/2017 5:39 PM
44	Yes	11/28/2017 5:22 PM

45	Agricultural needs and the limited nature of our water resources must be considered before future developments are approved. Hotels and other businesses that support the tourism industry should especially be held accountable for excessive water usage.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
46	"Broader?" What does this mean? Why not require some reporting by well users? People don't like a snoopy government, but surely there is a way to have people report their well usage while maintaining some privacy. So long as there are great uncertainties, we'll never get a handle on how much water we use and how much water we might need. Can't plan for the future if the present is unknown.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
47	And provide clear protection for potable water sources	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
48	Wen already strain existing resources in the summer!	11/28/2017 3:54 PM
49	We need to know where our water systems/aquifers are stressed and which ones renew themselves, or have limited life span. The Land Bank has a mandate to protect water sources for future use, let's start working more with them on a county level for water resources/fresh drinking water.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
50	Not an easy thing to do	11/28/2017 3:39 PM
51	Who does the reporting and assessment? This should not be an additional burden to home owners and farmers.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
52	This is critical. We have no clear idea on the availability of water.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
53	If houses had been built over cisterns, water supplies would be better now. Any chance of more domestic rainwater use in the future?	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
54	I need to learn more, yet we all just conserve.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
55	Important and improving	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
56	Reasonable and individualized regulations	11/28/2017 7:16 AM
57	Again- why are we building a pool? It is ok to go without.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
58	In consideration of Best Available Science, including the most recent climate change projections, protect & manage the quality and quantity of ground and surface water so as to preserve hydrologic systems, designated beneficial uses, and fish and wildlife habitat that rely on fresh water. Establish coordinated, cost effective programs for monitoring water quality, water quantity and associated habitats and species so that changes can be identified and protection programs modified as necessary, including in the context of climate change impacts. In decision making, utilize locally adopted policies and water resource analysis meeting the Best Available Science Standard and including the latest climate change projections from sources like the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and NOAA. Ensure that all plans consider climate change projections and anticipated impacts such as saltwater intrusion and precipitation change, and incorporate adaptation measures to increase climate resilience and ensure adequate fresh, clean water in the long term. Include climate change information and adaptation measures in all technical assistance programs.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
59	And encourage water conservation through soil health, mulch and irrigation best practices.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
60	ok	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
61	I don't know who pays for it, but we need more science-based hydrology studies.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
62	YES	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
63	Record water use so we (all living organisms) can use water in a sustainable way and not run out.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
64	Encourage sustainable use of water and engineer low water use into new developments and landscape plans.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
65	There is a shortage of water on the islands. Development must address this shortage. Permitting of facilities without water must be curtailed. Vacation rentals increase water consumption at peak times when water is scarce. The County needs to stop permitting activities that have no water.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
66	Enchorage, even require, water catchment systems in new construction instead of drilling more wells in competition with existing wells, Also encourage desalination water systems for community systems using latest (including solar powered) technologies.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
67	I think we DO know.....	11/23/2017 6:28 PM

68	I am amazed that there is currently little understanding regarding the levels of water use in the county. Should that not be something fundamental to know?? How do you plan for the future if you don't know what development the water levels will support?	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
69	Meter everything. Uses by Port are excessive. Disallow boat washing... what a waste to let rich tourists waste our water. Do NOT allow cruise ships to fill up in the port.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
70	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
71	"Broader reporting and assessment" sounds like an expensive governmental undertaking. At the same time, understanding and adhering to carrying capacity of our water resources is essential.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
72	We should also support and encourage grey water systems.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
73	The possible damage from saltwater intrusion of wells is not understood.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
74	A little signage would go a long way.	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
75	...and consider development limits based on water availability.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
76	This is crucial. Each new straw sucking out groundwater has an effect and that must be understood.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
77	A better explanation of how this would be done. Concern about those irrigating off of ponds for fields and rain water collection systems and those types of conservation efforts being unfairly targeted.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
78	I don't know what is feasible to discover about island groundwater but what is known should be shared and what could be known should be learned if possible. We should not allow development without first proving available water.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
79	I don't have the answer, but I feel like self reporting can't be trusted.	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
80	Guess.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
81	My well use is my concern	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
82	I feel strongly that people do not seriously restrict their water use. There are so many things that we can do for this.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
83	Critical in understanding our carrying capacity (aka the idea of an economy/population growth plan that is predicated upon unlimited growth is fundamentally insane).	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
84	Reporting and assessment of water use.....then what? Make more laws and create more need for policing peoples lives?How about creating that educational cultural environment we were talking about earlier, where we have an active communication system which helps citizens be excited about learning and sharing simple technologies for using less water.	11/15/2017 10:28 PM
85	However much is being used,. more should be conserved.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
86	Don't let developers build without a demonstrated water supply.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
87	Particularly for folks with huge homes and people who make money off of tourism.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM
88	Water availability will limit future growth. More needs to be done to encourage catchment.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
89	see above.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
90	This conflicts with your first statement.	11/15/2017 10:33 AM
91	make grey water use easier. provide education on water vulnerability here - to tourists, new residents and in our schools.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
92	Do you need to review the recent damaging Hirst Decision?	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
93	Sure, educating is also important.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
94	promote land uses that improve ground water recharge, as well as storage or bulk surface water in the landscape. Promote water conservation, including humanure recycling.	11/14/2017 9:04 PM
95	We're on an island after all.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
96	YUPPERS	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
97	this looks like a recipe for control of the small user.	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
98	Probably varies quite a bit between islands and it certainly varies on Orcas island.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM

99	Someone from the county government provided this comment.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
100	Hahaha... you do know who that involves right?	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
101	This is key in order to plan future land use.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
102	Water may be the limiting factor for development in the islands, but we don't know. It is a renewable resource that may dwindle with climate change. Planning is not possible without information.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
103	No! We have way to many controls! Conservation should be encouraged!	11/14/2017 11:14 AM
104	This has huge potential for local business development. Well monitoring (useage & levels) & data analysis could be highly beneficial for awareness as well as mgmt.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
105	On community systems yes, but not on connections of less than three	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
106	Water may be our number one concern with-in Ag viability and the water rights thing has got to be simplified and the fees reduced so a farmer can dig a hole, collect rain water and use it to irrigate.	11/13/2017 9:15 PM
107	Don't know much about this. It's always a good idea to encourage people to respect and appreciate and conserve water.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
108	More intrusion into our lives by asking us to spend our money to meter our water as individuals is ludicrous. Those figures are well established by basic household load per person. Reverse osmosis technology is sound and we have a large body of water from which to draw that flushes in and out at a high enough rate that over brining the ocian would never be a concern.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
109	How much water is under ground for each island??? What is the impact of Wells??? Is there a plan to reuse sewer water verses dumping into the Sound???	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
110	Yes. We need an accurate assessment of salt water intrusion and water table quantities.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
111	Absolutely!	11/11/2017 10:07 PM
112	This is a matter for state control. The last thing we need is more entities butting into water rights.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
113	But of course!	11/11/2017 6:12 AM
114	Very important topic.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
115	awesome goal! I assume the limits of water availability will curtail growth long before we reach 'full build out' per zoning requirements. how are we going to address this. Per my earlier comment, allowing homes to be built that require water to be trucked to the house is totally unsustainable and should not be allowed	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
116	That will lead to the assessment of water usage fees to the detriment of those that have their own wells.	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
117	This approach will just encourage conflict. The point should be to discourage aquifer use. Encourage water catchment projects and gray water systems.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
118	There are scientists using ground penetrating radar (GPR) to test for water table levels. This would be a good way to assess current levels and help determine if there is adequate supply as well as areas where there might be saltwater intrusion, and then we can focus water table replenishment there first.	11/8/2017 9:23 PM
119	That may be true in some areas, but certainly some neighborhoods (large, such as Roche, and small as in Mitchell Bay) know very well what their water use and resources are. The State already deals with private water systems in a pretty comprehensive way, and seems quite cooperative and responsive.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
120	reporting is a first step. Assessment could end up being very subjective and counter-productive.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
121	There has always been a water problem in some areas. Water capacity should be studied and acted upon for density designations	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
122	I have very little knowledge of this subject.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
123	Water should be allocated to agricultural needs first and to other endeavors secondarily.	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
124	Important to do this.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
125	Sure, more research and regulations. Zooning and water rights..., fights.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM

126	It is a simple hydrographic computation to estimate the total residential and commercial usage of water in SJC. This can then be compared to the thousand of acre-feet of rainfall that occurs on the county. More impoundment with dams and reservoirs could handle the county's water requirements for many years. More water districts should be formed to address the water issue.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
127	This is clearly a major responsibility of our county government to lead this effort.	11/7/2017 1:31 PM
128	Water use, rural and urban seems pretty well managed now. Just keep up the good work.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
129	How are we going to encourage more agriculture without an adequate supply of water? We need to live within the capacity of our water supply. But we first need to determine what that capacity is. We also need to assess the impact of summer overuse on our aquifers. This is, yet, another consequence of the impact of hyper-tourism on our finite, island resources.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
130	Consider monitoring consumption from private wells to get a better idea of consumption	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
131	I suspect that much of our water is being used or diverted illegally, as the spate of pond-building in recent years would suggest. A baseline study of usage will help the County to come to grips with how water is being allocated, and it can then plan accordingly (purchase water rights, conservation easements, and permit enforcement). We may simply have to live with less over time, forcing us to change our habits. This will serve as a natural constraint on development, unless desalination becomes cheaper. Climate change demands that water becomes more of a public property rather than private, or at least more thoroughly regulated.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
132	And ensue the people of the community are given awareness of such impact and support measures, incentives and programs to encourage them to be mindful of their usage.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
133	And more extensive water quality testing.	11/6/2017 11:26 AM
134	See above comments for perspective.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
135	Change to: "Conduct a county-wide water resource carrying capacity analysis, and allow development only within local sustainable water supplies."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
136	We have two breweries on the island (San Juan). Any clue as to how much water each one uses? We don't have an unlimited supply of drinking water.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
137	Exempt wells are an important part of property rights. Water is plenty available. Encourage creative sourcing/uses	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
138	no	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
139	I agree with assessing groundwater extraction and recharge on a much more frequent basis. I support programs that encourage efficient water usage and oppose economic activity that is known to have high per-person-per-day water use such as tourism.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
140	watering of lawns should be forbidden	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
141	And allow alternative systems.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
142	Doesn’t go far enough. We should discourage building in places where the water supply is demonstrably inadequate, for example by allowing trucking of water only for seasonal, emergency purposes.u	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
143	in the early days one knew if they bought land at Sunset Point or Hannah Heights, Yacht Haven you most likely would be out of water in the summer. now everyone expects to have water...just wait until we have a real drought. town keeps expanding, development continues... it's outta hand now!	11/4/2017 8:54 PM
144	You can’t understand or mange a resource if you can’t measure it.	11/4/2017 6:29 PM
145	Mandate metering at household level. Provide meters for low income residents. Charge more for excessive water use on large landscaped properties.	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
146	Don't spend to money on this. Support very very low growth and get the Chamber of Commerce to stop promoting us.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
147	we should take no risks with adequate water supply. are there important unanswered questions ?	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
148	subsidize water consevation	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
149	Meters should be required on all wells. Well water usage for landscaping should be limited.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM

150	Yes, we should do this, and we should not just accept the answer that de-sal systems will solve everything.	11/4/2017 12:50 PM
151	Not only. Also educate people in stopping the American typical waste of water in use flushing toilets, running water while soaping dishes and such other wasteful habits.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
152	There is always a cost for water. Let cost dictate use. About 90% of the county is covered by water, so there is more than enough. The real issue is economic - how much does it cost to use it.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
153	Education regarding use of all natural resources should be encouraged	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
154	ask for better ways of keeping track of water used .	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
155	Our natural water regime requires greater study, monitoring and winter runoff retention strategies. A great deal more of the capacity of our subsurface containment should be reserved for future agriculture. In addition there should be incentives for rainwater as well as greywater collection and use	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
156	More monitoring of water use (metering) and aquifer levels in rural areas is needed to determine trends and ensure adequate supplies for the future.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
157	This is really important. Water is a concern and we need more data to inform decisionmaking.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
158	Knowledge is never a bad thing.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
159	we can't create a viable "WATER BUDGET" for the county without more data. There is NO CONCEPT of how much water use is associated with the AG SECTOR. A wise friend said "WE MEASURE WHAT WE VALUE" Well we don't measure water in any meaningful way in San Juan County.	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
160	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
161	Absolutely essential to have hard limits with penalties steep enough to discourage violation.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
162	combined with education on conservation opportunities and perhaps restrictions on water use for landscaping purposes.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
163	The county should let each association manage their own water supplies. The county struggles to manage the roads effectively, the state already handles this, another layer of bureaucracy is foolish.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
164	I strongly agree with this. we are way behind in our knowledge of island water resources. I am a proponent of a building moratorium until we know what our water supply is.	11/2/2017 3:38 PM
165	Water conservation is of the utmost importance!!	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
166	who? how? without regulation,,,,	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
167	Intense energy (including electric) or fossil fuel consuming desalination plants should be discouraged. While the expense is the owner's problem, energy use is everyone's problem, and these systems are most used by those setting up artificial environments contrary to the systems operating naturally at that location.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
168	promote real water conservation practices. Too often one must have a disaster before the importance of water is recognized.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
169	Planet Earth has had the same amount of water since the Big Bang. No water gets in and no water gets out. the only problem with water is distribution. I have not witnessed any distribution problem in SJC.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
170	Managing water resources, including desalination is critical. It is not clear that the county should grow.	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
171	Keep the business community away from assessment.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
172	Foster rainwater catchment and allow ponds for small rural farms, which is all that we have.	11/2/2017 12:37 PM
173	Analysis must include inventory of renewable sources.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
174	The information is already available from the Washington State Department of Health, Drinking Water.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
175	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM

176	our resources are limited, they should be taken into consideration regarding how many people these islands can realistically support!	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
177	Encourage and incentivize water conservation. We're all in this together vs. fear.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
178	I would support this only if there is a public utility not controlled by political interests.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
179	Disagree that there is little understanding of how much is being used. There is excellent data and good science on Orcas.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
180	One of the most egregious water issues we have is the inability to use grey water in other than commercial establishments. On the one hand, we are an arid group of islands and often have to resort to things like reverse osmosis to create our water. Then to add insult to injury, we are not allowed to use processed grey water, forcing us to dump it into drainage fields, exacerbating an already bad wastewater treatment problem. We need to think about this as an end-to-end issue, rather tha focusing on individual piece parts.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
181	Water is critically important and is already governed by state law.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
182	Research, document, databases of water use and availability monthly and annually, especially with the climate getting drier.	11/1/2017 5:59 PM
183	I don’t know on this, but it sounds ok	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
184	Yes - I don't believe water supplies and usage is known and transparent. We need a full assessment of our use patterns. It is hard to talk about economic and environmental sustainability of we don't know what we have and what we use today.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
185	Given the vital (and limited) nature of this resource it's crazy that usage and quality are not more actively monitored.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM

Q41 Pop-up studio and workshop participants expressed concerns about water quality and availability. Conserving water is important, but there is little understanding of how much is being used by current levels of development. In response, the plan must…Encourage development in those areas where public water system infrastructure and connections support it.

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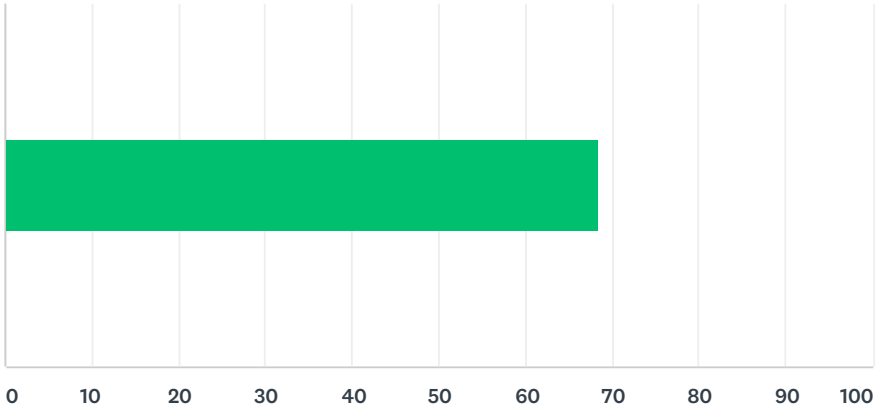

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	68	34,876	510

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2	77	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
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5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
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7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	75	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	50	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	72	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	51	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	99	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	80	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	98	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
15	50	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
16	100	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q42 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A reward system for conservation?	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
2	See Islands Climate Resilience suggestions.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	Minimizing single family development on sensitive slopes and in rural areas is extremely important for maintaining water quality. We need to assess our island aquifers for recharge and quality, and realistically project how much buildout growth the islands can support in the next 30 years. Water use affects the whole community, regardless of private or public sourcing. Additionally, development greatly impacts water quality. New building sites should be assessed for their potential to create runoff, siltation, and other issues.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
4	Development and economic growth should always be balanced in keeping with the holistic vision of the County	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
5	do not encourage development, period.	11/30/2017 7:57 PM
6	big systems and chemical treatment don't make us safer or use less water, so what's the point?	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
7	Why not support responsible sustainability of what we already have rather than always encouraging MORE development.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
8	It may be necessary in the future to limit development to locations where a water district is in place, but much more can be done to conserve before we get there.	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
9	Encourage and incentivize sustainable use of water catchment, pond water use, while at the same time protecting ground water by limiting household use of well water.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
10	I really don’t encourage developers or development. I feel it is driven by the tourism industry and the needs of residents, wildlife, businesses and agricultural is getting out of balance because tourism brings in the mist money and draws the most investors.	11/30/2017 2:14 PM
11	Provided it does not significantly change the character of those locales.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
12	Does anyone know what the limits to development are? How can they find out? Is water supply the only limit? What about in drought years?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
13	Don't know enough to comment on this.	11/30/2017 1:19 PM
14	Hopefully this is implying "existing" water systems, otherwise, every HOA that has a shared well is technically a public system and there could expand.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
15	Encourage development in the already dense areas, go up not out.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
16	Minimize development. Encourage catchment and small scale desalination.	11/30/2017 6:54 AM
17	but not over looking the other impacts that may effect the site, and also we need to encourage people to use less water and also have systems to use Gray water as a resource not just a waste product.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
18	I have heard the assertion that agriculture uses more water than anything else in the islands. This strikes me as untrue and I wonder where this assertion comes from.... Water is definitely a pivotal point in what can be allowed both in residential and economic development. Salt water intrusion is a serious problem not easily reversed. I believe that the population of the islands should be limited by responsible water availability.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
19	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM

20	How about encourage development of water systems? What can the county do to get more readily accessible water and sewage treatment? So we are going to say encourage affordable housing, encourage private property, but you can not do anything because the investments have not been made to infrastructure? Water is required 10 ways to Sunday to develop and this statement is the creation of a Catch 22.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
21	Islands are fragile...we need to be very careful when we "encouurage development".	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
22	People have a right to live on private property wherever it may be.	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
23	In Portland Oregon vacation rentals are only allowed in homes that are owned and lived in by locals. No homes are allowed to be solely used for vacation rentals. And they are restricted to 100 days per year (or something like that). Our county needs to adopt some sort of rule like this. Homeowners will take better care of their homes and use the facilities and resources with greater care than a vacation renter will.	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
24	Would like to see financial assistance to be able to join in Doe Bay community water membership. Since we live just beyond their current service area, we'd have to pay about $13,000.00 to connect.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
25	Encourage SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER CATCHMENT AND LOW-IMPACT development in those areas where public water system infrastructure and connections support it.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
26	Don't need to encourage development in these areas	11/29/2017 4:37 PM
27	Monitoring useage, and mandating water catchment on all new building. Encourage retrofit on existing building for water catchment.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
28	Only if there is enough water and we define what "enough water" is. Should we put a limit on how much water each household can use per year and, if exceeded fines then shut off?	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
29	must add encourage development only where zoning allows it and when necessary water is available.	11/29/2017 2:43 PM
30	Yes, of course, building where infrastructure exists is helpful. Do not preclude development elsewhere. Off grid and sustainable developments can exist anywhere.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
31	The statement should read: "Permit development only in those areas..." rather than "Encourage development in those areas...".	11/29/2017 1:22 PM
32	Yes, although there is no reason to not also support development where groundwater or surface water resources are plentiful but not yet exploited. Also, conservation and alternative water systems should be encouraged as a means to reduce ground water depletion and seawater intrusion. Leakers should be penalized to encourage rapid detection of leaks.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
33	As weekenders who have no well or plumbing, we use water catchment and bring our own potable water. It seems excessive to have water on command for a second home when we are not there to use it heavily but a few times a year	11/29/2017 11:56 AM
34	This has already been asked.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
35	any private too deal with the run off and get up to date with catchment - wise up all the way around and be cautious with the ag dreams when it comes to water	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
36	Never encourage development. limit it instead. Create a smaller maximum home size. 2,000 sqft	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
37	And support conservation and rainwater catchment.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
38	Well, that depends on the available water supply to these public systems and connections. Would they be drawing down an aquifer that other individuals depend on?	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
39	Anxious on use of "encourage" allow? or support Require proof of adequate water supply for any development that will increase water use.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
40	Public water systems, at least on my island, are preposterously overpriced and the water is undrinkably full of chlorine.	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
41	I don't think development should be encouraged, just economic diversification and growth within towns and hamlets.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
42	Encourage? What does this mean and what kind of development? If a water system can accommodate further use there should be clear limits to what those uses will be otherwise the entire system could be threatened.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM

43	We should encourage the use of desalination where practical/cost/energy effective and rainwater systems for non-potable use for landscaping/gardens, etc.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
44	Do we need to encourage further development? Or just enhanced facilities and operations for what we already have.	11/28/2017 5:03 PM
45	We should curtail development until we understand better the limits and impacts	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
46	I wouldn't say "encourage" but "direct." Hopefully the county is never encouraging development but making decisions about development applications. There should be a preference for new development in areas with existing water infrastructure. In truth, we should have a moratorium on all new wells until we know what the situation is. But if this is like every other community, we'll keep using more water until there's a crisis and then everyone will blame each other or we'll build a desalination plant. Oy.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
47	Need detailed aquifer studies to ascertain limits.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
48	This proposal is valid but also clashes with affordable housing needs and the desire for rural atmosphere	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
49	But possibly work on more systems, such as the shared water system from the mid part of Lopez to Upright head.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
50	Depends on the type of development and who defines whether or not the infrastructure can continue to support it.	11/28/2017 3:41 PM
51	Development is an issue when it comes to natural resources. How to do this?	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
52	This statement seems backwards. Higher density of development should not just be encouraged because there happens to be infrastructure in a given location. Infrastructure should be created to support the vision for development in a given area.	11/28/2017 12:55 PM
53	we should also promote catchment and storage systems ahead of drilling new wells.	11/28/2017 12:47 PM
54	The other side to this recommendation is to discourage development where water is inadequate. The county has relaxed restrictions on development that requires desalination for water supplies, which is unfortunate for quality of life in the islands.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
55	Clearly there needs to be more development outside "public water system infrastructure'. The current plan is forcing people to leave.	11/28/2017 11:57 AM
56	Eastsound Subarea expansion of density	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
57	If development is necessary, that is the best place to do it. Is development absolutely necessary?	11/28/2017 11:26 AM
58	Development should definitely NOT be encouraged in areas where water supplies are inadequate; so development should only take place where sustainable supply can be demonstrated. But even there, development should be measured and judicious.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
59	Just because water infrastructure exists doesn't mean there is a sustainable source of water. Many water systems near the shorelines are already experiencing saline intrusion or are at imminent risk of doing so.	11/28/2017 9:53 AM
60	To what end, and for what?	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
61	These planning and management efforts will need to consider projected climate change impacts like saltwater intrusion and increased drought, in addition to other stresses. Continued development, for example, means that increases in impervious surfaces also have the potential to generate more runoff and reduce groundwater recharge. Development is also pushing our community up against the carrying capacity limits of our aquifers, making efficient use and careful planning essential.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
62	not sure I understand why a public water system using wells and then pumping that water out into the sound (through the waste water treatment facility) is preferable to a private well and on-site treatment which puts the water back into the aquifer?	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
63	The public water systems are wells so I don't know what the benefit is of encouraging more development there over other places from a water perspective. Private residences that have rainwater collection would be preferred.	11/27/2017 8:57 PM
64	"permit" development, we don't need to encourage it.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM

65	There are technical advances that may provide (and currently do provide) access to safe water. Desalinization and water catchment are two such ways that currently exist. However encouraging development in areas where public water is available is also wise. It just depends where the "encouraging" begins and ends.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
66	As well as, encourage sustainable use of water catchment and low-impact development. If we are going to have more development have a strong emphasis on conservation of all resources.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
67	Encourage sustainable use of water catchment, ponds, and low impact development. Landscape plans should encourage use of native plantings and plants that need little water. Engineering plans should encourage safe use of gray water for watering landscape gardens.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
68	Encourage sustainable use of water catchment and low-impact development...	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
69	We don't need to encourage development of water systems. We need to conserve water and not overdevelop the areas that have limited water.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
70	YES	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
71	Encourage comprehensive land use plan. Only allow development in already dense areas. Water use must allow for increased agricultural use.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
72	"Encourage SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER CATCHMENT AND LOW-IMPACT development..."	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
73	Existing public water systems should not be the only determining factor. If it can be shown that an adequate water supply is available and a new water system can be created then development should be allowed	11/22/2017 3:46 AM
74	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
75	Don't come down on wells.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
76	Just because there is a public water system doesn't mean it is infinitely adequate.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
77	I don't see how any kind of development encouragement will help a water problem.	11/20/2017 1:52 PM
78	The more demand we put on small water systems, the more those water systems need to be run efficiently and well. This includes aligning with other public policy goals for affordable housing and environmental stewardship.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
79	Individual wells?	11/19/2017 9:57 AM
80	Again, how about try to stabilize development so that we don't end up drying out?	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
81	The safety of wells is a huge priority. We think there should be support for people who rely on wells to create and maintain healthy, safe drinking water.	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
82	As long as it is recognized that there are also impacts by public water systems. If more development of Rosario equals less water in Cascade Creek, that's not desirable.	11/17/2017 11:37 AM
83	I don't understand what this means.	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
84	Yes, develop, if we must, where there is water, but why not develop less to retain the rural character? Why not conserve more lands to keep the rural character?	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
85	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
86	This again is a poorly presented question. The public water system takes the same water that all non-public water systems are using -- it's the same pot of water! Must only allow/encourage development that is supported by existing (and estimated future) water supply!	11/16/2017 2:57 PM
87	Dramaticlly cut back on more homes being built. I know that water availability has been reduced, most likely because of the high volume demand.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
88	What is meant by "development"? More of the same toxic approaches? Peeing and pooping into (unnecessarily pre-treated) drinking water turns three potential resources into a significant pollutant. Let us consider composting toilets, rainwater catchment, living machines, and all manner or solutions that currently exist but are hamstrung by outdated codes.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
89	This is not as important as improving water systems outside of existing infrastructure in ways that conserve water	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
90	Private water as well, if it can be shown to exist.	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
91	Maybe figure out how much water we have and create permitting accordingly.	11/15/2017 2:10 PM

92	Many more considerations must be used to determine dense development.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
93	see above - limit development as needed for containing with carrying capacity.	11/15/2017 11:39 AM
94	Sounds like the preamble of the Hirst Decision.	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
95	Not sure, i live here for the fresh ground water...	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
96	I think you might end up making a ghetto.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
97	small scale has been proven world wide and is proven better.	11/14/2017 6:10 PM
98	Require real estate companies to advertise the availability of water when they sell properties.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
99	Support with data. This is the intent of the GMA. It is also necessary given the complexity of water resources.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
100	But not allow extortion by water associations...	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
101	Only if this results in less development elsewhere, and there is adequate data on available reserves in these areas, and modeling on future amounts for planned development.	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
102	Encouraging any development without knowledge of the resource base is irresponsible. Further, there are competing needs for water, from wildlife to marine life to food production. Development is not our primary need, and should only be allowed after it has been proven that the surplus will easily allow for development, from now and through the end of the century.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
103	Public water systems already support further development, and this should be encouraged; but a lot of folks want the rural scene. Also, what's the deal w/ FH water purity??	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
104	Discourage development in those areas that don't have water to support it.	11/14/2017 10:32 AM
105	Seems like we are there	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
106	concentrate growth in Eastsound	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
107	What about rural water development? Support water catchment using tanks, ponds, swales, etc., and efficient use of water with grey and black water systems.	11/13/2017 6:18 PM
108	It needs to take into account catchment, Reverse Osmosis water systems and groundwater treatment. Using water issues to halt construction of affordable housing due to perceived water shortages when there are alternatives available is unacceptable, laws must be flexible enough to allow intelligent systems to take the place of traditional water sources.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
109	Yes. The majority of our new structures should be in the UGA and on city water/sewage.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
110	How? People will buy and build where they want and can. The GMA mandate trying to force people into the UGA is both offensive and unenforceable.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
111	Not sure what this means or implies ...?	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
112	this is a no-brainer. I'm sort of embarrassed that it even needs to be listed here.	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
113	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
114	This sounds like a plan for disaster. We already know that we are depleting aquifers faster than they recharge. This idea may be appropriate if we were not an island with limited resources. Instead we should be encouraging water catchment.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
115	Not sure why private water is discouraged in this statement. One of the best desalinization systems is offered by a Lopez company. Public water systems are both inefficient and expensive in comparison.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
116	Is there a way to determine how many wells are too many?	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
117	There is virtually no areas of public water systems except the town of FH. There are numerous other water systems that exist which can handle development, especially those with de-salination systems.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
118	ok	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
119	Many small wells serve the aquafer better than a few small ones. Spreading the population out with small wells is better water management than making everyone reliant on the same distributed water system. What if that water system is compromised in an earthquake?	11/7/2017 11:18 PM
120	Need to understand water supplies better before making decisions.	11/7/2017 10:21 PM

121	This guarantees drinking water that meets drinking water standards, e.g., Maximum Contaminant Levels.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
122	It is well known.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
123	See comments in 41	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
124	The statement is consistent with Growth Management goals.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
125	We need, desperately, to assess the capacities of our aquifers. To encourage development, no matter where, without an understanding of the impact of that development on our water supplies is reckless. Even those areas with public water systems, still rely on limited aquifers. The only advantage of putting development into those areas, is that we would be able to assess usage in an accurate fashion.	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
126	Yes, focus growth where resources are available	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
127	This is an unclear statement; I am unsure what it is communicating	11/6/2017 4:23 PM
128	I have questions about the impact of density issues in these areas.	11/6/2017 2:13 PM
129	That infrastructure can expand over time, but it makes sense to stay within bounds if developments are large in scale.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
130	I'd be 100%-agree if you deleted the word "public"	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
131	Change to: "Permit development only in those areas where public water system infrastructure and connections sustainably support it."	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
132	People simply need to understand we don't have an unlimited source of drinking water.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
133	Of course, you should only develop somewhere where you can support the water needs of the development. Higher density development should be confined to certain areas in the county where it has been designated to occur, but if you want to develop a property, and can support your own water needs without compromising someone elses', it seems OK	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
134	As a local Water District Commissioner I am concerned about the sustainability of our water resources long term, particularly considering climate change and sea level rise. Data on current water resources countywide would be very helpful to planning for development in areas with abundant water or areas with low production wells or those with saltwater intrusion. Water districts and private water companies should be able to provide immediate evidence from draw down pumping tests and chemical testing for chloride as in asked in question 39..	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
135	Keep SJC rural and diffused. I have no desire to live in a UGA	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
136	what??	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
137	People are using city water in rural areas for their lawns, even when it is raining out. Something needs to be done about that.	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
138	I don't support development and the associated increased water extraction in any area. The documented decrease of aquifer recharge does not support that, nor is it possible to extract just part of aquifer, or not negatively affect the island water resources by doing so.	11/5/2017 11:24 AM
139	While retaining rural qualities.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
140	And limit construction where the local water supplies are inadequate.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
141	Do not encourage development.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
142	... if it helps	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
143	not encourage delvelopement encourage conservation	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
144	We do not need more development. Period. We need better use of what we have already developed.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
145	keeping track of how and where water is being used	11/3/2017 8:48 PM
146	Development should only be permitted where water supplies, evaluated long term, support additional population.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
147	New development should only be allowed in areas where adequate potable water is available. Alternative water sources to support new development including rain catchment and desalination should be discouraged.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM

148	The actual limits of our growth is water. We need to keep an eye on that reality both with existing and proposed uses of water.	11/3/2017 8:56 AM
149	This should also take into account climate change impacts like saltwater intrusion and impacts on precipitation and water availability.	11/3/2017 6:33 AM
150	There is a disconnect between the statement and the solution. I support encouraging development in villages, hamlets, and towns, but not because conserving water is important. We should figure out the water carrying capacity, and we should direct growth to villages and towns, but the former does not lead to the latter.	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
151	The population has exceeded its water resources and desalinization systems are harmful to the marine habitat and organisms. Population and construction should be held to the resources available.	11/2/2017 9:29 PM
152	Where WATER RESOURCE CAPACITY not infastructure exist. Its easy to put pipes in the ground. much harder to create CAPACITY. More importantly, County needs to be much more active in PROTECTING WATER RESOUCES FOR EXISTING USERS. Today it is very easy for the resource to be "over subscribed"	11/2/2017 8:14 PM
153	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
154	This creates the potential for a real public health disaster.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
155	we need more information on water consumption and availability in our aquifers.	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
156	You already must demonstrate water availability for development. Its simple; no water, no development.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
157	Water is finite. I would not encourage more development anywhere until we know the entire picture of our islands' water supply.	11/2/2017 3:38 PM
158	identify areas where overuse of water is taking place and find ways of addressing it. One does not have the tight to use an amount of water that places a burden on others.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
159	A as result of opting into the GMA in 1990, we must adhere to it. One element of the GMA is funneling growth into established municipalities and UGAs. This will also help with affordable housing.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
160	But, how much water is available?	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
161	Where is this?	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
162	Economic development should not be limited to just those areas where existing infrastructure exists. Instead, the plant must encourage development in any area where new public water system infrastructure and connections would support it.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
163	The semantics of this would be better if it said "encourage development to locate in areas where..." The other sounds like an outright initiative to encourage development, which is anathema to many.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
164	Make County regulations regarding use of County right of way much, much more friendly to water systems.	11/2/2017 12:09 PM
165	Should say "direct development" instead of "encourage development."	11/2/2017 11:53 AM
166	yes	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
167	There's only so much water, regardless of where it comes from private wells or public systems.	11/2/2017 11:24 AM
168	Encourage rain water catchment.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
169	We need real experienced educated experts in this field to help evaluate it.	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
170	Stop development! There is no reason for us to accept rising population dictated by State government.	11/2/2017 10:31 AM
171	Are there public water systems on all of the islands? No. Make sure that new developments pay to expand infrastructure if necessary.	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
172	Frankly, I don’t understand what is being suggested here. We have incorporated and unincorporated areas. We have private communities that deal with water production and treatment on their own. It would take a mighty big umbrella to fit all the piece parts under it.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
173	Sure, in theory. But you'll never be able to FORCE people to live in the UGA.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM

174	I don’t want some areas to be overdeveloped just because they have easy access to water. R-1 or more.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
175	Yes.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

Q43 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural and entertainment activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural limitations of each site.

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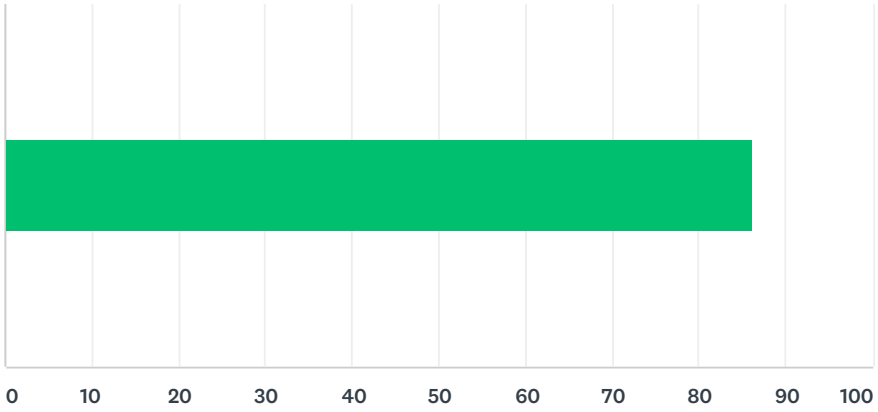

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	86	45,289	525

Total Respondents: 525

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2	49	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	86	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	50	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	90	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	70	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	87	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	51	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	100	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	99	11/30/2017 9:23 PM

Q44 Comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is less and less land that can be explored on the islands due to people and their property rights. I understand the issue of rights, but not at the expense of being able to explore and thrive on the island. Can we find a balance?	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	suggest changing "natural limitations of each site" to "natural and cultural limitations of each site"	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access, with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
4	Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site. I object to private ownership of beaches and waterfront. We need, and deserve, to be able to have coastal access.	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
5	I think public access to the waterfront is still not as good as it could be.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
6	Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
7	Great statement. I might note that we seem to have an excessive diversity of cultural organizations, diluting available resources. If we could figure out how to get along a little better, fewer, larger theaters, music groups, etc. might be less of a strain to manage.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
8	Provided that there is also regard for the rights of the environment and the creatures that inhabit it.	11/30/2017 1:57 PM
9	Citizens and tourists both want access to shoreline and parks. This is what draws people to the islands. Be sure we have preserved land for us now and for future generations. Too many no trespassing signs, too much the evil public may come near my house and destroy my life attitude.	11/30/2017 1:01 PM
10	These are somewhat mismatched, the first being about community amenities; the later being about access and a reminded about private propoerty protection. Odd.	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
11	Yes! More public nature spots/viewpoints/waterfront access! And yes to encouraging all cultural activities on the island.	11/30/2017 10:11 AM
12	Our shoreline parks are often dominated by ecotourism groups (kayaking), such that education and regulation needs to be put in place to limit pollution and impact on orcas. Private ecotourism groups should be paying for permits to use public access ways to shoreline, with these funds earmarked for conservation efforts.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
13	SJC Land bank need to actively manage property held in public trust. Management plans must be created and implemented for all properties. Long term sustainability, soil tilth, weed control, needs more transparency.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
14	yes, but I do believe that we the people that live here need access to beaches and sour lines, not just those that have the Money to own waterfront homes! we need more public tide lands and access!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
15	Organizations such as Kwiaht that really keep track of the local biology and are aware of island land use should be fully engaged in land use decisions.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
16	And make sure there’s money to stick to that. And don’t forget to provide for the Seattlites, they’re not going to stop coming. Help them spend their money to support our resources.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM

17	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
18	Waterfront owners are under assault to require shoreline access to obtain a Substantial Development Permit. This is a taking. Shoreline access when the property owner is compensated appropriately. The county should simply PURCHASE more waterfront property for access. This are the things that need our resources not carbon free non motorized eco friendly transportation.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
19	I think this is mostly true, but we should be very careful of infringing on private property rights. Our citizens should always take presidence over tourists.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
20	I agree with everything but the private property part. I recently lived in Scotland where there is 'right to roam' and was impressed. While I admit it is not realistic to introduce such a law here now I do not think that private citizens should own private use of beaches. It seems to me that the beach at least should be open to all.	11/29/2017 6:03 PM
21	Okay but seems sort of funky to place both creative expression encouragement and outdoor activity in the same paragraph with nothing to tie them together.	11/29/2017 5:04 PM
22	.....Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation AND PUBLIC ACCESS with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural AND CULTURAL limitations of each site.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
23	shoreline access	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
24	We need increased access to shorelines for public.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
25	Providing trails and shoreline access as part of planning should be done with caution	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
26	There is not enough public access to marine shorelines. More focus should be placed on educational resources such as libraries and less on frivolous entertainments.	11/29/2017 2:42 PM
27	Expand public ownership of parks lands. Preserve critical habitat in public ownership with perpetual conservation.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
28	There is some tension here between "well managed" and "natural limitations." Proper management (and investment) can allow an ecosystem to support much greater visitation. There are excellent examples in our national park system where sites that have much higher visitation today are also in much better ecological shape because that visitation is being well managed. We should not allow lack of management to damage our sites nor allow it to artificially limit who can enjoy those sites.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
29	I agree with the statement, mostly, but I don't think it is the county's responsibility to fund museums and theaters. Libraries, parks, and education, yes, but not museums and theaters. They are a secondary priority and can be privately funded or self-supporting. The county could do more to develop shoreline access and community boating facilities, such as shoreline picnic and kayak launch sites. Peaceful locations near village centers with water views, especially with walking trails, should be a priority, especially where they can do double duty as pedestrian and bicycle transportation connections.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
30	The county has a system of three public libraries, on Orcas, San Juan, and Lopez, but people from other, smaller islands are not allowed to use these county-funded libraries without paying an annual fee. Not fair.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
31	No comment.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
32	Agreed in concept: current lack of shoreline access is a disastrous result of our public state legislature selling off our State Birth Right. ALL Shorelines should revert to public ownership. As like Hawaii or Oregon.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
33	we need real work on this specifics - we fall pretty short on this here on Orcas	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
34	I like my parks and trails moderately managed. I prefer less signage and formality. We have very few truly wild places left, I would like them preserved as such and accessible to all islanders.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
35	We are both public park users and private land owners. We think the arrangement is working well so far. One of the most intrusive aspects of public recreation is noise.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
36	Care should be taken with regard to the impacts of high levels of tourism in some locations, such as Indian Island on Orcas Island.	11/28/2017 7:13 PM
37	Shoreline access is an issue	11/28/2017 6:47 PM

38	Natural limitation of each site should NOT preempt private property rights.	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
39	We have great libraries, museums, theatres, and so on. What we do not have is well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access. Too many people, too much trampling, too much ecosystem damage	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
40	Good	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
41	Recent action by the County Council and Land Bank surely did not follow these guidelines when a recent property purchase was conducted. So this is an empty statement. I do think the County does a good job at promoting/amaiintianing community centers and public parks,.	11/28/2017 5:13 PM
42	Too much private land in the hands of a few wealthy estates.	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
43	Sounds great but we need more public space. Why not ask for that? Also why is "where appropriate" in there? Sounds like a limitation, which discourages parks, etc. Also most islands need more public shoreline access.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
44	Limit access during bird breeding season, etc.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
45	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
46	This is a high priority to support trail easements, as is done in the Methow Valley and all over Europe. Connecting people, community and encouraging healthy sustainable tourism.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
47	Hope so.	11/28/2017 3:36 PM
48	Our public lands are being degraded by over use, especially during the summer months.	11/28/2017 3:18 PM
49	all shoreline should be public domain	11/28/2017 2:53 PM
50	The cultural amenities and trails are important to life here and have been greatly extended.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
51	Yes	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
52	No use of private roads for public	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
53	We need an area that allows recreational use of motorized vehicles. We are not diverse if we are only supporting cultural endeavors that are artistic and nature based. A significant portion of our population would like acceptable place to make some noise within reasonable limits.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
54	Protect our parks.	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
55	Over the years many absentee private property owners, have gobbled up land, and then made pass through walk abouts inaccessible to full time residents. Private property should not trump human basic rights or the rights of non-human beings. How about welcome signs and respect the land, instead of keep out and no trespassing? Did they ask those trees first if they could live there? Did they ask the coast salish people whose territories we're all living on? Let's at least be transparent about what we are speaking. Let's at least have the courtesy to trouble out loud those minority voices who still are not offered a seat at the table.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM
56	Protect and preserve, wetlands, critical marine and terrestrial wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors, including breeding grounds, resting and feeding areas for migratory birds, nursery areas and habitats of threatened, endangered and sensitive species. Include areas and habitats that can provide refuge for species that are vulnerable to climate change impacts like rising temperatures, and allow for migration of critical marine habitats as sea levels rise.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
57	change the end to: where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation without regard for the rights of private property owners but with regard for the natural limitations of each site.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
58	yes please.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
59	add ...the natural and CULTURAL limitations..	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
60	Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
61	Public access to marine and environments should be sought.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM

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63	We continue to create opportunities and preserve lands and shoreline for public use.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
64	I have adequate shoreline access .... I own it. But others should have better access, even if it infringes on my private property.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
65	Land Bank needs to make properties held in community trust accessible to all residents. More community farming on land bank parcels.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
66	"...the natural AND CULTURAL limitations of each site."	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
67	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
68	Agree, but again, why are these diverse subjects thrown into the same stew pot?	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
69	Orcas needs more shoreline access to the public. Obstruction, Crescent Beach, Judd Cove are not enough. Please have the land bank purchase more shoreline on Orcas. There also doesn't appear to be much at all on the west part of the island.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
70	Public access to salt water shoreline on Orcas is far too limited; the county should secure public access to the Orcas shoreline in many places not now accessible.	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
71	Many private property owners do not own as much as they think they do.	11/16/2017 8:37 PM
72	This is our island’s precise very definition.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
73	Sure wish we had more of our minority brothers and sisters around these parts.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
74	Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
75	I don't care about the rights of private property owners.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
76	Why the bone to the property rights gang?	11/15/2017 5:39 PM
77	Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
78	natural limitations?	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
79	Shores should be maintained as public... P.S. fuck Paul Allen	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
80	Promote revitalization of Native American communities who have ties to the islands. Invite them to share their culture with current residents and visitors... Seek justice, restoration of their relationships with the island ecosystems - economic, cultural, spiritual.	11/14/2017 9:04 PM
81	The Comminity Theatre is too expensive and only caters to the old and wealthy. Same with the IMA. Better use of rich people's money should go toward affordable housing projects. The public library is a bastion of America's democracy! Carter Fields is excessively grassy, which will require unnecessary amounts of watering and maintenance. Tennis courts at FHHS need resurfacing.	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
82	Agree. A lot.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
83	Do not believe there should be any private ownership of tidelands, beaches. It would be ideal to adopt policy like California and Hawai‘i that public access is required for all beaches	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
84	I am concerned about the latest directives at the Orcas Center. The center was built by the community, but it seems community theater is being discouraged by the new director.	11/14/2017 1:21 PM
85	"Well managed and financially supported parks, trails and shoreline access..."	11/14/2017 1:10 PM

86	Conservation of open space & the promotion of trail networks has preserved a lot of public access on SJI over the last few decades. Seeing this continue (rather than develop into a patchwork of deer-fenced feifdoms) is highly desired.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
87	More public lands mean spreading out impact. Do not limit access to these lands and "private property rights" mean keep people away from public land near me. Selfish is on the only way to describe that.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
88	the county should acquire every available access to the water for public use	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
89	More public beach access would be welcome	11/13/2017 6:18 PM
90	No big outdoor concerts. That's anything over 1000.	11/12/2017 1:09 PM
91	While keeping in mind every time we make land public, we take it off the tax rolls	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
92	We have everything but the trails and shoreline access. And please don't mess with the existing parks--we don't need plastic playgrounds.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
93	Good	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
94	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
95	There is so much emphasis on private property owners. What about the part where there could be shoreline for the people, not just millionaires. #publicbeachesonorcasplz	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
96	no comment	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
97	Please support these things. They make living here rich and wonderful.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
98	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
99	We need to ensure public access to beaches.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
100	Boring.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
101	More self congratulatory wishful thinking but a good goal.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
102	I would like to see included, a statement such as "...with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the integrity of the natural environment of each site."	11/7/2017 11:54 AM
103	We have plenty of public spaces and conserved land.	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
104	how the heck do you equate the last sentence with the first two sentences, not even close. county should provide parks trails recreation opportunities where right of way exists, building to the limit of the row or sell it back.	11/6/2017 2:52 PM
105	It's great to have so much private support for these cultural activities. They are certainly focal points, and we can hope that some of them will expand offerings over time as our population grows.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
106	There are so many local happenings that those who are financially challenged are unable to partake in. For the betterment of the people of the community, allow all to feel welcomed and able. Those who are challenged financially or otherwise are very limited in the ability to attend a lot of local events. We do not have anywhere else to go. There are missing resources, and barriers to, being able to fully participate in the community. There are a lot of things that cater to the "$", on the island, without regard for the locals who are not able. Try to remove barriers to allow everyone, $ or not, to be able to partake in key local happenings. This would make a huge impact on the health and livelihood of youth and families on our island.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
107	The devil is in the details. What does shoreline access where appropriate mean? Who decides appropriate? Lately the rights of private property owners are being ignored.	11/6/2017 12:20 PM
108	Funding must be sustained to provide ongoing maintenance of these facilities.	11/6/2017 10:38 AM
109	we need to rethink the concept of private tidelands, which was originally created to protect aquaculture and harvesting of shellfish but is now just used to let rich folks exclude people from their unused private beaches.	11/6/2017 7:42 AM
110	Remove: "both the rights of private property owners and"	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
111	Only those with the cash can enjoy most of those. SJ Community Theatre is a joke now. Working stiffs can't afford it, just like the other entertainment venues.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
112	Again, suspicious. How much more money do you want?	11/5/2017 7:22 PM

113	what??	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
114	Shorelines need to be protected but also balanced with greater public access.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
115	Drop “private”.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
116	Islanders NOT tourists.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
117	... i would like to see at least voluntary easements or claims on the right of way to help cyclists and pedestrians on our "auto only" roads.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
118	Not enough access to views and beaches. Property rights must change to stop hogging the shorelines way from the population at large.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
119	As a rule, I much prefer private destinations and venues. Society should foster private development over government, where ever it can.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
120	Road ends need to be reclaimed from private property owners intrusion	11/4/2017 9:00 AM
121	Great amenities here for sure. Admirable efforts. I thank our lucky stars for the gift that keeps on giving us public places...The Land Bank! County parks should be expanded and need more fiscal support. If you don't think so just visit County Park on the westside some summer afternoon!	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
122	The statement covers two completely distinct interests, and they cannot be combined. Cultural facilities have nothing to do with shoreline access, etc.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
123	Seems like good goals.	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
124	Should mention Land Bank Preserves and San Juan Preservation Trust protected areas as legacy areas that support culture and environment.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
125	This could be divided into two policy statements. Separate between "...support." and "Well managed..."	11/3/2017 6:26 AM
126	no	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
127	Key to access on parks and natural areas is to monitor impacts of access and support funding for measures to protect landscapes form over use	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
128	We already have plenty of State and Federal Parks to compliment our county parks. The community library should be placed on the school campus to avoid duplication of costs and the museums and theaters are better managed as stand alone non-profits. The county should avoid trying to add any additional services as they do so very inefficiently.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
129	Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders, not tourists, with recreation with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural limitations of each site.	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
130	Who does the management? Property owners or the public. Too often a piece of public land is managed but an adjacent piece of property is allowed to deteriorate by the owner.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
131	Major potential improvements to the enjoyment of our shared environmental heritage, like a west side trail connector between county park and Lime Kiln SP, are inappropriately held up by concerns of a few property owners	11/2/2017 1:32 PM
132	With over 50% of the land mass in San Juan County being in something other than full taxation, there is more than enough land set aside for public use.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
133	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
134	The County should recognize all parts of the beach between the vegetation line and the mean low tide line are subject to the public's right of ingress and egress regardless of private ownership where the public has acquired a right through prescription, dedication, or continuous right. Moreover, the County should recognize the public's right of access to tidelands and shorelands regardless of private ownership of tidelands. If necessary, the County should use its power of eminent domain to ensure public access and right-of-way to all tidelands.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
135	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
136	More funds for parks - too many visitors.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
137	Include access to school facilities in this	11/2/2017 10:14 AM

138	Once again, an interesting philosophical statement, but what would you expect the County to do with it. We are blessed with both philanthropists and creative talent that give generously of their time to create an energetic arts and culture environment, more or less optimized for the local communities. I don't know if I would try to do anything to something that already seems to work.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
139	All this operates pretty much already. We really need to do the road end beach access.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
140	If only local arts organizations could afford the Orcas Center!!! SJI has a nice relationship between community and performing arts center . Why don't we? Why does the school and other groups still get charged hundreds of dollars to use a community facility? Sad.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
141	Yes.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

Q45 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:Our community is enriched by a strong sense of identity, tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present freely mingle. We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage the preservation of that heritage. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all.

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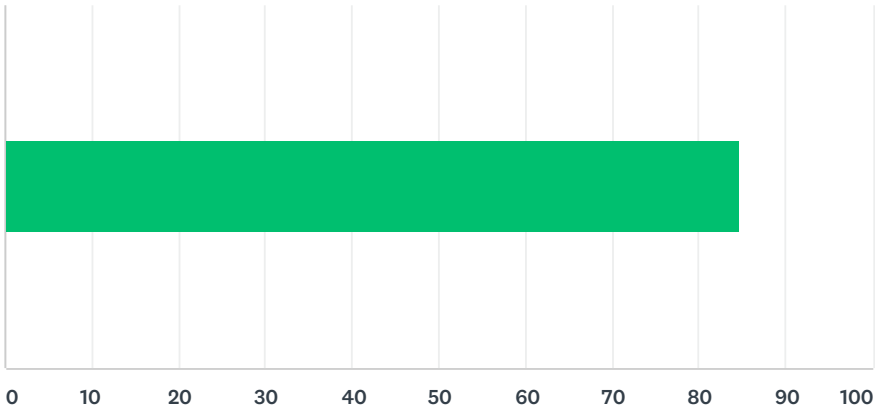

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	85	43,978	519

Total Respondents: 519

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2	98	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	64	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	100	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	100	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	75	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	100	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	65	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	50	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	90	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM
15	59	11/30/2017 8:56 PM

Q46 Comments?

Answered: 136 Skipped: 424

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Would add: and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
2	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support the revitalization of rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry.	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
3	Some suggested edits: "Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. . We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry."	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
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5	Support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing ad forestry	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
6	To the last sentence add the word "landscapes," after 'historic sites,'	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
7	.. and for the EDUCATION of all. It is only through continuing to learn about our past that we can responsibly move forward to a future that continues to respect the deep cultural values that identify this place.	11/30/2017 6:48 PM
8	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. . We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry..	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
9	I think we should include specific mention of cooperation with current Native governments and organizations, particularly the Lummi Nation, since they are county landowners, holders of some unique civil authority, and the inheritors of the longest historical tradition in the county.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
10	There are a bunch of Native Americans living in the islands, but their presence is not much noticed. Is there a way to bring them forward and acknowledge what they can bring to our culture?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
11	However, there don't appear to be any funding sources available to actually implement preservation ideals. Everyone is asking everyone for grants, if this is actually important and a priority - there should be funding set aside for preservation efforts, because they are not cheap!	11/30/2017 12:33 PM
12	We should get credit ($) for preserving historical structures. People should not build in a traditional view (pastoral).	11/30/2017 10:38 AM

13	Preserve heritage though policy that promotes small scale, value added, sustainable agriculture.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
14	Fishing for Chinook salmon should be illegal. Period.	11/30/2017 8:09 AM
15	Who decides what is an historical site? An old fence or old dead orchard?	11/30/2017 6:24 AM
16	we should encourage those still holding on to the native American ways and traditions to be able to feel supported and encouraged.	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
17	Make that “preservation and awareness of” that heritage. Saving is one thing. Building stewardship is another.	11/29/2017 11:37 PM
18	We delude ourselves into not recognizing that what are presently doing in this area could and should be 45% more effective by adding the art and science of Organic Psychology to it. www.ProjectNatureConnect.com 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
19	Preservation of significant historical sites. The entire county is a historical site.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
20	Until "Historic sites" are defined this could be interpreted to mean nothing can be changed. No tree taken down no new buildings etc. Take this statement out.	11/29/2017 6:45 PM
21	I'm not sure indigenous peoples would agree with that statement. Efforts only began about 15 years ago and inclusiveness, acknowledgment, and preservation needs to increase.	11/29/2017 5:45 PM
22	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present CULTURES ARE HONORED. We RESPECTFULLY recognize the MANY contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES THAT HONOR THE PRESERVATION OF THOSE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES' HERITAGE. WE ENGAGE IN AND INVITE RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE TO INFORM DECISION MAKING THAT REFLECTS DIVERSE CULTURAL VALUES AND TRADITIONS. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT REFLECT AND ADVANCE RURAL TRADITIONS SUCH AS FARMING, FISHING AND FORESTRY.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
23	doing more to promote the native american istory	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
24	More emphasis on indigenous history and acknowledgment.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
25	Support native events, community gatherings, alternative holidays.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
26	I would add something about education and interpretation of that history and those traditions.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
27	Yes, and careful consideration should be put into interpretive materials that present our heritage with an appropriate level of self-awareness and moral complexity.	11/29/2017 1:09 PM
28	We could do better here especially with regards to the Indigenous populations that inhabited the area before Europeans arrived. Their heritage is barely noticeable in the islands.	11/29/2017 12:52 PM
29	This sentiment comes and goes. I wish it were consistently true and consistently applied.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
30	Historic sites should be purchased and set aside as parks.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
31	It's a nice sounding statement but not sure how if brakes down into regulatory policies	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
32	Encourage more archeological exploration and identification of sites both Native American and pioneer	11/28/2017 10:13 PM
33	we fail miserably	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
34	Yes, unless that means digging up the land in order to determine there is something there to preserve--like the proposed Iceberg project.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
35	Preservation and appreciation of these sites should be made a part of marketing program for any property where historic resources are known to exist.	11/28/2017 8:00 PM
36	yep	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
37	A worthy goal. I think the historical and indigenous peoples stories need to be explored and shared with both the residents and visitors to the Islands	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
38	We need to do more to encourage a mutually reciprocal relationship with Lummi/Salish sea nations	11/28/2017 4:54 PM
39	Is this useful? Another section that pleases everyone by saying little.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM

40	Your history is the basis for your culture.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
41	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
42	This doesn't mean we bow to the old island families based on their last names (as we often seem to do, particularly on San Juan Island). Instead it means we honor the land we've inherited, including, when appropriate based on their merits, the people that came before us.	11/28/2017 1:26 PM
43	unless the indigenous communities do not want their sites, structures, and traditions enjoyed by all...it should be up to them.	11/28/2017 12:12 PM
44	Must protect since once lost it is GONE.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
45	More cultural connections. Kiosks and cultural centers	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
46	Some more than others	11/28/2017 11:29 AM
47	For me personally, historic preservation is not nearly as important as natural ecosystem preservation.	11/28/2017 11:10 AM
48	add to the end: and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming fishing and forestry.	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
49	especially indigenous people, they have been ignored in our history in favor of "pioneers."	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
50	Need a stronger recognition of the role and rights of Native Americans and the repeated attempts to dilute and erase that history.	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
51	..AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT REFLECT AND ADVANCE RURAL TRADITIONS SUCE AS FARMING, FISHING AND FORESTRY.	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
52	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. . We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
53	We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry..	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
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55	Super Important: More structures in the National Registry;More Land Bank, Historic preservation easements like the Tharald Homestead; Many barns and other structures are now in the "antique/historic" category...50 yrs or more. Kudos to the "100 Barns" project developers, Boyd P. & Sandy S.	11/23/2017 6:28 PM
56	I have been surprised that there really is very little recognition of the Coast Salish people that once lived in these islands. Why is there so little?	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
57	Soudns great. I just don't know how this "guides" us.	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
58	and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as value added farm production, farm stays and agro-tourism.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
59	We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all AND SUPPORT ACITIVITIES THAT REFLECT AND ADVANCE RURAL TRADITIONS SUCH AS FARMING, FISHING AND FORESTRY.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
60	Even if it is at the expense of property owners!!!!	11/21/2017 4:20 PM

61	This requires careful balance of all interests, not just indigenous peoples and island pioneers who too often feel they have superior rights to current landowners.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
62	I'd love to see us truly act on this with a Coast Salish cultural center in the islands.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
63	Does "island pioneers" refer to white settlers? "Pioneers" seems like a misnomer since white people weren't here first. They also weren't coming to a "wilderness" since it was already inhabited by humans. Perhaps it would be more culturally sensitive and accurate to refer to "island pioneers" as European-American settlers or something along those lines.	11/17/2017 3:40 PM
64	Would like to see more emphasis on identity, tradtion, legacy and continuity of indigenous peoples, over those of explorers and pioneers.	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
65	It would be wonderful to have more public knowledge of the indigenous native cultures. Placards in parks acknowledging our part in destroying these communities, as well as how we can work harmoniously together now (First Peoples joining protests against Kinder Morgan pipeline, etc).	11/16/2017 10:38 PM
66	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
67	What's yours is not everyone else's.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
68	Huh? I can’t even walk Madrona Point! Not even on a selected day with appropriate monitoring! So much for your pompous laudation of “full enjoyment” of “historic sites. . . and traditions.” Get real!	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
69	I've seen a lot of sites commemorating the white man's history here. And sure, there's the indigenous NW art. But only a very limited view of the indigenous cultures that were here for hundred of years before us. And only a VERY limited allowance for those who wish to keep these heritages alive, in practice.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
70	[When people native to these islands feel unwelcome, there is much work to be done by the current residents.] Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all. We support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry, as well as TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE and the land tending practices encompassed.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
71	English Camp, should be changed into Coast Salish Native American Camp. please! It is so sad, that we honor the people who came and destroyed the first nations people here, when shell midden coats the beach and a deeper and more beautiful history lays within that area. I am grateful for the totem pole, but the name of the camp really should be changed.	11/16/2017 10:14 AM
72	We are also a place of continuous immigration, most of us were not born here and we recognize that newcomers can add vital elements to our traditions.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM
73	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects various cultural values and traditions. We encourage conservation of historic sites, structures, and cultures for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing, and forestry.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
74	The presence and history of indigenous peoples in the islands is poorly represented here. We need recognize the first inhabitants, both seasonal and year round, and provide more in depth and accessible education about that history. That there is so little land for those tribes to gather is a sad thing and a loss for our community and theirs. Support for solutions to this would be an important step in the direction of making a small adjustment to the wrongs against indigenous peoples.	11/15/2017 10:23 AM
75	Always try to hold space for that	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
76	Respect indigenous traditions and Native rights to privacy. Acknowledge the holocaust of indigenous peoples. Seek to learn and incorporate surviving indigenous eco-appropriate ways of living, while respecting indigenous agency in any cultural sharing.	11/14/2017 9:04 PM

77	What indigenous people?	11/14/2017 7:48 PM
78	We need more of this... I would like to see more indigenous on committees and given leadership roles in our communities.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
79	Works both ways. Advantage to the indigenous who are protected by federal government regulation.	11/14/2017 3:27 PM
80	Everything has a cultural tie. Much of our heritage has already been destroyed by our own government. What does this mean if there is no funding or support by elected/paid officials?	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
81	Agree with preservation. However, our only tradition is acting like a bunch of high school idiots who think they know everything.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
82	Little recognition of idigenous peoples history on the islands	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
83	recommend being more specific than 'encourage preservation' - what options are there? For instance, there are various grants to pursue, plus requirements for preservation under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Antiquities Act, etc...	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
84	"encourage education and activities that honor and preserve that heritage. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures and traditional activities for the enjoyment and education of all.	11/14/2017 1:10 PM
85	I'm curious where preservation encounters obstacles or objections in SJC...	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
86	How about we focus on indigenous history, and encourage more contemporary indigenous presence here? I think we've pretty much covered the Pig War...	11/14/2017 9:06 AM
87	Good. More info on the indigenous peoples are needed.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
88	let's pay rent to the Lummi's. It is their land!	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
89	Sounds good, but I don't see this happening much in practice. I would enjoy getting more information about the native people who lived here before so-called "civilized" settlers came, as well as more information about the early history of the island after the English-speaking settlers arrived. An expanded museum would be really nice. Lots of towns around the country have interesting, well-designed museums that showcase their history.	11/13/2017 7:32 PM
90	Beyond preservation, I would like to see interactive educational exhibits about indigenous life from history and events with the present.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
91	Not sure what this has to do with planning and land use.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
92	It is more than "enjoyment" it is the education of all.	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
93	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
94	preservation of cultural and historic areas are very important	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
95	Maybe we should mention that our islands are unceded territory for the Coast Salish people.	11/8/2017 10:54 PM
96	Useless and inaccurate feel-good language. I've seen a lot of planning documents, and none of the good ones had this type of empty verbosity.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
97	Let's amplify the piece about Native People's, that's who's history is the most ignored, and who has suffered and had their land stolen at the hands of explorers and pioneers. It would be cool to have something in the plan acknowledging the tribes who's lands we live on.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM
98	no comment	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
99	How? This really needs definition	11/8/2017 10:02 AM
100	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
101	Part of the tourist draw is our quaintness. It's too bad that the Town of Friday Harbor doesn't have better architecture standards. Structures like Churchill Square, Friday Harbor House, and Missy Todd's hotel are just ugly and don't fit with the old-fashioned feel of the town.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
102	Can we count historic sites on one hand...?	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
103	How do we encourage the preservation of the heritage of indigenous peoples? As far as most islanders are concerned, knowledge of our local history and traditions starts when the first white settlers arrived. We definitely need to expand our sense of history to the centuries before that!	11/7/2017 11:54 AM

104	If indigenous	11/6/2017 7:54 PM
105	Not so much anymore. Maybe back in the 90s.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
106	replace "enjoyment" with "appreciation" in last sentence	11/5/2017 9:30 PM
107	Maybe some sense of perspective, informed by the past will prevail. We are standing on the shoulder of giants.....	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
108	compound statements disintegrate	11/5/2017 2:37 PM
109	Historic preservation is a must if you want to retain the island ambiance. Support the museums, old barns and houses.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
110	Having the tribal canoe journey stop on the islands is an important acknowledgement of the special rights and role of this community. We should do more to foster a complete understanding of the history of the islands that extends further back in time than the appearance of the Europeans	11/4/2017 5:19 PM
111	... and are willing to pay for it.	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
112	The county should do more to support cultural interpretation.	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
113	I am less committed to history and more to what is actually beautiful. When a "historic" structure hides the view from town, it should be demolished for the sake of beauty here and now.	11/4/2017 12:11 PM
114	Within reason. I like the last sentence "...for the enjoyment of all." Don't create false preservation based on a very small groups emotional biases.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
115	Preservation of identifiable and critical historical resources is important. Preservation of shell midden is idiocy.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
116	I would add "future" to "past and present."	11/3/2017 5:06 PM
117	again, money is the bottleneck	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
118	more support of local museums should come from the lodging tax.	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
119	Meaningless drivel.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
120	More info/preservation of native cultures would be welcomed.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
121	we need more education on the indigenous history and uses. more funding to welcome the native people to our/their lands - such as the cacao journeys	11/2/2017 3:50 PM
122	Most newcomers remain clueless regarding our culture and heritage. They really don't want to know. They really do not want to be part of the established community.	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
123	a blend of the past, present and future-and that is always changing	11/2/2017 2:42 PM
124	Greater effort is needed to recognize and teach (vs. preservation of) indigenous contributions as well as those of pioneers.	11/2/2017 2:41 PM
125	History and heritage is important not just for the present but also for future generations.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
126	While it is nice to think that we are still a part of the psst, it is the 21st Century and time to move on.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
127	no	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
128	By this point in the survey... exhaustion is creeping in	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
129	yes	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
130	More recognition and relations with coast salish people.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
131	What about Madrona Point?	11/2/2017 11:21 AM
132	Need more public signage and acknowledgement of hisotry and contributions of indigenous people. The city of Everett has done a beautiful job of this. I have photos of signage if needed.	11/2/2017 10:14 AM
133	Absolutely! We are an amalgam of people and history marked by the crossroads that the islands have played throughout history. Having a national historic park is a great example of cherishing that history. But there is so much more — not only within the San Juan Islands, but also with the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, etc. We should take every opportunity to celebrate our colorful past.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM

134	Voluntarily.	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
135	I wish this to be more true than it is today. Good goal.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
136	I think this sentence - "We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage the preservation of that heritage," needs to change to: "We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and we expect (NOT encourage) the preservation of that heritage.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM

Q47 The statement below is adequate to guide the County through 2036:We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner.

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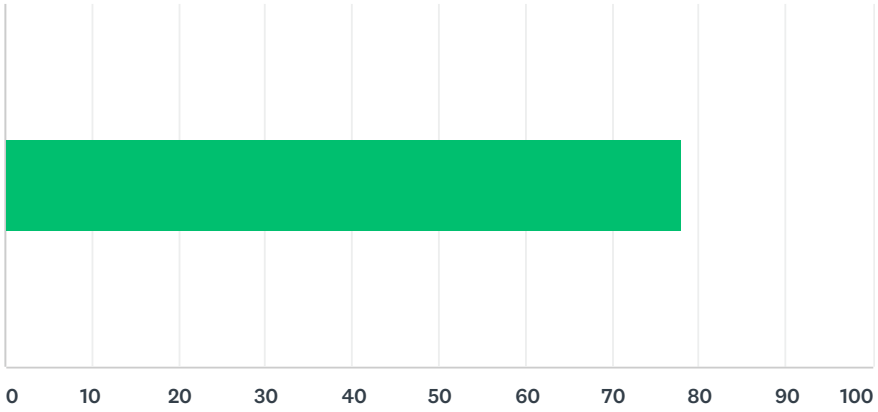

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	78	40,152	514

Total Respondents: 514

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1	50	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	96	12/1/2017 10:33 AM
3	100	12/1/2017 10:03 AM
4	91	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
5	100	12/1/2017 9:48 AM
6	49	12/1/2017 7:47 AM
7	90	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
8	85	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
9	75	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
10	81	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
11	51	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
12	100	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
13	76	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
14	100	11/30/2017 9:01 PM

Q48 Comments?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 397

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We are or we should be?	12/1/2017 12:30 PM
2	Would add "inter-dependent" resourceful nature of its citizens and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Thank you for considering our communities views and concerns.	11/30/2017 11:14 PM
3	After "self-reliant nature of its citizens" change period to a comma and add "honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life."	11/30/2017 11:01 PM
4	Change self-reliant to . . . inter-dependent, resourceful . . . and add wording that we seek solutions that will sustain our uniques rural island way of life.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
5	Some suggested edits: "We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, provide services where there is a need, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, transparent, accountable and perform in a timely manner. "	11/30/2017 10:39 PM
6	We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner	11/30/2017 9:51 PM
7	It seems this statement could be more explicit about seeking early and meaningful public input on matters of public concern. One such action would have been to create a citizen committee to lead the process for recommending changes to the vision statement to the county, in the same manner that the 1998 vision statement was crafted. That way it would really have given the year-round residents a chance to imagine what our community can become at its best and cature the future vision needs and wants of county resident.s come from the citizens of the county. This idea was also brought up at the Oct. 2 Workshop on San Juan Island by an eloquent gentleman who had been on committee that crafted the 1998 vision statement. Island. It isn't too late to create a citizen's committe to recommend Comp Plan goals and policies and development regulations to guide the next 20 years of growth in the county. Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey, this is a very important process. I look forward to continuing to participate in shaping the county's vision, goals, policies and regulations that will guide the community for the next 20 years	11/30/2017 9:23 PM
8	save money: no new cop vehicles and weapons (the ones they have should last for a long time!) and fix the public works' problem of "use it or lose it" funding	11/30/2017 6:55 PM
9	We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
10	Exactly what we need. Can we export these values as well?	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
11	Compared to the wider world our local government is doing pretty well.	11/30/2017 1:56 PM
12	When I first came here in 1989, I was struck by the good-ol-boy method of governance. You had to know somebody. You had to take part in Gordy Peterson's poker games. Has this changed?	11/30/2017 1:54 PM
13	How is this land use planning related?	11/30/2017 12:33 PM

14	Land Bank needs overhaul, lacks prudent and transparent management of lands held in public trust.	11/30/2017 9:02 AM
15	Yes, but what needs to be supported and taken into consideration are the island communities that have worked together to hold a vision of what island life should be. we need a voice, so thank you for this survey! communication is KEY! for example...we, on lopez, fought for years to not have our island run with cell towers, and then one day they just started to go up? how are those decisions made? why do we not have a say, once things like this are done it is nearly impossible to go back! we need to walk with INTEGRITY!	11/30/2017 2:06 AM
16	A worthy statement , complicated by the fact that the islands are all very different and have wildly divergent opinions.	11/29/2017 11:38 PM
17	What we do locally on the Islands, is being done on a sinking ship with respect to the life of Nature/Earth. We are not doing what we easily and best could contribute to repairing the hole, rather we tend to increase it. The life of our Planet is increasingly in deficit and since we share that life, its demise adversely effects everything we do. Things go better with Nature. To our loss, this past year we went out of Nature/Earth balance and further into our personal, social and environmental miseries on August 2, 2017. Our present way of life is 45% bankrupt and it denies rather than addresses this issue. By supporting recreational tourism that revitalizes our visitors' excessively destructive socialization and attachments we are increasing rather than remedying the misery of Earth Overshoot. This will catch up with us shortly for with respect to the life of Nature and its optimums of harmonic purity and beauty, there is no substitute for the real thing. Learning how to consciously tap into and enjoy the 54 sense, organic wisdom of our planet's life in our local natural areas improves our relationships with the natural world and each other. It is re-creation via recreation. The fact that we can easily accomplish this and teach it to others and are not meeting this responsibility is an overlooked Earth Misery factor that secretly pollutes and degrades each of the 25 categories in this survey. What we are locally achieving is being unnecessarily and unethically accomplished at a loss of life to people, places and things. We could instead have our economy help bring the world into balance and sanity while bettering ourselves in the process. See www.ProjectNatureConnect.com or www.SaneEarth.com for details or contact me at 360-378-6313.	11/29/2017 10:40 PM
18	The more self government the better.	11/29/2017 10:33 PM
19	The unfair influence to our process of governance by groups like The Friends of the San Juans is unacceptable. Groups like this lobby our government yet do not comply with disclosure laws set forth in state and federal law. The consumer protection act in Washington State was created to protect citizens from groups who use charity as a weapon for personal gain. The county turning a blind eye to these blatant violations is not fair, ethical, impartial or responsive to the many citizens who are a target of such groups.	11/29/2017 7:35 PM
20	Thank you to all who are involved in this project-- it is vital!	11/29/2017 7:18 PM
21	This is very idealistic. Given human nature, I'm not sure this is always the case.	11/29/2017 7:15 PM
22	Hope!	11/29/2017 6:41 PM
23	.....We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the INTERDEPENDENT, RESOURCEFUL nature of its citizens, HONORS OUR UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE, AND SEEKS SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SUSTAIN OUR UNIQUE RURAL WAY OF LIFE.	11/29/2017 4:50 PM
24	the planning/building office has had some problems	11/29/2017 4:35 PM
25	Good statement, as long as county politicians do not sell out to the donor class and protect profits of special interests.	11/29/2017 4:23 PM
26	I work in government on the island and tend to feel that there are some much needed changes and work ahead for the County as many retire. There is also a need to have more fiscal accountability for the County.	11/29/2017 4:19 PM
27	How are we kept informed? New and interesting ways?	11/29/2017 3:15 PM
28	We should add something about benefiting the entire community.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
29	Civics and government, including county, state and federal, should be subjects taught in San Juan Co Schools as well as political history on the international and regional level.	11/29/2017 12:52 PM

30	There are some informed citizens and some competent, well-meaning public servants. There are also selfish, ignorant, and dishonest citizens and public servants.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
31	No comment.	11/29/2017 9:39 AM
32	One would hope so.	11/29/2017 8:23 AM
33	Last sentence above: perform in a timely And Transparent manner.	11/28/2017 10:35 PM
34	we have work to do	11/28/2017 10:00 PM
35	We are run by corporations, and county, state, and federal governments, that do what they see fit, to maintain public opinion, for business purposes. All this sounds nice, and inclusive, but in the end, we the people, do not make the decisions.	11/28/2017 8:52 PM
36	Definitely a worth-while goal.	11/28/2017 8:25 PM
37	Council members have repeatedly acted in their own self-interests against the interests of the community and the economy in recent years i.e. Bob Jarman's attacking of marijuana grow operations because there was one in his property's view.	11/28/2017 7:20 PM
38	Have attended local hearing in the past where a rude County commissioner was strongly biased against input from Property owners	11/28/2017 6:09 PM
39	I hope this is true	11/28/2017 6:04 PM
40	Our government is too pro tourism and too pro building construction anywhere in the islands.	11/28/2017 5:28 PM
41	A worthy goal. I think however both the citizens of the Islands and those governing can do a better job of investing time and energy into our Island's future. I speak for myself as well as for others.	11/28/2017 5:22 PM
42	Not a perfect system but good work in progress	11/28/2017 5:00 PM
43	"Equally represented?" What does that mean? Good to be aspirational but the assertion here seems to fall short of the reality. We are all human and we mess up regularly. I'd find this more compelling if it were written to say that this is what we want, not what is.	11/28/2017 4:33 PM
44	And use transparent processes.	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
45	None	11/28/2017 4:01 PM
46	We do a much better job than most places. We are lucky to live here.	11/28/2017 3:43 PM
47	Could be better but has been worse at times.	11/28/2017 12:19 PM
48	It sounds good and if truly practiced, it would serve us well.	11/28/2017 12:06 PM
49	That’s how it should be	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
50	Some of us are misinformed.	11/28/2017 12:01 PM
51	Data is needed to make good decisions	11/28/2017 11:33 AM
52	We are humans, and more specifically "American" humans..... long way to go here..... 'nuff said.	11/28/2017 11:29 AM
53	Yes to the self-governance of informed citizens. I would like to ask our county council folks to take a note on leadership from former president of Uruguay, Jose Mujica- who did not buy himself a brand new prius to prove how environmentally friendly he was, did not forget to tip his staff when eating out at a local eatery claiming elite status due to county council status, and gave away most of his salary back to his people. Part of the reason he did this was so he could remember what it was like to be human- which for most folks on planet earth right now, is life in poverty, of which the islands are not exempt from. A current myth about the islands I have found is one of cultural elitism, veiled in the rhetoric of progressive politics, where no one actually ever has to put them self out, or make themselves truly uncomfortable. I love the islands, but some willingness to see our privilege and white bias needs to be a the center of any work we do.	11/27/2017 10:41 PM

54	Support and implement climate pledges and commitments undertaken by the City and other multi-jurisdictional efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate change, sealevel rise, ocean acidification and other impacts of changing global conditions. Facilitate the improvement and convenience of low carbon mass transit and increased carsharing, cycling, walking and the development of alternative vehicle infrastructure (e.g., charging stations) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Strive for reduced greenhouse gas emissions by, among other actions, integrating climate change into the city planning process, including land use and transportation planning and management, and making climate change considerations and meeting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals a component of city decision making. Establish benchmarks, metrics and targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, assess current conditions and progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal, commercial, residential and transportation-related land uses, projects and programs.	11/27/2017 10:40 PM
55	add something about the elected officials and government "seeks solutions" "and compromises" to support the values above...	11/27/2017 8:59 PM
56	hopefully.	11/27/2017 7:46 PM
57	I think getting rid of commissioners and having a county council has been a good thing.	11/26/2017 11:13 PM
58	What does "which recognizes the independent and self reliant nature of its citizens" mean? Responsibility versus costs? Should we be less responsible because it costs more? How much harm can we "afford" before the action or inaction becomes irresponsible?	11/26/2017 3:55 PM
59	...AND SEEKS SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SUSTAIN OUR UNIQUE RURAL WAY OF LIFE.	11/25/2017 9:26 AM
60	We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner.	11/24/2017 7:13 PM
61	Our county leaders honor our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seek solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance ENVIRONMENTAL responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner. Our elected officials listen to the majority of citizens in the decision making process.	11/24/2017 3:05 PM
62	Our community is enriched by a strong sense of tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present cultures are honored. . We respectfully recognize the many contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers, and encourage education and activities that honor the preservation of those diverse perspectives heritage. We engage in and invite respectful dialogue to inform decision making that reflects diverse cultural values and traditions. We encourage preservation of historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as farming, fishing and forestry..	11/24/2017 12:29 PM
63	Our representatives are transparent in their public representation, they listen and respond to the public representatives that serve on public committees.	11/24/2017 11:01 AM
64	I wish this were true. The reality is that a few spwcial interest have an outsized influence on government at the expense of the average citizen.	11/24/2017 10:44 AM
65	Seems ideal, ensuring that this happens is important for the county to consider. f	11/23/2017 1:52 PM
66	"We are self-governed by informed citizens." Are you kidding? Well informed, not a chance. We need to tax more for education and environment and ecological preservation and improvement	11/22/2017 10:29 PM
67	The conflation of "we" being constituted by agreement with County governance is laughable. Most of "us" are here and remain here in spite of the now over 20 years old infection of VERY POOR local governance. The only meaningful change since 1996 is that planning and development functions now find vastly larger numbers of (relatively highly paid) bureaucrats, and the state department of ecology's bureaucrats now take an active (and inappropriate) role in the affairs of San Juan county.	11/22/2017 2:38 PM
68	add: honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM

69	"We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner, which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens AND SEEKS SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SUSTAIN OUR UNIQUE RURAL WAY OF LIFE.	11/22/2017 12:07 PM
70	And, about the Waldron County Dock?	11/22/2017 11:46 AM
71	No	11/21/2017 4:20 PM
72	Less government, and fewer net tax receivers.	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
73	Sounds lofty and altruistic. In practice, even elected and other government personnel all operate from the standpoint of self-interest. Working should say we STRIVE for these goals, not assume that we actually practice them.	11/21/2017 10:56 AM
74	Our elected officials need to do more than recognize the "independent, self-reliant nature of it's citizens" - they also need to be responsive to our communitarian desires and collectives. Otherwise, this statement is strong.	11/19/2017 3:01 PM
75	Whoa, wait a minute! If this is the end, this vision statement says nothing about population growth, buildout limits, distinctions between rural and village areas, all essential subjects of the Comp Plan.	11/18/2017 6:54 PM
76	We need to become part of Cascadia!!!	11/17/2017 12:14 PM
77	The current comp plan is not transparent in that the appendix is about 63 pages and hard for a layperson to understand. The public needs to understand the population if the full build of the current comp plan is reached. Is is really upwards of 90,000 and currently 16-17,000? The county should be transparent and display this data. Then the residents can be allowed the opportunity to help solve this problem which will ruin the character of the islands. Maybe the people would want to put more money towards conserving more large swaths of land to prevent a future no one wants. But, the public can't solve a problem with the county unless the county makes the problem fully transparent.	11/17/2017 3:48 AM
78	allow public campaign financing only	11/16/2017 9:42 PM
79	none	11/16/2017 7:13 PM
80	Sounds good. Hope it's true.	11/16/2017 6:08 PM
81	And we were all born yesterday.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
82	Perhaps our best-deserved attribute.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
83	I have never felt that enough information was available to me, ever, to consider myself to be a politically informed citizen. I keep hoping someone will invent a new "platform" in which concerned citizens can constructively engage in thoughtful discussions about community issues. Don't know, myself, what such a platform would look like, but it must definitely look more like a tree and less like a "rant and rave" website.	11/16/2017 2:31 PM
84	The public needs to be educated in many areas so that they understand completely what they are doing to themselves and the environment. Agriculture is something the people cannot live without. This needs to be promoted more thoroughly and aided more with money for grants for farmers getting started and any educational information that is available. Just to farm takes much more time and energy than people are aware, so having to search for information can easily be beyond the farmers time and energy. Education is so very important if we want to try to hang onto what we have had in the past and keep our environment as safe as we possibly can.	11/16/2017 2:12 PM
85	We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform in a timely manner. FOLLOWING THE MODEL OF THE IROQUOIS NATION, THE LONGEST LIVING DEMOCRACY ON THE PLANET, WE HAVE A COUNCIL OF GRANDMOTHERS WHOSE SOLE CHARGE IS TO ASCERTAIN AND TEND TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS.	11/16/2017 10:28 AM
86	We should have direct citizen governance on a liquid democracy model, this is a small enough place that we can all get together and talk when we need to.	11/15/2017 7:36 PM

87	If only that were true. We need more self governing, community based leadership.	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
88	We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape, and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service-oriented, and perform promptly.	11/15/2017 10:30 AM
89	Equally represented? Did you just give the "Dave Dehlendorf's" equal power? Yikes!!!!	11/15/2017 9:55 AM
90	Not sure... going to feel out that realm from here on out.	11/15/2017 7:54 AM
91	Not enough	11/14/2017 9:04 PM
92	Nope, what happened during the transition of the clinic is an example of how people lost their sense of community. Not always do we balance responsibility with anything else.... there is that segment who is out for power and position.	11/14/2017 6:53 PM
93	a requirement of government at all levels.	11/14/2017 2:35 PM
94	They don't completely suck, if that's what you're asking... But it takes a special kind of person to work in government... rarely are they in it for moral and justice for all reasons.	11/14/2017 2:26 PM
95	Our county services have been whittled away by budget cuts leading to under staffing. County positions will be hard to fill because they the pay scale is low in comparison to the cost of living here	11/14/2017 2:23 PM
96	Recommend adding transparency, and thorough scoping of public via SEPA, NEPA, County Regs, etc...	11/14/2017 1:58 PM
97	Strongly disagree, with the timely manner, need housing and bike lanes 20 years ago and still waiting.	11/14/2017 12:56 PM
98	The pattern of SJC & FH town council holding "open to public comment" sessions @ 9am is rather insincere. Please move these to evenings, or have one of each availalbe.	11/14/2017 10:55 AM
99	Needs something about cooperation and taking care of each other. "self reliant and independent" are good only so far, but a healthy culture takes care of their most needed and unable.	11/14/2017 7:03 AM
100	our road department is overfunded	11/13/2017 10:06 PM
101	In theory, yes. In reality? Not so much.	11/13/2017 9:49 AM
102	Our building and planning departments are shameful. The amount of time it takes to get a permit is one of the slowest in the state, the costs steadily rise and service diminishes. Not what I would consider doing their jobs efficiently.	11/12/2017 6:02 PM
103	we can only hope...	11/12/2017 7:14 AM
104	Shaw and Waldron should both have county council seats.	11/11/2017 10:49 PM
105	Aspirational, not particularly Comp Plan material, BUT we could use a lot more data in the county. We have no performance measures or even comparative data.	11/11/2017 4:54 PM
106	GOOD LUCK AND GOOD NIGHT	11/10/2017 10:11 PM
107	given our unique geography, our government is remote to us on Orcas. i believe we need local leadership on the island. incorporate Eastsound as a town with a mayor perhaps?	11/10/2017 8:18 PM
108	none	11/10/2017 6:54 PM
109	the county is not adequately staffed to oversee appropriately the level of activity that currently occurs. They need more staff now to grow in the future.	11/9/2017 1:13 PM
110	Sigh. Really? Totally wrong, wrong, wrong. In all three sentences. Not sure why this is in a planning document.	11/8/2017 5:59 PM
111	I like the county. I just want to say that for the record because I never hear anyone say anything good about the county. There are some smart, talented and committed civil servants in these parts. Also this is weird libertarian rhetoric. Not into it.	11/8/2017 4:46 PM

112	My quibble is with the term "self-reliant" which, in practice, often meant, I will use the natural resources as I wish. My needs are more important than the needs of nature or any other community. Is there a term that represents both individual initiative within an awareness of the interdependence of life?	11/8/2017 1:55 PM
113	The phrase "equally represented" will be a bone of contention for the next twenty years. Drop the word "equally" so the fight can move on to other grounds.	11/8/2017 1:30 PM
114	I disagree - Trump and the Republican Party don't fit this statement at all.	11/8/2017 9:36 AM
115	This is a wonderful goal.	11/8/2017 7:04 AM
116	None	11/7/2017 10:21 PM
117	I wish that were the case but there is a seamy underbelly of local politics that is nauseating once you get to know it.	11/7/2017 9:52 PM
118	County not timely, fair, impartial or responsive. Not open, fiefdoms behind mountains of regulations. Timely, NO WAY.	11/7/2017 5:45 PM
119	We are not equally represented by the county council districts.	11/7/2017 3:11 PM
120	Good goal sometimes achieved.	11/7/2017 1:28 PM
121	Encourage participation in boards and commissions. Make sure elected officials pay attention to these. Return county council to a partisan process	11/6/2017 8:07 PM
122	Need something in there about not having decisions driven primarily by economic benefit and development.	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
123	I agree with the stated ideal of our government institutions, but of course we do fall short at times. Having "informed citizens" may become harder with the rise of social media and the misinformation inherent in such outlets, but I hope our elected officials will be intelligent enough to steer public discourse in the manner described.	11/6/2017 12:41 PM
124	This would be good to achieve....	11/6/2017 10:50 AM
125	We are growing and regulations are needed. I understand old-timers are used to doing as they please, but our numbers do not allow this in the future.	11/6/2017 10:37 AM
126	Change both instances of "citizens" to "full-time residents". Change "which" to "that". Change "government institutions" to "public institutions".	11/6/2017 3:46 AM
127	Our local government looks out only for those receiving a paycheck from that same local government. It's a joke.	11/5/2017 9:31 PM
128	Where to start? First of all, there have been times within my memory of attending County Council meetings where ethics seemed absent. I am recalling an issue where the County Manager directly interfered, apparently on behalf of a friend and neighbor, with an in process permit application. The CC seemed to cover for the manager and the PA absolved the CC from illegal interference; non-the-less the odor of corruption lingered in the Council Chambers. The appearance of corruption is close enough to actual corruption to be of great concern for citizens. Any taint of corruption creates a lack of confidence in our government in the minds of the citizenry. It certainly did mine. The CC in the past has often listened to a vocal minority of citizens claiming property rights trump the rights of the commons. That has improved some, but is yet to be equitable to all sides of an issue. The CC and CDPD through poorly researched decisions have cost the taxpayers of our county hundreds of thousands of dollars in law suits and remedial recognition of regulatory mistakes, particularly when it comes to understanding and applying Best Available Science. The CC and County Manager seem unable to hire appropriate personnel, keep them satisfied with the work load, and prevent them from leaving as dissatisfied employees. One of the most costly problems of personnel management involves losing accumulated employee knowledge through higher than average employee turnover and the costs of training new employees. The CC is remiss in ignoring advice and counsel from its own advisory committees; the MRC comes to mind. It is disrespectful to disregard the diligent work of unpaid citizen volunteers and discourages new volunteers from populating the various committees. Using the County website is often difficult and information, data, can be frustratingly hard to obtain.	11/5/2017 8:05 PM
129	ARE YOU SERIOUS???? HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN THE STATE, LOWEST LEVEL OF SATISFACTION.....WOW!!!!!!!	11/5/2017 7:22 PM
130	wew are not as you state	11/5/2017 2:37 PM

131	Because of Provincial Politics and people in power, many citizens are taken advantage of with no recourse other than an attorney. Have a county resource entity to impartially listen and/or mediate this injustices would be nice	11/5/2017 11:54 AM
132	because this is such a small community there is a tendency toward provincial politics influenced by certain people with economic power	11/5/2017 10:43 AM
133	And we have more women represented in leadership positions.	11/5/2017 5:14 AM
134	Too much emphasis on “independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens” and too little on the need for thriving communities.	11/5/2017 3:19 AM
135	Again, too focused on growth. Think outside the group think dudes and be leaders in changing the paradigm. Low, low growth.	11/4/2017 4:34 PM
136	Please add something like, "we recognize that taxes are the costs of government and that we need to pay for the benefits we receive."	11/4/2017 4:06 PM
137	nice idea i don't think we are there yet	11/4/2017 3:47 PM
138	What happened with work completed in 2013 to align community priorities with government spending?	11/4/2017 3:17 PM
139	We currently have way too much government. Local Government should concentrate on the important things and step back and let people be free to run their lives as they wish.	11/4/2017 10:36 AM
140	I believe that we are currently very well served by our local governments. We are very fortunate for that. But far too few pay close attention and appreciate the art of intelligent compromise. Consolidation of EMS and Fire is way overdue.	11/3/2017 6:53 PM
141	This is yet another statement that applies equally to EVERY governmental function on EVERY level.	11/3/2017 5:51 PM
142	unfortunately, we have elected officials with little experience in government. although they should be commended for running for office, they should be supported by knowledgeable staff. This is the other side of the coin. It takes money to have a staff capable of providing sound support. I also think part time officials is not the way to govern here. If they were full time, paid of course, wouldn't they have the time to understand more fully the issues	11/3/2017 3:23 PM
143	Should mention the huge contribution of citizen volunteers to helping the county and elected officials maintain government institutions and services.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
144	Some departments within the county are great (assessor), some need a better system and a grasp that the taxpayers they serve pay their salary. Very little consideration by some departments that they work for the taxpayers.	11/2/2017 6:27 PM
145	Baloney.	11/2/2017 4:35 PM
146	PUBLIC BODIES MUST MEET AT TIMES THAT WORKING PEOPLE CAN ATTEND. It is an outrage that county council and planning commission meetings occur during regular business hours. This seems a clear ploy to make sure these bodies are controlled by the economic elite.	11/2/2017 4:20 PM
147	I wish this were more true.	11/2/2017 3:43 PM
148	Needs to say more about caring for needs of all residents. Making sure that all our citizens are provided for in ways that enhance quality of life.	11/2/2017 2:50 PM
149	We also have a large number of part-time residents who are not part of the local system and whose wants often run counter to the needs of the community. The community must come first.	11/2/2017 1:54 PM
150	Our County government is wasteful and unreliable. It does not represent property owners as it should.	11/2/2017 1:13 PM
151	A key goal, which requires diligent monitoring	11/2/2017 1:00 PM
152	A lot of elected officials are bought by the business community.	11/2/2017 12:45 PM
153	Election of precinct-based County Councilmembers on an at-large basis is a violation of the Voting Rights Act and is unconstitutional. Voting per Councilmember should be limited to the precinct represented by that Councilmember.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM

154	of course its an aspirational statement with no agreed metrics for success. There is significant reason to believe that some local area issues are very difficult to get resolved, and some more local breakdown of administration is needed to achieve something closer to this aspiration. A real need is for visionary leadership, proactive rather than reactive planning.	11/2/2017 12:24 PM
155	agree	11/2/2017 11:38 AM
156	Yes to self-governance and informed citizens.	11/2/2017 11:23 AM
157	Again, lovely words. What does this actually mean?	11/2/2017 9:24 AM
158	No disagreement.	11/1/2017 7:19 PM
159	How much has the budget grown over ten years? Compared to population? Why?	11/1/2017 6:33 PM
160	Include diversity within governmental officials. I'm tired of having white men driving all the policies.	11/1/2017 4:53 PM
161	Excellent. - I would only add a reminder at the end (a reminder to our citizens not to our government) that we have an obligation to be responsible and engaged citizens.	11/1/2017 2:10 PM
162	There is considerable potential for improving the quantity and quality of relevant information in order to have properly informed citizens. So far during the comp plan update process, there has been precious little context, background, and implications for the future information made available to the general public in clearly understandable terms.	11/1/2017 10:50 AM
163	I believe more could be done to coordinate the provision of services among the various governmental, quasi-governmental and volunteer service "agencies" within the county. Not to diminish their good works but the proliferation of volunteer organizations must certainly lead to inefficiencies, not to mention exhaustion of the body of volunteers.	11/1/2017 9:58 AM