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From: pjbennett60@gmail.com
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To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Comment regarding second draft Vision Amendments

Dear Members of the SJC Planning Commission,

Please consider this e-mail a public comment received for the meeting of the Planning Commission [on March 16th, 2018](#).

My current role in local food production is co-anchor farmer of the Orcas Community Participatory Agriculture project.

I would like to request the addition of a new stand-alone section to the Vision dedicated to Agriculture.

Agriculture is of utmost importance to the cultural fabric as well as the long term well being of residents of S.J. county. Our county has historically been renowned for agricultural products.

It is imperative that our Comp Plan Vision reflects the dedication and desire of residents to preserve agriculture. Existing references to agriculture are scattered between several of the Vision Statement elements but there is no statement that accurately reflects the importance of agriculture to our community. There were abundant comments during the interviews, pop-up studios and workshops that demonstrate the community's desire to take bold measures to strengthen our local agricultural economy. Our updated Vision should reflect that desire so clearly voiced by the residents.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Peace,
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