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Subject: Public Comment for Planning Commission meeting March 16th, 2018.

Hello Commissioners. I am writing to you to request that a commitment to agriculture be included as a stand-alone section in the new Vision Statement. This seems appropriate, given the fact that it was the second most popular theme offered during recent community input events.

I came to Lopez in 1991 as a farm intern. I am now a full time farmer, producing salad greens and other produce for local grocery stores, restaurants and special events. During this time, we have seen a burgeoning appreciation and demand for sustainably produced local food. I like to say, tongue only partially in cheek, that I never imagined what a glamorous occupation farming would become!

Farms and farmers are in a powerful position to preserve and enhance many valuable resources, from unique vistas, soil fertility and water resources, to the economic, social and cultural life of these islands.

I hope you will do everything you can to honor the historical role farming has played in San Juan County, and work to support its vibrant future.

Thank you for the work you do. Christine Langley. Owner Lopez Harvest. Lopez Island.