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From: Irene Skyriver <isky@rockisland.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Vision Statement - AGRICULTURE

Dear Members of the SJC Planning Commission,

I would like to request the addition of a new stand-alone section to the Vision Statement dedicated to Agriculture. My name is Irene Skyriver, I do small scale growing and selling of produce on Lopez and have done so for decades. Although mine is not a large scale farm, it is sustainable in that the income made goes right back into the land in the form of organic inputs and seed purchases. Also my produce is appreciated by consumers.

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Why this is important:

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 Vision Statement 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. Thank you for your consideration, Irene Skyriver