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From: Kirman Taylor <kirmant@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Include Agriculture as a Stand Alone Section to the Vision Statement

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.

I'm an 8 year resident who's active on several boards on Lopez Island.

We buy local produce, milk, eggs, and bread because it's vastly superior and fresher than imported food, so we need to attend to the protection of our vital agricultural businesses

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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,

Kirman Taylor