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**From:** Glenn Hendrick <glennhendrick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** Agriculture in the Comp Plan

Dear SJC Planning Commission,

I have been involved in local Agriculture during all of my five years living on San Juan Island, and it has shaped my experience of the place and the community. For me, agriculture is inseparable from the identity of the San Juan Islands.

I would like to request the addition of a new stand-alone section to the Vision Statement dedicated to Agriculture. Specifically, I request that the Planning Commission:

- 1). Adopt Staff Report OPTION C: --Add a stand-alone Agriculture section to the Vision.
  
- 2). ADD the following language proposed by the Agriculture Resource Committee2 to this new Agriculture section  
AGRICULTURE  
The San Juan Islands have a rich agricultural heritage that remains culturally and economically significant. We invest resources to ensure that agricultural lands are preserved and to maintain and enhance agricultural viability. We encourage regenerative practices and recognize the integral role that agriculture plays in the stewardship of our soils and water resources. Agricultural activities are essential to the health and well-being of our community, contributing to the social, economic and environmental fabric of our islands.

Agriculture has been and is extremely important in the Islands, and I want to see sustainable farming and food security prioritized in our vision moving into the future.

Thanks, Glenn