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Dear San Juan County Planning Commission,

My name is Thrinley DiMarco and I live on SJ Island. I am a hobby gardener, when I have time, not a farmer. However I highly value organically grown local food, open space and farms/farmers. Crops grown without the pesticides normally used are critical to our health and the health of the planet.

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 Committee 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.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Thrinley DiMarco