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SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller:

As a former County Commissioner, I have had deep involvement with the GMA, since its inception in the very early 1990's. Over 25 year later we live in a very different world. I am convinced that the future of entrepreneurial efforts and affordable housing will be tied to live/work housing. Therefore, **I firmly oppose the Lopez Village Planning group's attempt to limit commercial opportunities by designating strictly commercial zones and separate strictly residential zones in the Lopez UGA.** There are environmental as well as economic reasons for this. We no longer live in a society where suburbs, increasing traffic, CO2 emissions, and neighborhood food deserts are acceptable.

My critique has been met with the reminder by committee members that cottage enterprises are still allowed, but we know these cottage enterprises severely restrict the amount of commerce available within a given time period. My response to concerns about excessive lighting, noise, smells, and sound is the preparation of a table with certain requirements as to hours allowed for lighting, noise, sound (& decibels), and that smells must be appropriate to a residential setting. Moreover, the committee is recommending a walking village, which means parking is already restricted to certain areas. One of the biggest needs in the islands currently are artisans and tradespeople. Work/live zoning with the UGA would benefit these needs. We have seen such work/live situations in other communities that are welcomed and add to the feeling of community.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,



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