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Ms. Erika Shook, Director of SJC DCD
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SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Erika,

March 28, 2018

Consideration: We would like the western part of our parcel (approximately 2.5 acres of our five acre parcel) to be considered within the Lopez Village UGA with the remaining 2.5 acres, which includes our home sites, being left in the Village Reserve area.

In the early 1990's we purchased tax parcel number 251432004000. Our address is 90 Navarre Lane and our five-acre parcel is located to the southeast of the Lopez Skate Park and borders the east side of Fisherman Bay Road.

We were very strategic in the purchase of land in the Village. Our primary reason was to share the land with others. Currently four of us share and steward the land. At the time of purchase SJC land use code allowed up to one home per ½ acre (10 homes) plus an Accessory Dwelling Unit (20 homes). Since the 1990's Village land use has changed a few times.

Over a decade ago, our parcel was included in the Lopez Village Urban Growth Area (UGA). When the state Growth Management Board issued a decision stating that there was adequate land within the UGA to meet affordable housing needs, we opted out of the UGA. Our primary reason for opting out and being placed in the Village UGA Reserve, was because we live with rainwater catchment and composting toilets. For spiritual reasons we do not want to hook up to Village water or sewer services. Staying within the UGA would have meant that if we ever made improvements to our dwellings that we would have to hook up to water and sewer services.

Now we see that there is not enough land available for those who want to live in the Village affordably. On a very real and practical level there are very few parcels available for more dense affordable home opportunities within the Village UGA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Berry and Pamela Pauly
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Rhea Y. Miller and Sandy Bishop (recusing self because currently serving on the LVPRC)

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