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Dear Commissioners,

During my statement at last month's meeting I promised to send you the quote by Maya Angelou. Since my request was that you place it somewhere you'd see it, I've added a photo taken by a Lopez community member. May this photo reflect the ending of an era and our courage to course correct unsustainable actions.

Thank you for your hard work!

Sincerely,

Liz Lafferty

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In a World Where You Can Be Anything. . . Be Kind!!

"I will rally to the power of love, demonstrate for the strength of kindness, stand for the joy of community, and speak only in the language of unity." My Moving Forward Mantra, LizziLaff



Image from Community Rights San Juan Islands

*Do the best you can
until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better.*

Maya Angelou

We could not know what we did not know just a few brief months ago. But now we know and it falls to us to ensure that this new knowledge informs the entirety of our Comprehensive Plan.

Now is the time to be courageous, to be bold. To ask, “What could possibly go right, not wrong, but what can go right?” What must go right to carry us forward to 2036. Our future depends on our ability to embrace our interdependence and rein in unsustainable actions. Together, with rigor, courage and civility let us revisit the language of our Comprehensive Plan and write in fresh, far reaching language that faithfully reflects respect and awe for the interconnectedness of life. For our grandchildren and theirs, let us declare our reliance on nature as a healthy, intact, living system. Let us envision and plan for what can and must go right.

Now that we know better, let us do better!
Respectfully, Liz Lafferty