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**From:** Kat Steele <kat.steele@orcasong.farm>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:22 PM  
**To:** Christine Minney  
**Cc:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** OrcaSong Institute Letter of Support to Christine Minney for Rights of the Salish Sea Initiative  
**Attachments:** Council Member Letter of Support for Rights of Salish Sea - CMinney.pdf

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Dear Council Member Christine,

The OrcaSong Institute is a non-profit educational organization located on Orcas Island that cultivates leadership in eco-social change movements. We offer programs and support projects that proactively address the climate crisis and promote the emerging Next Economy.

Congratulations on your election to County Council! I'm excited to meet you and work together for positive change. For now we are glad to be able to offer our voice of support to the Rights of the Salish Sea Initiative. Please find our letter of support attached.

Sincerely,  
Kat Steele

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January 15, 2021

San Juan County Council  
55 Second Street,  
Friday Harbor, WA, 98250

To Council Member Christine Minney,

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OrcaSong Institute understands the ethical importance and ecological necessity the Rights of Nature movement fosters, and enthusiastically supports the Rights of the Salish Sea Initiative happening here in the San Juans. This important shift away from treating nature merely as property, and instead seeing our natural environment an integral part of ourselves is needed more now than ever. This past year has demonstrated innumerable afflictions across the planet due to economic and environmental vulnerabilities, and although we are very fortunate to call the Islands home, we are not immune from such afflictions.

It is in the heart of our organization's mission to support the development of innovative approaches that foster protections for our local environment and community. Standing aside Community Rights San Juan Islands we agree that going forward post-COVID we need to consider the foundations we're laying as a community with the hopes of thriving in this changing world. We ask that you too will consider the value in re-envisioning our future here, and move forward to open up the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement to be rewritten. Further, we want to extend gratitude for all of your work and community support. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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**To:** Cindy Wolf  
**Cc:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** OrcaSong Institute Letter of Support to Cindy Wolf for Rights of the Salish Sea Initiative  
Inbox  
**Attachments:** Council Member Letter of Support for Rights of Salish Sea - CWolf.pdf

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Dear Council Member Cindy,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:32 PM  
**To:** Jamie Stephens  
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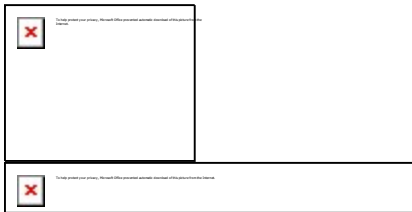
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