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Subject: Population Projection Comments from Steve Smith on behalf of the Eastsound Visioning Livability Survey Team

The Livability group which is a subset of the Eastsound Visioning process sponsored by the EPRC conducted a survey of the approximately 50 members who participated to the Visioning process to the end. Of these, 27 or about 50% of the group participated. We asked three questions regarding population growth estimates for the planning process. The majority want the County to plan for more growth on Orcas Island than the staff recommendation. However, 12 want the County to stay with the staff recommendation for Eastsound UGA while 11 want it to plan for more than the staff recommends. Three prefer that the County plan for less than the staff recommendation. The desires of the group were calculated to provide a weighted average. The group prefers that the County use a growth rate of 1.18% for Orcas Island and 2.05% for the Eastsound UGA.

1. Growth can be affected by many factors, including policies regarding density, land classifications, etc. County staff is recommending planning based on a 0.88% COUNTYWIDE growth each year over the next

20 years. Do you want the County projections for planning purposes to assume growth of:

1. Plan for County growth of ?	25 answered
A decline in population	1 4%
Less than 0.88%	3 11%
0.88% (County staff recommendation for the County)	8 30%
0.88% to 1.2%	5 19%
1.3% to 2.0%	6 22%
More than 2%	3 11%
Don't know / Don't care	0 0%
The weighted average is:	1.18%

2. Growth within the Eastsound planning area is also affected by policies regarding density, land classification boundaries, and design standards. County staff is recommending planning based on a 1.84% growth each year over the next 20 years. Do you want the County projections for planning purposes within the UGA to assume growth of:

2. Plan for UGA Growth of?	26 answered
A decline in population	0 0%
Up to 1.83%	3 11%
1.84% (County staff recommendation for the UGA)	12 44%
1.85% to 2.5%	7 26%
2.6% to 3.5%	2 7%
More than 3.5%	2 7%

Don't know / Don't care	0	0%
The weighted average is:		2.05%

3. Do you want policies to:	27 answered	
Encourage population growth	2	7%
Discourage population growth	3	11%
Maintain the current population	5	19%
Neither encourage or discourage population growth	17	63%
Don't care/Don't know	0	0%
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