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Subject: Vision Statement Comments (For March 16 Planning Commission meeting)
Attachments: Vision Statement Proposal (Kane).pdf

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Hi Adam,

Attached please find Vision Statement comments for you and Linda to consider and for the March 16 Planning Commission meeting.

Thank you,

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Transmittal Memo

To: Adam Zack, Planner II, DCD

From: David & Kathleen Kane

Subject: Vision Statement Comments (for March 16 Planning Commission meeting)

Date: March 11, 2018

Issue:

To provide written comment and proposed amendment to Planning Commission and Department of Community Development (DCD) in regards DCD Staff Document 2nd draft dated March 1, 2018 and found here: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/14542>

Attachment:

The attached document presents the Kane' Proposed Vision Amendments and the addition of a new *AGRICULTURE* Vision element.

Thank you for your consideration,

David & Kathleen Kane

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Thank you for considering the following proposed Vision amendments and the addition of a new *AGRICULTURE* Vision element. Proposed Amendments are presented in strikeout and underline format. For example addition and ~~removed~~.

We believe that the most effective method to preserve farmland and minimize further development is the support of local agriculture. We propose the addition of a new Agriculture Vision element to create the foundational support necessary to ensure we preserve our rural and pastoral landscapes through proactive and innovative solutions.

AGRICULTURE (Kane's Proposal to create a new Vision element)

The San Juan Islands have a rich agricultural heritage that is of cultural, economic and historic significance to our community. We support and encourage the preservation of agricultural lands for their intrinsic pastoral landscapes and sustainable food production. We support agriculture that is regenerative, fosters biodiversity, recycles essential nutrients, and plays an integral role in the stewardship of our soils and our water resources. We believe that agriculture is essential to the health and well-being of our community, providing nutritious foods while performing important social, economic and environmental functions. We invest resources to ensure a viable and thriving agriculture in the islands now and in the future.

Vision Element ordering (Kane's Proposal)

Agriculture becomes element #7.

- 1 Community
- 2 Governance
- 3 Basic Human Needs
- 4 Housing
- 5 Education
- 6 Natural Environment
- 7 **AGRICULTURE**
- 8 Energy and Resources
- 8 Climate Change
- 10 Economy
- 11 Land Use
- 12 Transportation
- 13 Arts, Culture, and Recreation
- 14 Heritage and Historic Preservation

PREAMBLE (Kane's Proposal)

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COMMUNITY (Kane's Proposal)

We envision a community that is primarily rural, made up of islands of varying character, each with its own unique qualities. The islands are places of peace and mutual tolerance, where citizens of differing backgrounds and beliefs respect each other's dignity, privacy, and freedoms. We communicate effectively and openly and work together toward goals identified as being for the common good. We foster a sense of neighborliness, of self-sufficiency, resiliency, and community pride that has long been a part of our island character.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (Kane’s Proposal)

Our islands are places where all citizens can safely walk or play, day or night. The drinking water supply is clean, adequate, and conserved as a vital resource. Everyone has access to healthy locally produced food. Health care, elder care and help in time of need are accessible and affordable. Making a life here is possible for all people and is not limited by lack of access to basic human needs.

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EDUCATION (Kane’s Proposal)

Learning is a continuing lifelong process that is encouraged and aided by the community. A partnership of families and community creates a supportive and challenging environment founded on academic excellence and artistic expression. This educational environment produces ethical, environmentally conscious, self-directed, compassionate, responsible world citizens, alive with the love of learning.

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ECONOMY (Kane’s Proposal)

We support a pattern of sustainable economic growth and development which serves the diverse needs of our community, and which recognizes and maintains the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural, marine and isolated nature of the islands. Our economy comprises a wide spectrum of stable, year-round activities that provide family wage employment for islanders. The workforce is able to live, work, and thrive locally. We support and encourage traditional industries including forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, construction, fishing and tourism without jeopardizing the natural environment on which they depend. We have home occupations and cottage enterprises that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage new ideas and new technology for improving the quality and profitability of our goods and services. Sustainable agriculture is thriving and the base for the county food economy. Advanced interactive communication systems support our economy. Value-added activities are encouraged. Environmental conservation and sustainable development are balanced.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (Kane’s Proposal)

Our islands have exceptional natural beauty and healthy diverse ecosystems surrounded by pollution-free marine waters. The air is fresh and clean, the water quality is excellent, and the soil is fertile and uncontaminated. As careful stewards of these islands, we act to conserve and restore resources, protect our shorelines, preserve open space, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and take appropriate action based on the best available science to assure healthy land and marine environments. We refrain from using genetically modified organisms. Preserving the natural environment and responsible stewardship of our agricultural land is central to the ecological health, quality of life, and the economy in the islands. Native plants and animals of the islands thrive, and are identified, appreciated and conserved.

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LAND USE (Kane’s Proposal)

Neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and towns are clearly defined so as to conserve agricultural, forest, mineral resource activities and to conserve and restore environmentally sensitive critical areas. These areas define our heritage and sense of place; providing for commerce and community activities without losing their small scale and attractive island ambiance. Care is taken to maintain our rural agricultural way of life. ~~There is~~ Innovative solutions provide housing for people of all incomes during all seasons. The unique character of our shorelines is protected by encouraging uses ~~which~~ that maintain or enhance the quality of the shoreline environment. Through innovative land use strategies, our citizens and institutions balance and protect private property rights, public rights, right to farm and our natural environment. Land held in community trust is actively managed for compatible public benefit including conservation, food production and long term soil health.

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Transportation and Communications (Kane’s Proposal)

We have water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobile, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding, and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs. Transportation plans equally consider cyclists, pedestrians, automobiles, public transportation, and rural character. Historic agricultural methods for moving livestock and farm equipment on roadways is accommodated. Expansion or new construction of basic public transportation facilities occurs only on the basis of based on demonstrated local public need.

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Energy and Resources (Kane’s Proposal)

Our community fosters low impact renewable resource and energy conservation. Energy independence is encouraged. Food production and drinking water resources are managed to meet the needs of our community and future generations. Recycling, solid waste, composting and sewage treatment are managed both within the confines of each island and Countywide in an environmentally sound manner. Renewable natural resources are used on a sustainable basis. Community and private composting systems are encouraged to minimize waste and to increase soil fertility. Nonrenewable resources are conserved wherever possible and practical.

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Arts, Culture and Recreation (Kane’s Proposal)

Our community nurtures the expression of its creative talents and supports diverse cultural and entertainment activities. Our cultural facilities such as libraries, museums, and theaters are focal points of activity and community support. Well managed parks, trails, and shoreline access, where appropriate, provide islanders with recreation and public access with due regard for both the rights of private property owners and the natural and cultural limitations of each site.

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Heritage and Historic Preservation (Kane’s Proposal)

Our community is enriched by a strong sense of identity, tradition, legacy, and continuity, where past and present freely mingle. We recognize the contributions to our rural and maritime heritage made by indigenous peoples, explorers, and island pioneers. We encourage preservation of our heritage, historic sites, structures, and traditions for the enjoyment of all and support activities that reflect and advance rural traditions such as agriculture, fishing and forestry

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Governance (Kane’s Proposal)

We are self-governed by informed citizens. We are equally represented by elected officials who conduct the activities of government in an ethical, fair, impartial, responsive and open manner which that recognizes the independent, self-reliant nature of its citizens, honors our unique cultural heritage and landscape and seeks solutions that will sustain our unique rural way of life. Our county borders the Province of British Columbia, including the Gulf Islands, and several Washington State counties. Our elected officials and government institutions communicate with and collaborate in our areas of mutual interest. Our government institutions balance responsibility with resources and costs, consolidate services where practical, manage prudently, provide reliable data, are service- oriented, and perform in a timely manner.

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Housing (Kane's Proposal)

The supply of affordable housing is adequate to meet the needs of our diverse population. There is housing for people of all incomes. There is sufficient variety in housing types to suit year round and seasonal farmworkers. Raising a family, having a good quality of life, and economic opportunities are not limited by access to housing.

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2 *note: new additions removed and relocated

Climate Change (Kane’s Proposal)

Our community of islands sets an example with its response to climate change. We proactively address the effects of climate change such as sea level rise and drought. We choose to support local sustainable food production to minimize the high carbon footprint of imported foods. Preparations to mitigate these effects are made in advance before they become crises. Our community encourages voluntary efforts, enacting incentives and regulations to reduce our carbon footprint. Greenhouse gas emissions are limited.

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