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To: Comp Plan Update
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Dear SJC Planning Commission,

Greetings in this early spring!

Bruce and Colleen Howe-Gregory writing. We live and farm on San Juan Island on a heritage farm started in 1899 by Peter Kirk (Kirkland is named after him).

We would like to request the addition of a new stand-alone section to the Vision Statement dedicated to Agriculture.

We think this is important for several reasons.

Existing references to agriculture are scattered between several of the Vision Statement elements, but there is no statement that accurately reflects the importance of agriculture to our community.

Abundant comments were received during the Vision Statement interviews, pop-up studios and workshops.

Agriculture was the second most prevalent theme in the [final Vision report](#).

To us this demonstrates the community's desire to take measures to further strengthen our local agricultural. Agriculture is deeply rooted in our geography and history. Our updated Vision should reflect that desire with the addition of a Vision element dedicated to Agriculture.

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