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Planning Commission,

The addition of an Agriculture section to the Vision Statement would create the necessary foundational support to not only recognize the importance of Agriculture, but truly support, maintain and protect the rural character and pastoral landscapes we so value.

I would like to recommend that the Planning Commission:

- 1. Adopt Staff Report OPTION C¹: --Add a standalone Agriculture section to the Vision**
- 2. ADD the following language proposed by the Agriculture Resource Committee to this new Agriculture section**

AGRICULTURE

The San Juan Islands have a rich agricultural heritage that remains culturally and economically significant. We invest resources to ensure that agricultural lands are preserved and to maintain and enhance agricultural viability. We encourage regenerative practices and recognize the integral role that agriculture plays in the stewardship of our soils and water resources. Agricultural activities are essential to the health and well-being of our community, contributing to the social, economic and environmental fabric of our islands.

References:

1. Staff OPTION C: Recommendation can be found on page 3 of SJC Department of Community Development Staff Report dated March 29, 2018 found here:
<https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/14761>

Thank you,

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