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From: SJAG Director <info@sjagguild.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: San Juan County Vision Statement

Dear SJC Planning Commission,

The San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild's mission is *to foster a vibrant, resilient and sustainable food system in San Juan County*. We do our work through the lens of advocating for ag-producers who often do not have the time "to be at the table." Our key goals are to encourage new farmers to San Juan County, collaborate to encourage ag-related economic growth through system improvements, and advocate on behalf of ag producers on policies and regulations that impact the culture and future of agriculture in San Juan County.

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

Specifically, I request that the Planning Commission:

- 1). Adopt Staff Report OPTION C: --Add a standalone Agriculture section to the Vision
- 2). ADD the following language proposed by the Agriculture Resource Committee² 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.

Thank you for your consideration,

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