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To: Comp Plan Update

I am writing once again to urge you to consider the addition of an Agriculture section to the Vision Statement.

I recommend that the Planning Commission adopt Staff Report Option C-1 which will add a stand-alone Agriculture section to the Vision.

I also recommend that the following language proposed by the Agriculture Resource Committee be added 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 of this important issue,
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