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To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Please add a stand alone Agriculture section to the vision statement.

Dear SJC Planning Commission,

I am a farmer and fourth generation islander who has seen the changes that have happened in this county over the last 40 years. Agriculture is vitally important to maintaining the culture of our islands, stewarding the land, maintaining the rural character and nourishing our communities. Because it is so important I strongly urge you to adopt the following stand alone Agriculture section to the vision statement:

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 work on this and for considering this comment.

Sincerely,
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