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To: Comp Plan Update
Subject: Please include a stand-alone AG section

Dear SJC Planning Commission,

I own/operate Sunnyfield Farm, a goat dairy on Lopez. We are the only producers of yogurt in the whole county, and the only dairy that currently sells any dairy products at Farmer's Markets in the county. Farming needs all the support it can get. We need more farmers and I feel that starts with a good, strong vision statement rather than ag references scattered here and there.

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 Vision1
- 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.

Thanks

Andre Entermann

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