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Subject: Transition Lopez Island Letter on the Ag component of the Comp Plan Vision Statement
Attachments: TLI on Ag - Comp Plan Vision Statement 2018.4.19l.docx

Dear County Members and Planning Commissioners,

Please see attached a comment letter on the latest draft of the Vision Statement of the Comp Plan.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Planning Commission for the greatly improved Vision Statement and the hard work that have gone into the deliberation of each revision. Thank you.

Best regards,
Transition Lopez Island



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San Juan County Council
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Dear Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

Transition Lopez Island wishes to thank the Planning Commission for taking into consideration comments from citizens and groups, including our joint letter with Community Rights San Juan Islands dated March 14, 2018, and for improving the draft Vision Statement. Having reviewed the latest draft, we would like to submit another letter in order to weigh in specifically on the issue of agriculture.

We would like to endorse Agricultural Resource Committee's proposal to create a separate stand-alone section for agriculture. In the past, we have seen the ups and downs of the agricultural sector. But looking forward in the next 20 years, agriculture is rising in significance as an economic activity, as our island cultural identity and landscape, as well as an integral part of our social fabric and our stewardship of the land, soil, water and the vibrant ecosystem of the islands.

So please consider adopting the following text in the vision statement as a stand-alone "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 kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Transition Lopez Island Steering Committee

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