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Subject: Testimony for 18 May 2018 Vision Statement Hearing before PC and CC
Attachments: Revised CP Update Schedule.pdf

To: SJC Planning Commission and County Council

CC: Erika Shook, DCD

From: Joe Symons, Olga WA

Date: 16 May 2018

Re: Additional Testimony and comments regarding the joint PC/CC Hearing on the SJC Vision Statement to be held in Friday Harbor on 18 May 2018

In anticipation of public testimony at the Hearing, I bring to your attention the following bullet points:

1. I look to obtain PC and CC confirmation that the Vision Statement is the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan, as stated on page 1 of the Introduction to the Plan. This is an affirmative confirmation request. If the CC cannot confirm that the Vision Statement is the foundation for the Plan, it must so state. Silence on this topic would be interpreted that the Vision Statement is not the foundation of the Plan, and the statement in the Introduction would have to be struck.
2. I have attached a proposed revision to the Comprehensive Plan update process. This proposed revision does not show time frames. The current schedule has slipped and is likely to slip more. Time frames are less important the activities and events.

Several critical tasks are missing from the existing schedule. The proposed revision identifies these activities and provides backstop process conversations and hearings to confirm progress.

The current process for performing the general duties of county government may be fine for day to day activities. The process is fundamentally inadequate for strategic, impactful, and effectively permanent county-wide decisions.

If Billy or Jane comes home from school with a bandaid on his/her knee, a parent will ask what happened and no further action will be warranted or taken. Normal stuff. If Billy or Jane comes home from school and announces that the school nurse believes he/she has cancer, a whole new level of conversation will take place, not just with the family, but with a whole host of relevant parties.

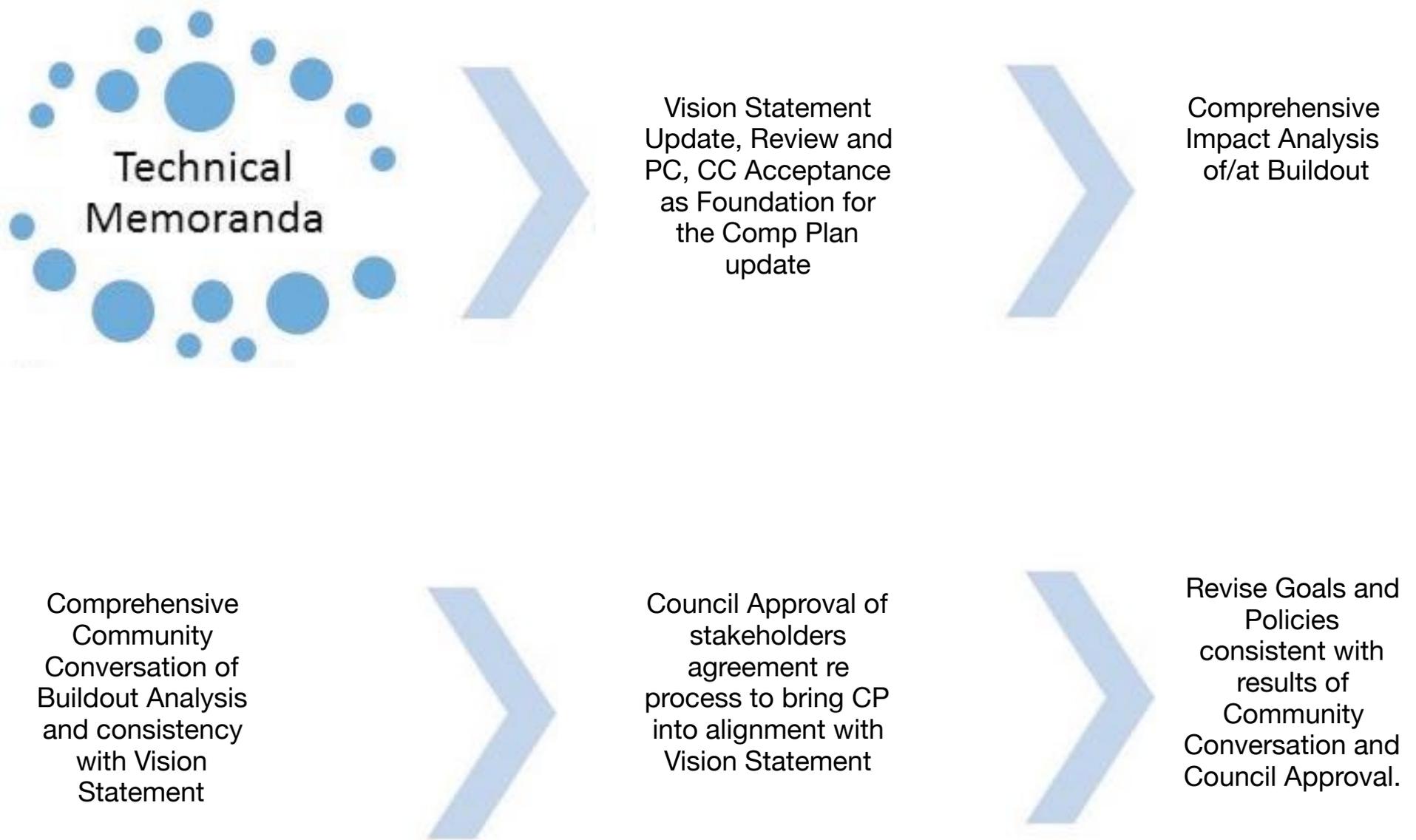
Integrity, transparency, intelligence, wisdom and judgment must be used to match the proper process with the significance of the topic.

Given that the Vision Statement is clear about the intentions of the community, and given that those intentions have been consistently ignored by previous and current Plans, it is the duty, obligation and smart opportunity of our elected officials to design a process that ensures that the Plan is made consistent with the Vision Statement. Otherwise an enormous amount of taxpayer funds, for Council and Staff, and stunning amounts of voluntary community service by citizens and committees such as the Planning Commission, all directed toward the update, will be wasted. With a revised process, SJC can set an integrity, transparency and wisdom bar that will be the envy of the nation, but most importantly, truly honor the aspirations and intentions of the residents of the County.

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Proposed Revision of SJC Comp Plan Update Process



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Hearings and Approval of Goals and Policies by both PC and CC



Revise UDC consistent with Goals and Policies.

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Summary Review of CP update demonstrating consistency of CP with Vision Statement, reaffirming VS as foundation of the CP