



May 24, 2018

Ms. Erika Shook, Director SJC DCD  
Ms. Linda Kuller, Planning Manager/Deputy Director SJC DCD  
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Dear Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller,

Transition Lopez Island, established in 2012 as the 152<sup>nd</sup> Initiative in the U.S., is part of a worldwide movement that strives to build resilience in its communities to not only withstand the shock of predictable as well as unexpected changes, but to thrive. We are passionate about anything that moves us in a direction towards sustainability, regeneration, and empowerment. Our membership comprises almost 140 Lopez residents and 10 of us, the undersigned, participate in the Steering Committee. We partner with many organizations in the San Juans, including the Lopez Community Land Trust, Lopez Locavores, Lopez Family Resource Center, Lopez Community Trails Network, Islands Energy, Friends of the San Juans, and Islands Climate Resilience.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the draft Lopez Village Subarea Plan and would like to submit our comments as follows:

1. We believe the proposed zoning change to concentrate commercial activities only to the core village area is not beneficial to the future of our Lopez community. For our economy to thrive, small businesses, tradespeople, artisans and entrepreneurs need to be able to afford commercial space to operate and run their businesses. To take away the commercial zoning designation from much of the urban growth area would severely limit the access to and further jeopardize the affordability of commercial space. We believe it is better to encourage live/work, mixed use, high-density commercial zones with a residential component.
2. We would like to endorse the comments submitted by the SJC Comp Plan Workgroup on May 8, 2018 to address and integrate the issues of climate change into the Subarea Plan.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Our group will provide input on the different elements of the Comprehensive Plan separately. We are available to provide further clarification and respond to questions if needed. Our contact person is either Ande Finley (email: [andefinley@gmail.com](mailto:andefinley@gmail.com), tel. 468-5199) or Chom Greacen (email: [chomsgreacen@gmail.com](mailto:chomsgreacen@gmail.com), tel. 468-3189).



Yours sincerely,

Transition Lopez Island Steering Committee

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Attached is a letter from Transition Lopez Island, responding to the draft Lopez Village Subarea Plan.