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Sir or madam,

I am writing to support CT for several reasons. The primary reason for my support is that this business perfectly displays the items that go into landfills every single day, in the county and across America. Without the reuse and recycling supported by CT everything that you see at their site would end up filling a hole in the ground. Instead of moving in the direction of becoming a sustainable community, we seem to be moving further from that goal. I regularly pay \$12-20/month to dispose of my household recycling because the county won't support a community recycling program, instead leaving it to islanders to solve the problem for ourselves.

It remains an anathema how stewards such as county government, elected overseers of an incredibly beautiful place such as SJI, gifted with such natural beauty won't place a priority on recycling and reuse. I look at efforts such as those occurring on Lopez Island and wonder how they were able to find responsible elected officials, and yet ours can't be bothered with such efforts.

It is apparent from the nightly street sweeping, the lovely flowers and flags on Spring Street, and the nicely painted red curbs at hydrants that

you place priority on looking good to tourists. That's great, truly it is. But how about putting your/our priorities on an issue such as recycling, reuse, and sustainability where your efforts and our taxes have a follow-on effect lasting beyond the end of tourist season. One is window dressing, the other makes a real difference to real people and the environment. Your choice now. Our choice on Election Day.

Respectfully,

Jeff