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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Councilmen and Director,

As an interested citizen who has spent a considerable amount of time over the last several years examining the circumstances of Eastsound planning and needs, I would like to express my support for the application for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for land parcels 271223009000 and 271223011000 submitted by Fred R. Klien.

The logic of this amendment to add these parcels to the Eastsound UGA is apparent from them being surrounded by property already a part of the UGA, by the availability of services, by the lack of significant impact on drainage and wetlands and by its proximity to the Eastsound Village core.

The long term need for property capable of supporting higher density development within the UGA is apparent, even though we still don't have a comprehensive build out analysis for the island. Making more land available for higher density development within the UGA should help keep the cost of residential development more affordable and suppress the need for sprawl outside of the UGA, two very important objectives of the planning process. Given the length of time the planning process requires it is important that this amendment be included in the current iteration of plan update.

Respectfully,


James O. Jonassen