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From: William A <appellb@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: Re: More on the Economics Unit of the CompPlan

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Certainly Sophia.

These points relate to the preface of the EDE that states that ultimately, the county economy depends upon its natural assets, which to assure a healthy economy over time, must not be depleted. While increases in intensity may improve the economy in the short run, they endanger its collapse in the long run. This is supported by references in the body and footnotes already in the EDE. So the point is already made sub silentio, but I thought that somehow, somewhere, it should be clearly stated. Otherwise, it's only a genuflection to the environment followed by business as usual. My most recent additions were intended to allow some course correction to preserve the county's economic future.

The recent proposal that I made concerning utilities that was stricken at the most recent meeting (I listened on line) was based on what I am sure were inadvertent misstatements of both law and economics expressed by the PC chair. In fact, the county has considerable control over water (and sewer) districts within its unincorporated boundaries and this affects the availability of affordable housing. I'm drafting a memo to your department dealing not only with housing but also the *causally related* Utility and Land Use Elements. This will explain how I am approaching the overall problem we all face.

Bill

On Jan 22, 2020, at 9:28 AM, Sophia Cassam <sophiac@sanjuanco.com> wrote:

Bill,

Would you please write a short statement explaining why you suggest these additions to the Economic Development Element? I would like to be able to share your intent with Planning Commission when we go over your suggestions.

Thank you,

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Thank you Sophia.

Bill

On Jan 22, 2020, at 9:13 AM, Sophia Cassam <sophiac@sanjuanco.com> wrote:

Hello Bill,
Thank you for sending DCD your proposed changes to the Economic Development Element. We will include your proposal on the February 21, 2020 Planning Commission meeting agenda to get Planning Commission's recommendation.
In the future, please be sure to send your comments and questions pertaining to the Comp Plan update to compplancomments@sanjuanco.com. Doing so helps us stay organized and ensures the right staff member gets your message.

Best,

Sophia

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Hello Sophia,

I have two (more) proposed changes to the EDE that express and execute the tenor of that unit as already passed through the Planning Commission. They are set forth in the attached Word document (with changes shown) that contains the first pages of the August 28, 2019 EDE draft. The changes are evident by the altered left-hand margin.

They are:

Purpose Section 10.2.B line 32

Goal 1, Actions 10.3.B.1, adding new action 24.

f this submission is in overtime, please let me know when and how to make these proposals in the next phase of adoption.

Thank you,

Bill Appel