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Comprehensive Plan Text/SJC Code* Amendment Request

*San Juan County Code Titles 15, 16 & 18
(Annual Docket)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
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This request is for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations, not a comprehensive plan map amendment. I understand that this request will be reviewed according to the County's annual docket process.

	<u>Janet Alderton</u>	<u>2/21/20</u>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Date</i>

Please Describe the Proposed Amendments (attach additional pages if you need more space):

1. Comprehensive Plan – Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List Comprehensive plan section, page numbers, title and policies proposed for amendment.

San Juan County Planners,

Please remove establishment of International Ports of Entry on Orcas and Lopez Islands as goals in the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

The text is found in both Section 6.2.B and Section 6.3.A. , *attached.*

Thank-you for your attention.

Janet Alderton

Deer Harbor

Orcas Island



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2. San Juan County Code Title 15, Title 16 or Title 18. Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List code sections proposed for amendment.

Under 6.2.B Transportation Financing Goals and Policies

Goals

Please strike the following text on page 9 in:

N:/LAND USE/LONG RANGE PROJECTS/PCOMPL-17-0001 Comp_Plan/Public
Record/Transportation/Existing/2016_SectionB6, TransGoal_Policies.docx

The front slashes should be backwards slashes, but my computer keyboard is not equipped with a backward slash key.

Text requested to be stricken:

"9. To work with state and federal legislatures to create additional ports of entry on Lopez and Orcas islands."

Also, please strike on page 14,
Section 6.3.A Goals:

"3. To explore the establishment of new
ports of entry in the Eastsound and Lopez Village
Urban Growth Areas."

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3. Why is the amendment being proposed?

I oppose additional international ports of entry on Orcas and Lopez Islands because of the additional expenses for creating and sustaining such international ports.

The Port of Orcas Airport is already facing the costs of upgrading its facilities to meet aviation safety standards.

I also think such international ports of entry would contribute to the already excessive number of tourists that visit our islands.

4. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A), Comprehensive Plan and development regulations?

This proposed amendment would eliminate future duplication of expensive facilities 9. To work with state and federal legislatures to create additional ports of entry on Lopez and Orcas islands.

The International Ports of Entry on San Juan Island are sufficient for San Juan County.

5. Does this proposal impact an Urban Growth Area (UGA)? Lopez Village, Eastsound and the Town of Friday Harbor are the only UGAs in the County.

- Yes, indicate UGA_EASTSOUND _____
- No

6. Does this proposal increase population or employment capacity?

NO

4. To include funding from the Public Works road fund budget for nonmotorized projects in each of the six-year transportation improvement programs.
5. To encourage public-private cooperation and partnerships to reduce barriers to maintaining and improving transportation facilities and services.
6. To coordinate with the Town of Friday Harbor, Port Districts and the Washington State Department of Transportation to plan fair share financial contributions to transportation improvements needed to mitigate town, regional, County, or island-wide impacts.
7. To support State legislation that would provide funding for local transportation system improvement, preservation and maintenance, and long-term sustainable funding of WSF services and facilities.
8. To work with state and federal agencies to increase marine traffic from the Gulf Islands, Canada.
9. To work with state and federal legislatures to create additional ports of entry on Lopez and Orcas islands.
10. To obtain transportation planning grants for a dock utilization study and the development and adoption of updated engineering and design standards and/or other transportation planning needs.
11. To consider partnering with the Port Districts on future development projects.
12. To consider funding for marine based projects.

Policies (6.2.B.1-8):

The County should:

1. Prepare a six-year Transportation Facilities Plan in accordance with Chapter 36.81, RCW. The County Engineer should propose which roads, docks, boat ramps, barge landing sites, log dumps, mooring buoys, and road right-of-way trails should be improved based on priority rating systems established for these facilities (see Appendix 6).
2. Develop a rating system based upon the Public Works Department in consultation with the Planning, Parks, Land Bank, and Sheriff's departments and other interested parties to rank priorities for County transportation projects other than roads such as (docks, boat ramps, barge landing sites, log dumps, mooring buoys, and pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle trails).
3. Organize the six-year Plan in two three-year periods. Consideration of needed projects and their design should be managed as follows:
 - a. Projects should be identified early in the plan period for public discussion and County study of needs and desirability.
 - b. Public discussion and County study of project design should occur in the later *Plan* period. The County Council should submit the six-year *Plan* to the Planning Department and Planning

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4. Improve the level of emergency preparedness for fossil fuel and material spills and other disasters by working with state, federal and Canadian entities to develop and improve training and emergency response plans, promote the location of response equipment in San Juan County, and the use of Best Achievable Protection Methods and Best Achievable Technologies.
5. Encourage responsible parties to locate spill response resources in San Juan County and to be prepared to respond to material spills in waters surrounding San Juan County.
6. Advocate for the assignment of permit conditions on bulk shipping facility development project permits to guarantee the mitigation of all potential impacts from accidents that could adversely affect San Juan County's economy, public health and safety, water quality and fish and/or wildlife habitat.

6.3 AIR TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND POLICIES

An inventory of aviation facilities and services and presentation of long-range planning needs is provided in Section A of Appendix 6 of this Comprehensive Plan. The following goals and policies apply to land and sea based transportation facilities and services.

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6.3.A Goals:

1. To recognize the importance of public air transportation facilities to island commerce as well as to mobility of island residents.
2. To promote optimum compatibility between air transportation facilities and services and other land uses in a manner that minimizes the impacts of airstrip, airfield, and airport use while maintaining adequate, safe, efficient, and convenient service.
3. To explore the establishment of new ports of entry in the Eastsound and Lopez Village Urban Growth Areas.

Please
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Policies (6.3.A.1-5):

1. Coordinate with the WSDOT Aviation Division, FAA and port districts to provide and maintain air transportation facilities and services which:
 - a. Serve the needs of island residents and visitors;
 - b. Are planned consistent with the County's adopted land use goals and policies and that are developed through cooperation, consultation and participation with port districts, and airport operators, owners, users and the public; and
 - c. Are consistent with state, regional and international air transportation plans.
2. Foster recognition by pilots and other airport users of their roles in minimizing air traffic safety hazards, noise, and other immediate impacts of airport activities on surrounding land uses. Cooperate with the port districts and solicit participation from airport operators, owners, and users, and the public, in anticipating and responding to land use, safety and noise concerns.