

## Sophia Cassam

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**From:** Lynda Guernsey  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** Sophia Cassam  
**Subject:** FW: Hello! Support of the Vision Statement; Request for Buildout Analysis

Hi Sophia,

Please see the comment email below.

Regards,  
Lynda

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Good morning, Lynda!

I hope this note finds you and your family well. Thank you for being so welcoming and helpful during my short time on the Planning Commission. I really appreciate how you helped me get up to speed, and ensure I had all the mailings.

I saw there were some big changes to the Planning Commission after I left. I'm happy to see all the positions are now filled.

Would you kindly pass my note onto the Planning Commission?

I am writing in support of the Build-Out Analysis, which I see as key in keeping the rural character as laid out in the Vision Statement. In my small time on the Planning Commission, I asked for an inventory of water resources, as I saw that was one of the keys to understanding the capacity/carrying limits on the islands. We knew there were a few main sources with a lot of different small wells. I see now that Sen. Lovelett is proposing a similar inventory statewide. With so many people wanting to come to the San Juans -- and now more than ever due to the pandemic -- it would be helpful to understand the impacts on the environment, transportation, housing, sense of community cohesion. Last but definitely not least, it is essential to determine the fiscal implications of new development on government services. The County already seems underfunded. I understand that for every \$1 in new tax revenue, the county spends \$1.32. The County, then, is in effect, subsidizing growth. This is unsustainable.

I want our county to remain a quiet, rural, environmentally sustainable community. We still have time to plan adequately for the transformation that has already begun, but I don't know how much longer we have.

Thank you for being open to this input, and for your service on the Planning Commission.

Best,  
Georgette