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March 26, 2021

Dear Director Shook & All Others on the San Juan County Council:

As a resident of San Juan Island, I care deeply about the future of our county in general and the quality of life on our "rock" in particular. In addition to watching real estate development soar in recent years, I've also become mindful of city dwellers nationwide now flocking to more rural and untouched areas in the wake of our pandemic. These statistics trouble me, especially since I'm aware that our county has not prepared any BOA (build-out-analysis) to study the effects of population growth on our island resources and quality of life.

I'm also aware that Joe Symons has submitted a docket request asking the county to conduct that BOA. I'm writing now to express my firm support of his request. Such a BOA would hopefully comprise an impact analysis inspired by themes from the official Vision Statement; it would include the impact on the environment, transportation, housing, fiscal implications of new development on government services, and the quality of community life as a whole.

This pandemic has highlighted the crucial need for solid family and community cohesiveness and security. Mother Earth is screaming at us to protect and preserve her limited resources. Despite how tempting it might be to avail ourselves of the opportunities that come with growth, it's my ardent belief that other timeless values must supersede profit. Please act on behalf of those as quickly as possible for the sake of our county and our island.

Sincerely,

Deb~
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