

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: Docket Request 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

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From: joe symons <joesymons@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 6:26 PM
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Cc: Irmgard Conley <irmorcas@rockisland.com>
Subject: Fwd: Docket Request 21-0003

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Note: Irmgard is over 90 years old and asked me to forward her comment to you as she was unable to insert the proper email address and send it from her own computer.

Please consider this comment to originate from her.

Thank you

Joe Symons

From Irmgard:

"Joe, please fill in the addresses and send for me. . The last time I tried all the addresses were in Japanese characters. Thank you Irmgard"

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Irmgard Conley" <irmorcas@rockisland.com>
Subject: Docket Request 21-0003
Date: May 28, 2021 at 3:49:28 PM PDT

To: "Symons Joe" <joesymons@me.com>

Greetings,

As a forty-plus-year Resident of Olga, and lifetime Environmentalist, I write in support of Docket Request 21-0003

I urge you to take positive, forward-looking Action NOW, before we carelessly lose what until now has made our higher living-costs worthwhile. Few among us have any idea that our Islands have a build-out possibility of 134,000 persons, (Others say 175,000) without counting visitors. *That is a nightmare!* Any TALK about environmental protection *under these circumstances is sheer window-dressing!*

Inevitably anything remotely close to those figures would completely destroy what *so far* still distinguishes our lives from those on the Mainland. Please spell out clearly what the Consequences of Uncontrolled Growth will be. We do know that there is a (High-priced) building-surge going on, so just ignoring what will follow is simply not acceptable.

There are no affordable rentals available to house indispensable workers, while the over sixty-five population, along with its needs for scarce caretakers continues to increase, *and Tourism Interests keep right on advertising.* So: will we fly in mainland workers daily, driving up living costs to *unaffordable* for average longtime Citizens, or *what are the alternatives you propose???*

How will the increased need for Water be satisfied when clearly Climate-change is pointing to less resource-availability? And will we dump the ever increasing effluent into the waters surrounding us, as Victoria did for so many decades? If not, where would we build Treatment Facilities, and how would they be paid for as building- and material costs are spiraling upwards at a rapid rate?

How would our narrow roads carry the added traffic? Widening them further will be impossible in most sections, and even where it could be, it would necessitate buying up adjacent private property. And what about the added air pollution overall, which will be even more concentrated in some places? Who's property will take the brunt of more street noise and headlight pollution?

Where will the needed Ferries for a much larger population come from? And why would any sane citizen want to put up with our much higher prices and wasted time if life in the islands becomes plagued with all the Mainland woes most of us wanted to get away from? Will we join the long list of "Once Beautiful Places", or will we act while there is a window of Opportunity?

We have long been able to see night skies, but unless *Down-lighting-Only* will be mandated, and overall light-pollution cut dramatically, we soon will lose this pleasure as well.

Please approve docket 21-0003 to start a culture of transparency. Please don't let people get caught unaware.

Respectfully yours,

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