

Sophia Cassam

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
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Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below and attachment in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

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Lynda,
The attached is for the Planning Commission for Docket 21-0003.
Hope to see you at the parade this year.
John

June 14, 2021

To: Lynda Guernsey, Planning Commission and others as appropriate.
RE: Discussion on growth.

Dear Commissioners:

The discussion on population needs to consider:

Land Bank and Preservation Trust parcels that will not be developed.

Roughly 10% of parcels are un-developable.

Property owners who acquire parcels to preserve their privacy need to be considered.

Roughly half the population goes south in the winter,

Planning under GMA: there is no population cap allowed under GMA. Under federal and State law, people are allowed to live where they want. Under GMA, we are required to accommodate new growth.

Internet telecommuting is a double-edge sword that makes working from home a possibility. Additional affordable housing also exacerbates population.

There are some natural constraints:

1. Transportation of people, goods and services to and from the islands is expensive.
2. Housing and building is very expensive.
3. Jobs and our Island economy are restricted.
4. Medical services may be inconvenient.
5. In terms of shopping and entertainment, island life is bare bones.
6. Air travel is and should be limited by airport size.

Thank you for your attention. Each listed item could occupy a full days discussion. San Juan County will continue to grow slowly depending on the world around us.

Respectfully,

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