

## Sophia Cassam

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**From:** Lynda Guernsey  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Sophia Cassam  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to the SJC Planning Commissioners

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,  
Lynda

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To: San Juan County Planning Commission

From: Pam Jenkins, Olga, WA

Date: June 11, 2021

Re: Build Out in San Juan County and the Comprehensive Plan

Members of the Planning Commission,

We live on islands in a sea of salt water.

We have a finite amount of fresh water to support the people who live on and visit our islands.

We need to find out how much fresh water is available on each of our islands and the max. number of people that would support. This is the first and most critical factor we need to have addressed in our comprehensive plan, and we need to do that NOW.

We live here for the beauty and peace of these islands of which the forests and farms are a part.

We also cherish our small towns and communities, and the involvement of so many citizens and organizations here that help to support the needs of ALL in our community.

From 1870 to about 1970 San Juan County's population stayed at about 4000. In the last 50 years it has quadrupled to 16,000. If all parcels were subdivided at that their current allowance and developed, the full-time population would be about **134,000** assuming 2 residents/parcel. This does not include tourists coming to the island! THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, and hard to imagine that it is sustainable. Would we have the water to support this? The ferry service? Waste treatment? Do we want so much of the beauty of our trees, meadows and farmland destroyed by development? I DON'T. I have lived here for the past 36 years, taught school here, and built a home here that I live in full time.

I do want to see more affordable housing for the people who provide essential services here. How do we create that and where? That also needs to also be a high priority.

The original Comprehensive Plan says the Vision Statement is the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan supposed to fulfill the Vision Statement. The whole plan is to be built around it.

There is a substantial inconsistency between the official Vision Statement for the county and the build-out potential baked into the current density map, and the question of sustainability goes unanswered.

We need the Planning Commission to start NOW to create a truth in planning document that gives us the information we need on these issues.

Sincerely,

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