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Dear Council members,

I have been a full time resident of San Juan County since 1978. When I arrived on Lopez Island the Comprehensive Plan had recently been adopted and there were various opinions on it and its effectiveness. I have seen the islands change radically in the past 43 years. Some of these changes I have welcomed. Some, like turning agricultural lands and forests into residential plots, are very worrying to me. Where do we draw the line on growth and development?

This is a question, (paraphrased) that I have heard many times, in many forms since 1978: "How many people can these Islands support and still retain its rural character and all the things that we moved here to experience?"

The Council has received over 80 letters requesting that the question be answered. Many of those letters express the concern eloquently and concisely, and I can not improve on them. I urge the County Council to put Docket 21-0003 on the work plan for DCD as part of the process for completing the Comprehensive Plan update. Please perform a Build Out Analysis.

I appreciate how difficult it will be to address and implement our growth management issues and appreciate your attention to this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Paul S. Henriksen

Lopez Island