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Dear Ms, Cassam,

As an Orcas Island resident, I am writing to express my thoughts regarding the 2021 docket.

Regarding 21-0001, Commercial Composting on Agricultural Resource Lands: I DISAGREE with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Industrial composting operations are not to scale or purpose with our highly protected and highly valuable Agricultural Resource Lands. Those parcels were set aside for agriculture for a reason. As the situation regarding climate change comes into dire and crisis driven focus over the next 10 to 20 years (as it inevitably will), all agricultural resources lands may very well be needed for just that--to keep our population from starvation (I know this sounds alarmist, but the science points in this direction). In any case, commercial composting is NOT compatible with agriculture operations. be found for this very important (but separate) activity.

Regarding 21-0003, "Build-Out Analysis": I DISAGREE with the Planning Commission's recommendation. I have already and previously expressed my firmly committed opinion that we absolutely MUST do a thorough and complete analysis of all of our resources in the face of rapid development in the county and the current climate crisis. It will be sorely too late to deal with issues such as lack of sufficient potable water, loss of wildlife habitat/corridors (and therefore species extinction), increased pollution pressure, once they have happened here. What contingencies, mitigations, strategies can we put into place without an analysis of where full capacity actually is for this island?. Without a buildout analysis that takes every possible angle of impact into account, the idea of creditable planning by the Commission, Council, or anyone else is an absurdity. We can no longer put this off. The proposals A and B are not comprehensive enough. I acknowledge the project is a heavy lift in terms of resources and effort. This should not deter us from what should be priority number one. Planning cannot be done responsibly without this complete analysis.

Regarding 21-0005, Creating New Tree-Protection Standards — I AGREE with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Regarding 21-0008, Creating New Stormwater-Management Regulations — I AGREE with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Regarding 21-0007, Drive-through eating establishments - I DISAGREE with the recommendation to allow this. We do not need more cars in Eastound, more driveways, more landscaping that looks like the mainland everywhere. Consider the rural character of this place, please, in everything you do.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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