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Dear County Council,

I would like to support the notion of a better, and public, San Juan County buildout plan. The islands are particularly finite when it comes to water, food supply, transportation, energy, garbage... support of all kinds. Given our ferry-based transportation system, all services are particularly susceptible to limits. The notion that the population could grow to 134,000 (plus visitors) is particularly unrealistic. I would strongly support a much lower number and also support a SJC-specific study of island carrying capacity. An impact study is, at the very least, required for further growth to avoid a "collapse of the commons." Please let me know if there is anything the residents of SJC can do to help make this study happen. After all, the islands are a microcosm of the world overall. If we all act for our own self-interest, we crash the planet. If we opt for reasonable management of the commons, we can all thrive, as long as we can accept limits to the consumption of resources and our own growth.

Sincerely,

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