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**From:** Faith Van De Putte <faithvdp@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Planning Commission meeting March 16th, 2018.

Dear Members of the SJC Planning Commission,

I would like to request the addition of the word Community to the Preamble of the Vision Statement. I grew up on Lopez, left after graduating highschool and returned. I returned not for privacy but for community. When I talk to people about why they decided to move here or why they stay when there are greater opportunities in other places they often say it is because of the community. On Lopez there is a strong ethic of taking care of each other and even of knowing each others business. I would strongly advocate for including community as one of the values prized by islanders.

**PREAMBLE: WE THE PEOPLE** of San Juan County recognize that these rural islands are an extraordinary treasure of natural beauty and abundance, and that independence, privacy, personal freedom and **community** are values prized by islanders. Being a diverse people bound together by these shared values, we declare our commitment to work towards this vision of the San Juan Islands **in 2020 A.D.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Faith Van De Putte  
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