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Comments for Comp plan:

My feedback represent many people who feel the same and are not as outspoken. (most have no idea what came over Orcas). Orcas residents are bewildered and worried by changes we are all experiencing on the island that resembled too many other small communities that have been destroyed by growth, vacation homes, and building quotas. We must have a build out and impact analysis available and plan with the vision statement in mind.

The vision statement is about retaining rural environment, quiet, beauty and nature. It is not about building more and more or making more and more profit. The DCD's recommendations for Docket 19-0002 is scary and not in line with the vision statement.

The comp plan is neither transparent, nor in line with the vision or the will of the island's residents. Most people don't even know about it and are just wondering and expressing their dismay with words like, "What is happening to our island? It is too crowded and my neighbors are not neighbors. Locals cannot find housing and they leave. Traffic in the summer is incredible. No long term rentals for locals (yes, it is connected, many of the vacation rentals (50% without permits) used to be year around rentals, or would have been that before the flood of vacation rentals investors.)

The island is becoming a vacation rentals resort owned by off island investors turning residential areas into commercial "lodging" zones.

Someone recently said on facebook that a man was running around on their street with a knife chasing people. Not an Orcas kind of occurrence. When someone else suggested to email the neighborhood, the answer came, "Every other house on our street is a vacation rental with the owner not living on the island."

It seems our politicians are all about profit and economic growth. Wrong goal!!! WE DON'T WANT ECONOMIC GROWTH. Enough of this American "God" to which all is sacrificed. Not Here! We don't want to sacrifice our quality of life for money. Economic growth is what is destroying the whole planet and an island suffocates even faster.

We must limit growth; Limit tourists; Limit vacation homes; invest in low income housing and in preserving the rural, quiet, beauty of our island. Vacation homes in residential neighborhood means Commercial production inside residential area. It destroys the community for money.

Hear us out: We must participate in planning. We don't want more growth forced on us when we don't notice. We want more quiet, nature, natural beauty, community of locals, and living conditions and housing for working people and families. Stop building and planning for more more more. It is time for less less less and limit vacation homes and building in general.

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