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Dear San Juan County Planning Commission:

I sure love it here on Orcas. It's my home. And I hope that someday my adult children will take over this house and benefit from the beauty and community care that is present here. I'm sure you know what I mean: you live in this same county, maybe even on Orcas, the gem of the San Juans.

I am writing to voice my support of Docket 19-0002. It is vitally important to the SJC planning process, and the future of our habitat. I've seen changes here in the last decade that would concern anyone who cares about this natural and social ecosystem. I am urging the Planning Commission to prioritize the consideration of this document and refer it to the SJC Council for consideration as a top (or nearly) priority. The current lower priority assigned to this item by the DCD is not what is called for, especially after all these years.

In my opinion, a thorough buildout/capacity analysis is imperative for accurately assessing the carrying capacity of our beloved island. If the planning process proceeds without a thoughtful consideration of the island buildout capacity, we risk losing the island character which brought many of us here, and, more importantly, we risk a continuation of island

ecosystem deterioration and severe depletion of finite but critical resources such as water. I can't tell you how many people I know who have had to truck water in these last few years. Yes, there has been a draught; but communal wells are running dry earlier in the year because more people are tapping them.

As a closing note, I wish we'd been given a longer lead time on your consideration of Docket 19-0002.

Please make the wise, long term decisions.

Kind regards,

Gregory Kramer