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San Juan County  
Planning Commission Meeting, July 16, 2021  
PO Box 947  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

RE: Land Use Request (18-0010) TPN 2711-4301-2000

Dear Commission:

Back in January 2018, we made a Land Use Request for our Airport Center Property which is a part of the Service Light Industrial zone. These buildings were developed by Thomas Branch in 1976 which allowed for many choices for their tenants and businesses and were permitted under the then existing regulation. Over the years, Eastsound has changed and an Airport Overlay appeared which has affected our ability to rent space for local use. It is unclear to us if the Airport Overlay supersedes the permitted use under which the buildings were constructed.

Constantly our tenants ask us to allow for a café in our building for a convenient, non-congested option for the surrounding area (Service Light Industrial people need to eat as well) where they don't have to drive—be more GREEN.

We have a CRITICAL long-term housing shortage of which we are trying to help—2 long-term rental options in our existing suites. This would allow for only two (2) rentals so a tenant can walk to the Eastsound UGA and lower the carbon print (less car usage). Since purchasing this building, the Airport Overlay, Eastsound Planning Review Committee, and zoning changes all over Orcas has impacted our ability to improve business options around the Airport.

It was unfortunate that the Eastsound Planning Review Committee reviewed this when I was off island and unaware of their discussions, otherwise, I would have strongly pointed out the benefits and little impact this would have on the area out skirting the Airport.

I feel like Orcas has given up on any options to provide long-term rentals for employees of businesses on this island. Exceptions should be allowed to increase our critical housing shortage.

The restrictions on restaurants, residential units, and gathering places have all been imposed since these buildings were built. Those restrictions did not exist at the time these permitted buildings were created.

Most sincerely,

*Richard and Myrna Fant*

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Nexco, Inc. (dba Airport Center)