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Dear Planning Commissioners,

In addition to the Town Halls on Climate, Housing, and the Map Changes, please add a Town Hall on Transportation that especially focuses on Ferry Transportation.

The Washington State Ferry system is a key part of our county's transportation that cannot be ignored. It is essential both to our economy and to residents whose health care cannot be obtained on their home island (that is a lot of us).

I cannot overemphasize the importance of addressing the current and projected level of ferry service in the context of planning. Ken Burtness, a retired ferry captain, who serves on the Ferry Advisory Committee for San Juan County, told me that ferry service issues are related to maintaining an aging fleet, a lack of reserve vessels, inadequate staffing levels, and a very long timeline for the funding and building of new ferries. No improvement can be expected for 10 years and this, he says, is very optimistic.

Also, please add a Town Hall on Land Use. I am especially interested in land use planning that will help us address Climate issues:

Encouraging landowners to maintain healthy forests -even if the parcel is not judged to be optimal for timber harvest- will help sequester carbon dioxide. And forest lands can be certified for carbon credits. This would give the parcel owner income that would further incentivize forest stewardship.

I am also very interested in allowing the option of combining agricultural lands with solar + energy storage. Livestock rotational grazing (most likely sheep) or other types of Ag that have been found to be compatible with solar.

Thank-you for all your hard work as Planning Commissioners!

Janet Alderton

Who has been in love with our islands since 1995!