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Please forward this to the Planning Commission for tomorrow's meeting.  
Thank you!  
Lynn

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I strongly support the inclusion of the attached Climate Change Element in the County's Comprehensive Plan. Writing as a private citizen and resident of Shaw Island, I urge you to integrate the Plan's current climate change policies and regulations in one place, for better implementation and to acknowledge the importance of unified action on this urgent issue.

As an environmental and land use attorney, I served on the County's Technical Advisory Committee which drafted the UDC regulations for the Comprehensive Plan twenty years ago. Clearly, much has changed since then. The biggest change in recent years has been our climate. When we wrote the regulations for the UDC, we did not imagine a heat dome, atmospheric rivers, entire bridges being washed out in a single afternoon, drought damaged forests, and significant sea level rise. The Climate Change Element provided by the Friends of the San Juans addresses those things in a way that gives us hope and practical action to take.

We have no time to waste. As Governor Inslee has stated, "To tackle this growing crisis head on, we need strong, aggressive action." With a strong, clear Climate Change Element in our updated plan, we can get to work on the adaptations and innovations we need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn

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