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Lynda and Planning Commissioners,

Attached please find comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan for your upcoming meeting. Thank you for all of the time and effort that this group and the many before you have dedicated to this process. Our community truly owes you all a debt of gratitude.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the following.

Sincerely,

Justin Paulsen
Orcas Island

With regard to the Transportation Element (#6), I would submit the following for consideration-

Item 6.4.B. 4 and 5:

I would propose that items #4 and #5 are somewhat redundant and confusing and could be combined. Further, that the items as written depend upon WSF to gather local concerns rather than proactively seeking input from county residents directly.

4. Support a local public review process ~~conducted by~~ **coordinated with** WSF that seeks comments regarding potential modifications to ~~its administration of~~ the adopted preferential loading policies identified in WAC 468– 300–700. This review process should include, but not necessarily be limited to, the Ferry Advisory Committee. **The FAC should receive, assemble and** Submit requests **recommendations** to modify WAC 468–300–700 ~~pertaining to preferential ferry loading to the FAC, who will coordinate with WSF. The FAC should review and make recommendations on each request to the San Juan County Council. The Council should make any~~ formal recommendations to amend WAC 468– 14 300–700 to

the Washington State Transportation Commission that support operations and procedures for processing requests for preferential loading which reflect local needs.

~~5. Submit requests to modify WAC 468-300-700 pertaining to preferential ferry loading to the FAC, who will coordinate with WSF. The FAC should review and make recommendations on each request to the San Juan County Council. The Council should make any formal recommendations to amend WAC 468-14-300-700 to the Washington State Transportation Commission.~~

Item 6.4.B.7.f:

I would propose changing the wording of this item to not only reflect the need for another boat, but to also affirm the support for the Sydney BC run. This may be better captured in the addition of a new line.

“Work with the state legislature and WSF to add **reinstate one additional a five** ferry **schedule, including international service to Sydney BC,** to the San Juan summer schedule to service seasonal demand.”

Alternatively, add section 6.4.B.7.g to read as follows:

“Work with the state legislature and WSF to maintain service on the San Juan/Anacortes route that services Sydney BC to facilitate international travel and improve scheduling for San Juan County residents.”

With regard to the Economic Development Element (#10), I would submit the following for consideration-

Within section 10.3.b in Goal #2 Section 1-4, to specifically include emphasis on supporting training for jobs which support the development of opportunities for the workforce to enhance and support WSF. My request is really aimed at making sure that support of WSF is not left out of specific reference within the document. I see this section as the appropriate location for SJC to indicate that they are cognizant, focused and ultimately supportive of encouraging WSF employment opportunities.

Possible inclusion as follows:

2. Provide financial or other support for job skills training, and mentoring, counseling, educational support – including for necessary licensing – to county residents, or to training facilities, to strengthen existing businesses and attract new industries and entrepreneurs **and to support the enhancement of training opportunities for County residents within the WSF system.**