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Sophia Cassam  
Department of Community Development  
P.O. Box 947  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250  
RE: SJC Comp Plan Update and Proposed UGA Expansion

To Ms. Cassam,

To support the Port of Friday Harbor Strategic Plan and to provide additional land for significant percentage of employment the Town of Friday Harbor requests the expansion of the UGA to include industrial uses, such as those on TPNs 351341005000, 351341006000, and 351341008000.

**Employment.** According to the [United States Census Bureau, OnTheMap](#) 2019 Job Counts by NAICS Industry Sector, approximately 15% of the jobs/employment in Friday Harbor fall under the general category of industrial uses.

**Vacant Land.** The Town of Friday Harbor contains a very limited number of vacant lots which are zoned for industrial uses, many of them are in use but do not have improvements made to the land or they are constrained by critical areas; those parcels are unlikely to be improved during this planning horizon. These constraints leave very little land area designated for industrial uses, which is a requirement for cities planning under the Growth Management Act.

The coupling of these two factors indicates a need to ensure availability of, in the very least, industrial land for this sector of employment. Additionally, the parcels which are part of the proposed UGA expansion may be described and identified as “Land already characterized by urban growth, but requiring additional public facilities and urban services” per WAC 365-196-310. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Town of Friday Harbor  
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