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MEMO

REPORT DATE: May 18, 2021

TO: San Juan County Planning Commission

FROM: Sophia Cassam, Planner I

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Docket
Public Comments on Request 21-0003

BRIEFINGS: Planning Commission: May 21, 2021

ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Comments on Docket Request 21-0003

PURPOSE: Transmittal of public comments received between May 17 and May 18, 2021 in support of Docket Request 21-0003 to the Planning Commission.

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: support for docket request 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

Lynda Guernsey, Administrative Specialist II – Direct Line (360) 370-7579
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From: John Clancy <jclancy1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: support for docket request 21-0003

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Lynda,

I am grateful that you will forward this to all the members of the Planning Commission. Thank you.

I stand in full support for Joe Symons' docket request 21-0003, which requests that the Planning Commission create a "Truth in Planning" component to the Comp Plan. This component would put in layperson's language the implications of our growth potential (e.g. the maximum buildout population) on our collective future. We would become clearly aware of this currently sanctioned buildout population on our county's carrying capacity, on its effects on our taxes and, extremely importantly, its effects on our desire to become a sustainable island culture.

Our species is devouring the world. And should intelligent and caring people like yourselves not make a significant and sustained effort to help the county populace become extremely aware of the impacts of our current trajectory, then we will continue to devour the world our corner of the world. I imagine that you are all under a great deal of pressure. I ask you, as I ask myself, to make a strong stand and operationalize the Vision Statement, holding that as the standard by which decisions are made. By accepting docket request 21-0003, by integrating its request into the CP, and thus making it easier for islanders to comprehend the effects of our growth, I believe you will experience a collective support for planning activity that embraces and manifests our Vision Statement.

Thank you.

John Clancy
161 Rosehip Rd.

Eastsound, Washington 98245

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
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From: walt cooter <walter@rockisland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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please limit the buildout of the islands to maintain environmental health

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Consideration and Study of Residential and Tourism Carrying Capacity

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From: Steve Snowden <snow1157b@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: snow1157b <snow1157b@gmail.com>
Subject: Planning Commission Consideration and Study of Residential and Tourism Carrying Capacity

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Dear Ms. Guernsey,

I am writing to express my concern that San Juan County and the Planning Commission through the Comprehensive Plan lack a coherent response to address the ramifications of an allowed total build-out population of 134,000 for the county, over seven times the current level. It should be readily apparent to any resident of the San Juans that such a population is well beyond the carrying capacity of the potable water resources, schools, and transportation infrastructure, most notably the ferries. It should also be clear that such a build-out population would have extremely deleterious effects on the natural environment and scenic quality of the Islands, the reasons that so many people are drawn to live here. In my opinion the Planning Commission has an obligation to seriously consider what is the actual carrying capacity for residents and tourists for our Islands that can at least maintain the current quality of life. Such a study is obviously vital for land-use planning and the goal of a responsible and positive future for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Steve Snowden
4997 Center Road
Lopez Island

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Camille Uhlir <camilleu@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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Dear Camille,

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Please let us know if you will adopt the docket as proposed by Joe Symons on Feb 24, 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Leslie and David Brazeau

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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Steve Smith <steves@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Steven Rubey <stevenr@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Dale Roundy <daler@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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Dear Dale,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Michael Pickett <michaelp@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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Dear Mike,

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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Nicholas Knoellinger <nicholask@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:12 PM
To: David Kane <davidk@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>; David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>
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From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Sheila Gaquin <sheilag@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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Dear Sheila,

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To: Sophia Cassam
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From: Eastsound Suites <info@eastsoundsuites.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Matthew Ellingson <matthewe@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: David Brazeau <brazeaux@msn.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: As Eastsound business owners, we ask you to respond re: TRUTH IN PLANNING

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