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MEMO

REPORT DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: San Juan County Planning Commission

FROM: Sophia Cassam, Planner I

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

BRIEFINGS: Planning Commission: May 21, 2021

ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Comments on Docket Request 21-0003 (Build-Out Analysis)

PURPOSE: Transmittal of public comments on the 2021 Docket received between May 19-20, 2021.

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:26 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: Limiting Growth

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

Lynda Guernsey, Administrative Specialist II – Direct Line (360) 370-7579 SAN JUAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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From: Lyman Griswold <lymang314@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:00 PM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: Sharon Abreu <sharmuse@gmail.com>
Subject: Limiting Growth

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I have lived on Orcas for nearly thirty years. I have occasionally heard talk of limiting growth to make this a more livable place but have seen very little put into law to define that objective. If we are going to have livable islands in the future, we are going to have to define what "buildout" is and stick to it. If we do not control this now we are simply kicking the can down the road and leaving our future as a livable place to profit making interests.

Please act now to define "buildout" and control growth.

Lyman W. Griswold
314 Terrill Beach Rd.
Eastsound, WA

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

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From: Ed Suij <edsuij@rockisland.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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To the San Juan County Planning Commission,

We, the people who live in these Islands, should be the Stewards of these incredible important and delicate ecosystems, millions of years in the making. One of the truly amazing places on the planet.

It is our solemn duty to preserve, protect and enhance what we cherish. Our survival and the wellbeing of future generations depend on it.

Our children will never forgive us if we let it all deteriorate in just one generation.

So I strongly support the Docket Request 21 0003.

We have to know what is coming at us, so we can take appropriate action.

If we don't act now, all we hold dear will be lost.

Just go visit Whidbey Island and you will know what I mean.

I have lived on Orcas for 37 years and have seen the rapid loss of rural character, natural beauty, wetlands, ecosystems and have seen the livability nosedive.

We HAVE TO stop the hemorrhaging.

Thanks for listening,
Ed Suij

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From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:28 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

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From: MJ <nohealani@rockisland.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:04 PM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: San Juan County Council <councilvm@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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I write to state my overwhelming support for Docket request 21-0003. Please make this comment part of the official record.

I have participated in planning meetings since 1919, was one of a very few active participants in the hearings before the Growth Management Hearings Board, where I filed appeals, motions and briefs in support of the invalidation of the Comprehensive Plan (CP), which occurred. Many if not most of the claims made by those appealing the CP for its extreme failure to comply with GMA were upheld after years of litigation. From the first meetings in 1991 throughout the litigation the county failed to clarify the issue of population and refused all requests to do so. It is ludicrous to claim to have a rational planning document when one does not obtain and present accurate data on the population that is potential under the proposed plan. Impacts of a population of unknown size on water availability, housing, traffic, resource lands, quality of life and much much more that GMA mandates be carefully considered, cannot possibly be evaluated.

I have previously requested the Truth in Planning Application of Joe Symons be added to the docket and I do so again now.

I have lived in the county for nearly 40 years and have seen a terrible degradation of these beautiful islands, loss of wetlands, pollution of ground water, the quality of rural life and loss of livability. We absolutely must have the basic facts, which means a buildout population study.

Sincerely,

Maile Johnson
Orcas

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From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
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Hi Sophia,

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From: Kate Yturri <kyturri52@gmail.com>
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Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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Good afternoon,

Please implement a "Truth in Planning" document and conduct a proper, verifiable, public buildout analysis.

Please make decisions and act in accordance with our county vision statement.

We do not have the natural resources (water etc), infrastructure, health care or space to continue to grow and grow our county.

Thank you,
Katherine Yturri
Orcas