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Brooke:

I am writing as a resident of San Juan Island. We have lived at 1829 White Point Road for the last twenty years.

I am unable to attend the Hearing on June 17th but I wish to be heard.

Owning a working farm on San Juan Island is a labor of love. There is minimal to no economic gain for the real estate holders to own a working farm and yet we all cherish farming, the Farmer's Market and agricultural uses of property on San Juan Island. If every Farm on San Island was gone our landscape would be considerably different. Agriculture is a very important aspect to San Juan Island and agritourism and jobs would certainly be reduced considerably without Farms and the ability to purchase directly from a local Farmer.

I urge the San Juan County Council and the San Juan County Planning Commission to approve this request to change the Land Use Designation from Rural Farm Forest to Rural Commercial. It is my understanding that some "prepared foods" are what are desired by the owners to sell on their property. I disagree with Staff's opinion that "This change will result in a significant benefit/added value to the landowners...". I believe conditions could be worked out with Staff and the Landowners to protect that the benefit aren't "significant" and the intended desire of the Landowners to sell prepared foods on site could be achieved. A win-win for everybody.

We all need to support our local farmers and this type of support that they are asking from you today is exactly what landowners need for Farming and Agritourism to continue to exist on San Juan Island.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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