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Dear County Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Docket Request 23-0003 Southwell. Our family has owned land on Lopez Island for 50 years and have sold various parcels to the Land Bank to help preserve this island. We want to see Lopez grow in a reasonable manner, subject to current rules and regulations.

Docket Request 23-0003 does not meet any of the current rules and regulations and could open a Pandora's Box - if approved. It is counter to the DCD recommendation, meets no guidelines for approval with the SJCC or the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the Friends of the San Juans clearly think it's wrong. So do we.

It appears from the Docket Request documents that a refund was graciously offered on the application by the DCD in early April 2023 because it met none of the tests. Our understanding is that it has to meet all of them according to the county.

Based on the one-third (Southwell) / two-thirds (other family members) ownership issues related to this property, it seems the County Council is being asked to settle a family dispute. That doesn't appear to be for the good of the county, only for the individual requesting the change. There is a bigger issue at hand though, a wrong decision on Lopez Island could have an ominous impact throughout the islands.

Please vote NO on this Docket Request.

Sincerely,
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