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**Comprehensive Plan Text/SJC Code\* Amendment Request**

\*San Juan County Code Titles 15, 16 & 18  
 (Annual Docket)

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>	
Name of Applicant: <u>Lynn Bahrych</u>	Name of Agent: _____
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This request is for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations, not a comprehensive plan map amendment. I understand that this request will be reviewed according to the County's annual docket process.

	<u>Lynn Bahrych</u>	<u>1/09/25</u>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**Please Describe the Proposed Amendments (attach additional pages if you need more space):**

<p>1. Comprehensive Plan amendments (if applicable). Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List Comprehensive plan section, page numbers, title and policies proposed for amendment.</p> <p><b>SJCC 16.45.160, Shaw Island Subarea Plan, Standing committee; Updating the subarea plan. In the first sentence, change the word "shall" to "may" as follows: "A standing committee of seven members may be appointed by the board of County commissioners, with members to serve staggered three-year terms."</b></p>
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2. San Juan County Code Title 15, Title 16 or Title 18 amendments (if applicable). Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List code sections proposed for amendment.

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3. Why is the amendment being proposed?

**This word change will reflect actual practice for the last 30 years, so will correct the code. It will leave the formation of a committee as an option. With fewer than 200 residents, there is no need for a mandatory standing committee. The original SubArea Planning committee did not include a standing committee. It was added by a county commissioner, but has never been implemented. In addition to these practical reasons, the word “shall” is being replaced by the legal profession in statutes and codes due to its lack of precision. Hundreds of cases have been litigated about its meaning in particular cases. It can function as a mandatory term or a discretionary one, depending on the context. Changing the code in this case to “may” avoids any such confusion.**

4. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A), Comprehensive Plan and development regulations?

**This amendment reflects the intentions of the Shaw community when the Subarea Plan was adopted. As such, it is consistent with GMA’s emphasis on grassroots planning.**

5. Does this proposal impact an Urban Growth Area (UGA)? Lopez Village, Eastsound and the Town of Friday Harbor are the only UGAs in the County.

- Yes, indicate UGA \_\_\_\_\_
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- No X

6. Does this proposal increase population or employment capacity?

**N/A, no effect on either population or employment. It is difficult to find volunteers for the many volunteer needs on Shaw Island, so this committee would decrease volunteer capacity.**