**LWVSJ Observer Corps\*: County Council December 13, 2022**

During Public Access Lovel Pratt of Friends of the San Juans asked that Council to again Include getting **oil spill equipment and personnel located in the county** and to support whale deterrence during an oil spill.

In their discussion of **legislative priorities** at the federal and state level the Council included affordable housing, health and mental health, school funding, growler noise abatement, coastal erosion, oil spill issues, and ferries.

The Council approved the recommendations for the **2023 Lodging Tax Awards** by 2-1 with Council member Wolf opposing due to the balance of distributions among Islands.

The Auditor’s Office reported on **grant administration.** The Council was asked to ensure that grant requests **include indirect costs in the budget** before approving them for submission, The Auditor’s office will be submitting a **new procurement policy** to meet federal standards for procurements using grant funding.

The Council authorized the County Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to create an Opioid Abatement Council to monitor **funds received from opioid settlements.**

There was a ceremony to **recognize County employees** who had reached milestone anniversaries working for the County.

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