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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:46 PM
To: Emily Bryant <ebryant@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: GL-PLRZ20240003 (Palmberg)

Dear Trustees Gavreau, Mabblerley, and Peterson,

I write in support of Leif Palmberg's application for a proposed rezoning from Rural 2 (R2) to site specific R2 Zoning.

I have known Leif for several years and hired him recently to work on site development for our home building project. I appreciated his careful work, which went beyond the call of duty with several thoughtful touches (e.g., moving a large stone to serve as an "address marker" at the top of the driveway). As a restoration ecologist I am concerned about site impacts and how best to mitigate them. Leif worked closely with me on strategies to limiting both short term and long term impact. I was impressed by his knowledge, diligence, and responsiveness. He completed his work on time and on budget.

Watching how Leif works and does business gives me confidence he will develop his proposed operations sensitively and with his neighbours in mind; he grew up on the Island and knows it well. He intends to employ best practices to limit water use and given the scope of his proposed small cider operations should come in considerably below average household use.

My family and I have been coming to Galiano for sixteen years and have become involved in local organizations (mostly the Galiano Conservancy Association). We support the smart and measured growth of sustainable local businesses that can provide employment and diversify the Galiano economy. All three of his proposed business operations will be welcome additions to Galiano.

Sincerely,

Eric Higgs
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