

**From:** Jessica Kirkwood <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 5:28 PM  
**To:** Emily Bryant <ebryant@islandstrust.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Palmberg Rezoning Application

Revised.  
Sorry... I added something. Thank you!

Dear Galiano LTC,

We are writing to express our support for the Palmberg Rezoning Application, reference number PLRZ20240003. We are in support of this rezoning application for multiple reasons.

First and foremost, rezoning this property will allow Mr. Palmberg to develop multiple businesses that will support Galiano Island's sustainability - which is becoming increasingly essential at this moment in time. As islanders we will have access to affordable products that are processed, produced and sold on-island. Second, it will promote local job opportunities and boost the island's economy. Third, it could potentially become a tourist attraction (tourist spending) as a local cidery. This would furthermore support other local businesses as well.

I can understand that many neighbouring properties would be concerned about noise pollution and water scarcity. However, in reading through Mr. Palmberg's application, I trust that his management plan will be followed and monitored. We believe it is important that the concerns of those against his application are addressed.

We understand that the mandate of the Island's Trust is to protect the environment of the Gulf Islands from heavy development. However, it is equally important to consider rezoning select areas in order to support our local economy for long-term sustainability. Without local inhabitants with thriving on-island businesses, the island will become a ground for expensive real estate investment and high-end tourism (where all negative environmental and socioeconomic impacts are externalized). Eventually, this would result in more and more locals being pushed out of their homes.

As a Galiano-based massage therapist and wedding photographer, most of my tourist-clientele visit the Island to eat at the Pilgrimme and Bodega Ridge. If you look at the island as a organism, these two places are essential to the health and functioning of every single other local business, and thus to our community as a whole. Thanks, in part, to these businesses, I can pay my mortgage, support my family, buy food and spend money at other local businesses. I truly believe that Mr. Palmberg's vision and business ventures will benefit the entire island by promoting tourist spending, affordable goods/services, and sustainability.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Kirkwood and Louis Goethals

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