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Greetings Islands Trust,

Please, view the enclosed letter attached along with this email.

With much gratitude,
Jordan Pastor

November 14, 2025

To: Islands Trust Council
From: Gulf Islands Alliance

Re: Islands Trust Policy Statement, 1st reading for consultation, July 29, 2025

Dear Trustees,

Almost exactly 4 years ago we sent a letter to Trust Council regarding the Trust Policy Statement (TPS) and affordable housing.

At our Gulf Islands Alliance (GIA) meeting today we noted that the intervening years of work on this project, done by Trust Council, the Trust Programs Committee, several Committee of The Whole meetings, and correspondence from the public, have produced an admirable 1st reading Bylaw.

We have followed the past 7 years of work on the TPS, and have sometimes wondered if it would ever get to 1st reading, but here it is, representing a prodigious amount of work, and a strong reflection of the Islands Trust mandate, which is what GIA considers in all of its deliberations.

We appreciate the Advisory Policies on Housing (3.4.17 to 3.4.19), which focus on Housing for Indigenous People, Multi-Unit Residential housing with siting and character informed via Development Permit Areas, and encouraging the use of natural building materials (despite building code restrictions).

And, we are encouraged by the Directive Policies on Housing (3.4.11 to 3.4.16), which support a range of housing types and policies that set floor area and lot coverage limits, and regulate and limit short term vacation rentals when/where appropriate. Ensuring that increased density is tied to suitable locations, with careful considerations of available freshwater and the limitations of local ecology, is essential. We hope that this policy of suitable locations is firmly adhered to when approving development across the Trust Area.

We also are pleased to note that the Directive Policies for Ecosystem Integrity (3.3.1 to 3.3.9) include many of the environmental protection concerns that GIA has shared with the Islands Trust Council over the past decade.

Sincerely,



Jordan Pastor and Deborah Ferens,
on behalf of the Directors for Gulf Islands Alliance