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Subject: Support for 3Ravens

Dear Denman Island Planners and Trustees,

I have read and understand the 3Ravens affordable housing application. I fully support this project.

I am someone who lives close to the 3Ravens proposed project. This project has my full support for many reasons. I can see that there is a lot of housing insecurity on this island and therefore a real need for projects such as these. I lived in housing insecurity as a renter for many years on this island before moving onto the property where I currently live and am a title holder.

In my time as a renter, I was given notice due to the owner selling, I spent a year in a trailer with no power or water, I once had a two-month rental, which meant most of my summer was spent packing and unpacking. At various times I also lived in precarity due to tension with landlords. Not every experience was negative, but I did overall experience that my housing was not a secure or stable situation. And I don't need to tell you all that since housing is a basic need, when my basic needs were not met, I wasn't able to be in a state of thriving, and did not have very much to give back to community or the earth.

In the time since I was a renter, rental costs have gone up a lot, which makes renting an even more precarious situation for people.

Since I moved into my current home which I own, I feel less stress, more ability to participate and support the community, and more ability to be future-oriented in my thinking. Before, when I was renting and didn't know what would happen from year to year, I couldn't think ahead, and I did not have the capacity to be a strongly contributing member of this island. I now have a job that contributes greatly to food security on the island (Program Coordinator for Farm to Family Meal Service Society, farmtofamilybc.ca), and a lot more space and time to volunteer and help my neighbours and community members. It was not only the cost of renting, but also the stress of never quite feeling that I could truly settle in the rented home, because I lived there based on someone else permitting it to be so.

