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From: Deborah Frketich: [REDACTED]

Re: Community Housing Co-op Land Share Proposal 3Ravens (4100 Pinecrest Rd. Denman Island)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my complete support for the 3Ravens affordable housing rezoning application. I applaud the generosity of the applicants and their carefully constructed plan which would provide much needed housing for 7 Denman residents and/or families who would not otherwise be able to purchase secure and affordable may housing. Given that the plan for this proposal closely follows the successful Coho housing model, it should be fairly straightforward to approve this application.

Having sat on the board of the Denman Community Housing Society for three years I experienced the dashed hopes that followed having our funding requests be turned down more than once. As a result of these experiences, I no longer believe that our provincial or federal governments are committed to building affordable housing in rural communities such as Denman Island. Therefore when citizens are generous enough to share their land, every effort should be made to support them.

During the three years that I sat on the Denman Community Housing Society board I also witnessed the evolution of a more supportive attitude towards affordable housing solutions from Islands Trust. I appreciated the realization that this governing body could and should work as efficiently as possible to expedite much needed and worthwhile housing projects.

In the absence of government funding for affordable housing, projects such as 3Ravens offer the real possibility of affordable housing in our island community. I hope that Islands Trust will use all the tools at their disposal to approve their rezoning application as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Deborah Frketich