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**Subject:** GL-PLRZ20240003 (Palmberg),

To The Galiano LTC,

I am writing to explain my opposition to the application made in relation to GL-PLRZ20240003 (Palmberg), Location: District Lot 15. I understand that the application is proposing to Rezone from Rural 2 (R2) to site specific R2 Zoning and it is my position that the application should be denied.

Access to clean drinking water is imperative to the health and safety of our community and the importance of it cannot be minimized.

At its core, application PLRZ20240003 is an irresponsible proposal that pins the economic desire of one local entrepreneur (to establish a brewery), against the needs of Sticks Allison residents who want to maintain their access to clean sustainable volumes of water.

Mr. Palmberg's proposed industrial and commercial enterprises will use an extremely large amount of water.

A typical craft brewer uses up to 5-8 litres of water to make one litre of beer. A brewery is an economic activity for a place where access to fresh clean water is plentiful.

This proposal, application PLRZ20240003, is objectively indefensible when one considers the drought conditions experienced in recent years in

British Columbia but more specifically on the Gulf Islands. A brewery is not a suitable industrial initiative on an island where one of our biggest challenges will be searching for creative ways to preserve access to clean drinking water in the years to come.

If the Trust permits the proposed projects to go ahead it will threaten the Sticks Allison Water System's ability to maintain current clean water supplies.

This activity will affect both water volumes and also water quality. The wastewater by product of the proposed brewery will have disastrous consequences on the Sticks Allison water supply and quality. If not handled improperly it will pollute the groundwater and water in the aquifer that our water system currently draws from. The Palmberg application for re-zoning is not compliant with the Galiano Island Community Plan. See Policy 5.4(c) "an assessment will be required to determine the impact on local water flow patterns, groundwater and waste water disposal and shall show evidence of adequate water supply and waste disposal". The value of clean water is not quantifiable.

It is my position that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) should be directing that the Palmberg application not proceed. The Palmberg proposal is inconsistent with the island's values of sustainability and is singularly beneficial versus its devastating impact on the Sticks Allison Water supply, the drinking water of over one hundred islanders.

I respectfully ask the Trustees to deny this application.

Sincerely,

John and Sally Pankratz

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