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**Subject:** Support for rezoning application PLRZ20240003

Dear Galiano LTC,

I would like to express my support for Leif Palmberg's rezoning application for 832 Galiano Way (application number PLRZ20240003), and for small business owners on Galiano in general.

My understanding is that he intends to use the property for the production and sales of apple cider, as well as to keep equipment for his current property development / excavating services, and to run a small sawmill.

I contracted Leif a few years ago for his excavating and septic installation services after considering alternatives. He provides excellent service at a fair price.

As part of the job he did for me, trees that would have been good for lumber were destined for wood stoves due to the poor economics of moving lumber off-island. A small on-island commercial sawmill operation would improve the economics resulting in higher value outcomes (building applications) and less burning.

As far as the cidery is concerned I believe this would add to the appeal of the island by providing another commercial site of interest to visitors, and in particular one that promotes the production and sale of local products.

Regards,  
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