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Subject: Application Reference Number: PLRZ20240003

ATTN: Islands Trust
RE: Rezoning Application of 832 Galiano Way
Application Reference Number: PLRZ20240003

We are writing this email to express our support for the above application.

We believe that the rezoning plan for 832 Galiano Way from R2 to site-specific is well considered, both in terms of the local economy but also in terms of local limitations. We have observed first-hand the respectful and careful ways in which Mr. Palmberg has engaged with the community as he seeks to further develop his business while also considering the vulnerability of the geographical environment. His willingness to adjust his initial plan to better respect concerns about water availability in this rural area is evidence of this.

We believe the benefits of this plan are numerous. We are excited about the provision of on-island lumber processing as this takes advantage of local material that is currently going to waste and makes available valuable local products. In removing unused lumber from local forests it also mitigates wildfire risk by reducing overall deadfall. We do not take our island forests for granted, so when approved development takes trees down we would like that wood to be well-used. Local availability of soil, gravel and aggregates for home and property development and maintenance would also be very valuable. The cost of obtaining these products off island continues to grow exponentially and this makes their purchase increasingly prohibitive for the working middle-class. Further, we are happy to see the ongoing development of local farming, resulting in produce and product for purchase on the island.

In addition, it seems to us that this lot is optimally located to minimise the impact of this proposal on neighbours, whether it be sound pollution or increased traffic, as it is surrounded by the BC Hydro easement, the BC Hydro substation as well as Forestry land. Further Mr. Palmberg has graciously adjusted his initial proposal to reduce these disruptions even further.

Finally, we believe that this application represents a larger need and desire among young, working families on Galiano Island to grow a sustainable future for themselves and their families. This population must be supported to develop sustainable and profitable businesses that also contribute to the local economy if they are to continue to build a life on the Southern Gulf Islands. Supporting these kinds of diversifying initiatives in turn attracts and retains other professionals such as those in healthcare, education, and trades. Mr. Palmberg's goals are an excellent example of this as his ability to grow his own business makes it viable for his family to remain on island and for the island to retain his spouse, [REDACTED], as the General Practitioner in the community. We speak in support of this application as members of this same population, striving and struggling to build a sustainable life on Galiano Island.

In conclusion, we believe that a vibrant and diversified local economy provides a more interesting and robust platform for a desirable island life. This kind of richness, exemplified by this proposal, should counterbalance any of those concerns expressed against it.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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