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Subject: Regarding Application Reference Number PLRZ20240003 Galiano Island

Attention: Islands Trust

Re: Rezoning Application of 832 Galiano Way Application Reference Number PLRZ20240003

We are writing this email to show support for Leif Palmberg and his application for rezoning.

We have spoken with Leif Palmberg concerning his plans for the property in detail, and fully believe that this rezoning application should be looked at positively.

This kind of business growth initiative is exactly what is needed on Galiano. The support of this kind of diversified plan can lead not only to the retention of current on-island sustainable businesses, but to help the growth of future businesses. This will contribute to grow our local economy and further attract hard working and successful professionals that will help drive our island economy forward.

An interesting and different type of business such as the cidery, also gives an enriched flavour to the island, making it more desirable to live here, and to be part of a vibrant community. Future available employment opportunities would definitely be a positive byproduct.

In speaking with Leif, it seems clear to us that his ideas of local lumber processing would be a huge advantage, clearing the way for the chance to “buy local” , and ending the practise of local materials currently going to waste. We would love the opportunity to buy locally sourced wood products, while at the same time clearing out product that would otherwise sit and decompose, or create a fire hazard.

The location of Leif’s property seems ideal, with the area of land located where it is. Surrounded by BC Hydro easements, a substation and powerlines, it seems like Leif’s desire to be a fully cooperative partner in the area, is fully shown in this application. The impact of this proposal seems minimal, while the positive aspects already mentioned, seem much more prevalent.

Local small business operators need the availability of appropriately zoned properties in order to operate their businesses. It really is time to support our local businesses more strongly, as small communities require economic growth to secure their actual long term viability. Those of us that live here, want to stay in an environment that is stable, not always having to be completely dependant on products brought in at great expense from the mainland or Vancouver Island. As costs of transportation and products from off-island locations escalate, what a chance to provide better, sustainable products at a lower cost, while at the same time improving the overall quality of life on our island.

As community members and full time residents on Galiano, we fully support this application and we thank you for the thought and time you are putting into the consideration of it.

Sincerely,

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