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Subject: Letter for support for Reference PLRZ20240003

Dear Galiano LTC,

I am writing in support of Lief Palmberg's zoning application reference number PLRZ20240003.

As a long term Galiano weekender and resident, it is my observation that the health, vibrancy, and economy of our gem of an island relies on our need to prioritize conservation and ecology with zoning applications.

Our little community and its economy is built, maintained and improved by the hard work and creativity of the people we are able to attract and encourage to invest on Galiano. Without essential services and creative businesses our little community will be unable to grow and to attract or keep our young people, and professionals such as doctors, builders and service providers.

Lief's zoning application is critical for him to expand his contracting/construction business. We hired Lief to install a new septic system for us last year and we were extremely pleased with his professionalism and ability to coordinate electricians, plumbers, diggers, when installing our new system. I understand that this zoning application will enable Lief to improve his business and provided greater contracting/constructions services to our Galiano community. A small business like Lief's must be able to expand and Lief's proposal will benefit all of us on Galiano who will utilize his essential services.

Likewise, Lief's proposal to build an apple orchard and cidery is a creative and unique opportunity to add a unique and interesting business to our Galiano community. Certainly, similar cideries have been approved in Saanich and on Salt Spring Island. A healthy community has a wide variety of creative businesses. I understand that Lief's approach to his proposed orchard will increase our local farming and food production and has been designed in line with Galiano's fresh water supply. What a creative and interesting business. This will increase economic opportunities on Galiano Island and will support both our island community and attract many of our visitors.

In my view, Galiano needs to support small businesses as represented in this application. Approving this will strengthen Lief's construction business and also introduce a new, creative approach to local farming and food production. This proposal is a win win.

Your truly,

Tim Timberg

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