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Lasqueti Island Trust Committee

By email to: lasquetiislandlocaltrustcommittee@islandstrust.bc.ca

Dear Trustees,

Re: LA-RZ-2023.1: Land Use Bylaw and Official Community Plan Amendment

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this application. We believe that the Lasqueti Trust Committee should make its decision on this application based on two important principles.

Firstly, the Lasqueti Trust Committee should base its decision on the policies and regulations contained in the Lasqueti Island OCP and Land Use Bylaws, as well as the Islands Trust Policy Statement and relevant Provincial and Federal legislation. In particular, the Lasqueti OCP and Land Use Bylaws represent the vision of the community for land use and development on Lasqueti Island and surrounding waters. These documents have been developed after extensive consultation within the community. It is a principle of good governance to make decisions that are in keeping with the contents of these documents.

Secondly, we believe the Lasqueti Trust Committee should base its decision on the principle that all persons who make an application for a re-zoning or other form of permit have a right to fair and equal treatment, regardless of who they are. The decision should be based on objective consideration of the merits of the application, not on the applicant's relationship to or history in the community.

The Lasqueti Island Trustees have been elected by the community and entrusted with the responsibility to make decisions. Whatever decision is made, as long as that decision is clearly based on respect for the relevant community-based policies and the principle of objective fairness, we hope that all members of the community will respect the Trust Committee's decision as fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

