

On Sep 25, 2020, at 10:29 PM, Elizabeth FitzZaland <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Peter Grove,

Dear Trustees Luckham, Patrick and Grove,

I am so tired of writing letters to the Islands Trust pleading for action on housing. So tired. Year after year, the Housing Crisis gets worse. Year after year, good, smart people point to viable solutions. Year after year, the Local Trust Committee does almost nothing to address this crisis... What on Earth are you waiting for? The time for action was 20 years ago. We have so much catching up to do and so much to lose... It is both outrageous and heartbreaking that your organization continues to pretend it is not responsible for or capable of making an impact. If you actually believe this to be true, you should resign from leadership of a land use agency.

The Local Trust Committee has legislated powers to affect housing supply, design and location -- and thereby affordability, accessibility and carbon footprint. Islands Trust staff have documented ways to plan for better housing outcomes in our community. Salt Spring Solution's has documented this as well. We provided you with an itemized list of actions in 2019 along with a petition of 900 signatures requesting you prioritize this work. You have not acted. By doing nothing the LTC supports and perpetuates the status quo: large, resource-intensive homes built on cleared land that was a forest, while our essential workers, families and young adults have no permanent homes. This is extractive capitalism at its extreme and disastrous community planning.

Please do the right thing and finally prioritize housing as the LTC's top priority on October 6. Step up to the Preserve and Protect mandate by doing the hard work, not ignoring it. Move forward the recommendations of the Housing Work Group, and dedicate as many resources as you possibly can.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth FitzZaland

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