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Trust Committee,

We have seen this issue increasing for a very long time, and it worsens every year.

One year ago, housing advocates delivered a short report titled 8 tangible actions the Trust can take to address the housing crisis while protecting the environment. Each action was the result of consultations with many experts and community leaders, were deeply researched, and fell within existing regulations and the mandate of the Trust.

One year later, I am upset to hear that not one of these actions has been undertaken.

The new Housing Working Group project proposed for the Trust is one way to move forward on this issue.

This working group proposal should be approved and housing thus made one of the top 5 priorities of the Island, with Trust staff time allocated. These dedicated citizens are allies to you in this important problem solving.

The housing crisis here affects everyone, and is quickly hollowing out the working and middle class, harming our island culture and quality of life. Housing solutions can be found that protect the environment and people, but first housing has to be seen as a priority.

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