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Subject: Housing Planning Process

Hi - I have read the proposed housing planning process recommendation and would ask you to support this large, but important, project so enthusiastically envisioned by your hardworking, visionary, and tenacious Trustee, Laura.

I recognize that resources - both time and funding - are limited and precious, but I still believe that supporting this effort will be a wise expenditure.

As you well know, housing is an enormous and complicated issue on Salt Spring. The Community Alliance's Governance Working Group struggled to recommend a solution - eventually recommending a group focused entirely upon this important issue, remarkably like that recommended by Laura.

As the lead volunteer of *ASK Salt Spring*, housing is discussed at every meeting as one of Salt Spring's key problems. While the discussions are good and rich with suggestions, it is clear to me from the many conversations at *ASK Salt Spring* that a focused, well-resourced, clearly-defined, and inclusive process is needed. It is my belief that Laura's proposal meets these criteria. I hope that you can support moving forward with this important initiative.

Thanks for listening. . . Gayle