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To: SSInfo
Subject: Housing and revision of OCP

As a long time Salt Spring resident, I'm aware of how divisive the housing conversation on Salt Spring has been, particularly because of a perception that we have to choose between the affordable housing our community needs and the natural environment we all love and want to protect. But the truth is that, as a community, we agree on certain principles:

SUPPORT WORKFORCE HOUSING to prioritize affordable housing for local workers, farmworkers, low-income, and young residents to keep our community thriving.

PLAN FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE to change our patterns of community so that current and future affordable housing development is protected from, and does not worsen, climate impacts like floods, wildfires, and extreme weather by planning with science and future risks in mind.

BUILD DIVERSE CLUSTERED HOUSING to support co-housing, eco-villages, tiny homes, and multi-unit developments that are affordable, environmentally friendly, and surrounded by protected ecosystems.

BUILD WALKABLE, CONNECTED NEIGHBOURHOODS THAT SERVE ALL OF US so we should design our communities with homes, workspaces, shops, and services that are close together, affordable, and serve the needs of all Salt Springers, including seniors, families and the disabled and marginalized.

RESPECT INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP so our local government should work with local First Nations and Tribes in all planning, especially in sensitive cultural and ecological areas.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS to ensure new development supports farmland protection and strengthens access to local food.

I'm writing in support of the report submitted to the LTC titled "Common Ground Consensus for the Future," a package of proposals generated by a diverse group of community representatives, aligned with the LTC's 3 lenses for housing input on revision of our Official Community Plan and land use bylaws, and reviewed by a planner for legality, feasibility and relevance to your process.

Sincerely (and hopefully)
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