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Letter in Support of the 2024 San Juan County Conservation Land Bank Renewal

We, the undersigned, represent organizations whose work directly and indirectly benefits from the establishment of the San Juan County Conservation Land Bank (Land Bank) and the renewal of a real estate excise tax (REET). Under Washington state law, it is only because the citizens in San Juan County voted to establish and maintain the Land Bank, that housing providers have access to a housing-only REET. The housing-only REET benefits island employers and neighbors by funding the construction of stable and secure housing.

Please join us in Voting Yes for the Renewal of the Land Bank. It is vital for the overall health and well-being of these islands and citizens, and for preserving our Housing Fund in the process. Sincerely:

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OPAL Community Land Trust – Lisa Byers, Executive Director

San Juan Home Trust – Amanda Lynn, Executive Director

Shaw Island Community Land Trust – Carol Criss, Board member




Community Land Trust of Waldron Island– Rebecca Moore, Board President



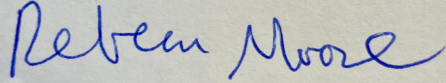

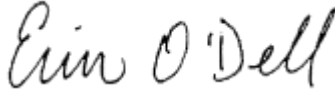
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