

The Board of Directors
Otter Housing Association
Port Rexton

April 16, 2024

Dear Board Members,

It has been a pleasure to have been a part of the OHA team for the past two years. It is incredible how much has been accomplished and I take great pride in knowing that I have gotten to play a small role in to getting where we are today. I am grateful for everything I have learned from my fellow board members who have each graciously shared their knowledge, skills, and ideas towards our shared goal of creating cohousing in the Port Rexton area. There is no other group I would rather learn how to take minutes with!

I would like to continue my role as a board member for the upcoming term. I believe that in the next two years OHA will achieve some major milestones and I would like to be there to support and advise. As someone who grew up in Port Rexton and witnessed its development as a tourism hub, I believe that there we have yet to strike a balance in achieving a sustainable tourism industry and a sustainable community, particularly for long-term residents. I have learned through archival research that this imbalance with the tourism industry has been known for a long time. The housing crisis we are experiencing was predicted long ago by potential change-makers in our community, however nothing concrete was ever accomplished. Not only am I confident that OHA will aid economic development in our community, I also believe (and am most excited about) that OHA will propel the long awaited change our community needs.

My knowledge of our community and the people within will be helpful to the board as OHA enters the design and construction stages. I understand how some residents may feel about the changes OHA will be introducing and I look forward to building better relationships with fellow residents as OHA demonstrates transparent communication.

Thank you for the consideration. I look forward to supporting OHA and its goal to not just build houses, but to build community.

Take care,
Jill White