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Subject: Letter re governance Cortes island

Please direct my letter to the Chair and Board of Directors ----

I have been a resident and landowner on Cortes island for almost 35 years.
I have run a business here for those 35 years.
I know Noba and many of the others, falsely accused of various offences, by the small vocal group who are responsible for all the absurd accusations, allegations and libel that have become public.

Noba has been an incredibly good advocate for the residents of Cortes island. She has been the best, most hardworking, most thoughtful and most informed of all the directors, since i have become a part of this community, in 1984.

All our directors have been very good for the island for the 35 years I've been a resident. But Noba has been exceptionally outstanding in her role as director. She has been in tune with the island and responsive to what the vast majority sees as priorities.

I have no respect for those who attempt to avoid tax expenditures that benefit us all. Like almost everyone else on Cortes island, I appreciate the granting of our collective tax dollars to every single organization slandered by this small group.

Noba is absolutely honest, and unlike some others on the island, works for all of us, in a clear visible and public way. The stated "corrupt" organizations that receive funding from our taxes, without exception, are working for all of us with probably 95% unpaid volunteer work --- our level of public support for all of them is pathetically low, and the suggestion that anyone received personal benefits for any reason beyond the clear public mandate for the transfers of tax money is reprehensible, among a long list of other adjectives.

Any suggestion that there is any truth to the accusations of a few uninformed, misinformed and/malicious individuals is completely unsupportable by fact.

When tragedy strikes on Cortes, we (almost) all do what we can to help.

Why has the board clearly sided with a small group of "special interest tax resisters" with a private agenda, (apparently revenge after a lost election), to remove a popular duly elected director?

Why has our director been denied her right to represent Cortes, after a clear win at the polls, and a few ridiculous and unfounded accusations?

Why has the democratic function of our local political system been eliminated on behalf of a small group of misanthropes?

We would all like some honest answers.