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**Subject:** Regarding Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting Report R1

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the recent CVRD staff recommendation for the CVRD to opt-out of parts of Bill 35. As a tenant, I am distressed to hear that the CVRD board may decide to opt out of the Principal Residence Requirement. Given that we are in a housing crisis with extremely low vacancy rates, unaffordable rents, and rising displacement and homelessness, I think it would be negligent to opt out of this requirement. All people have the right to stable and affordable housing and the increasing financialization and inaccessibility of housing will not end unless municipalities start to take a principled stand to support renters. Opting out of the principal residence requirement would only benefit wealthy landlords and would continue to reduce long-term rental stock, creating more stress for working class people in the CVRD. Please take the step to opt in to the Principal Residence Requirement as an important move towards addressing the housing crisis in the Cowichan valley—this decision is crucial to ensure that working class and even middle class people can afford to live here.

Truly,

Alex Schiebel