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To to the Agricultural Land Conservatory:

We have had the pleasure of being approached by a local Daycare Facility on the Peninsula-, Just Peachy Childcare and Preschool, to potentially move their services to an existing building on The North and South Saanich Agricultural Society property at 1528 Stelly's Cross Rd, Saanichton BC V8M 1S8.

The building proposed to be used by the daycare has been on the property for the past 30 + years and not used regularly by the society. The prospect of being able to offer this facility to the Daycare will be beneficial to our non profit society, and the community, as it is such a needed service here on the Peninsula. The loss of all of or even some of these up to 40 child care spaces would be devastating to the families of our community.

Not all Daycares would fit in here on the property, but Just Peachy has proven to be a strong contender for many reasons. Our constitution and Bylaws are very brief and to the point, mentioning only one thing. This is the focus and support of local agriculture, including the hosting of the Annual Saanich Fall Fair. We have already considered the temporary halt in daycare services surrounding the fair by the daycare and they have a plan in place to facilitate this for themselves and the families.

The 4 H community is one of our main focuses here and despite our support, the numbers are continuing to dwindle due to lack of affordability and availability of suitable property. Just Peachy is known throughout the community as a place where the kids get to learn by play. Outside time is key, they grow gardens, hatch and raise chicks, have fish and guinea pigs for the kids to care for to encourage responsibility and compassion. The plan is to partner with her daycare in a way that we can help promote the 4 H program with the families who attend and to help make them aware of all of the options that are available, most of which do not require access to farmland, but offer the same motto and fundamentals to the kids.

We are hoping to be able to help provide this much needed space and support the needs of our community. We hope this will be enough for the ALC to allow the approval of the temporary use permit for Just Peachy Childcare in the Gallery Building on our Property.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application and the importance that this decision will have on the Central Saanich community for both the available daycare spaces, and the local 4 H Clubs.

Sincerely,
North and South Saanich Agricultural Society Board Of Directors



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