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Dear Bainbridge Island Planning Committee,

On behalf of the 47,000 grocery, healthcare and retail members of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW 21), I am submitting public comment in support of the expansion of affordable housing options on Bainbridge Island. Our members who work in grocery stores and healthcare clinics struggle to live near to where they work, some having to commute long distances just to access employment. For most, home ownership on Bainbridge Island is well beyond their means, which is why UFCW 21 supports the efforts of the Wintergreen Townhomes project, because it offers the possibility for workers to purchase a home for themselves and their families. Giving workers the opportunity for home ownership, enables them to be part of the communities they feed and provide healthcare to everyday.

Sincerely,  
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