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Dear City of Bainbridge Island,

I write to support the Wintergreen Townhome project proposed on High School Road near Walgreen's and Virginia Mason. This is an ideal location for residential, nestled in a site that is entirely commercial in the downtown core, and within walking distance of amenities, schools, and the ferry landing. Also, the project will bring much-needed affordable housing to Bainbridge Island so that many people who now work here – civil servants, teachers, service industry employees, etc. – will also be able to live here. Also, the other homes in the project will be modestly priced by Bainbridge Island standards – under \$500,000 – which will allow many people to become homeowners on Bainbridge Island who might not otherwise be able to. Also, the project will be built on lots that are already clear cut, so no additional trees and vegetation will be removed, and in the buffer along SR 305 new trees will be planted. Also, the project contains considerable more natural area and community space than is required by code. All of this is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

For all of these reasons, I believe this project will greatly enrich our community, and I urge the City to approve it without delay.

Thank you,

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