To: City Council,

Planning Commission,

Planning Department,

Members of the Bainbridge Island Race Equity Advisory Committee

July 9th, 2021 Reference: Wintergreen Center Townhome Project

We, as residents and members of the Bainbridge Island business community, are requesting your support of the Wintergreen Center Townhome project. A recommendation for approval by you to the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department is urgently needed. Time is of the essence in this matter as the Developer's Purchase & Sale Agreement expires at the end of August.

This is simply one of the best mix use projects that has been proposed on Bainbridge Island. The aesthetics and design of this inclusive community that includes thirty-one Affordable Housing homes, and forty-two market value homes, is on par with many of the recent residential projects in the Winslow core. In terms of design, the Developer has corrected all the items noted as deficiencies by the Design Review Board (DRB), even though those items are not required by the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code (BIMC).

The Wintergreen townhomes will each be on a fee simple ownership lot gathered around own common areas. This inclusive community design is much better than the condominium form of ownership with the residential units often in the same building with commercial use space.

Affordable Housing is vital to Bainbridge Island and to both low income and moderate wage earners that also reside on Bainbridge Island. These workers and residents cannot afford the current and fast increasing home rental and home purchase prices, thus need your help. Affordable Housing buyers include, teachers, health care workers, first responders, retirees, and much of the workforce on Bainbridge Island. They deserve your support to enable them to live and work on Bainbridge Island.

Thank You

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