

Dear Planning Commission,

My husband, Stephen Hylen, and I moved to Bainbridge Island in 1981 when I was pregnant with our first child. Stephen had previously lived on Bainbridge and knew Eve Quitstlund, a realtor and longtime Island resident, who helped us find the one-acre piece of property where Stephen built our current home. Throughout these 40 years here on Bainbridge we have treasured the community support for all people from variety of income, cultural ethnicities and beliefs. My 30year career with the Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation District as the Arts & Cultural Program director included community celebrations, concerts, gatherings as well as working with community artists supporting each other's differences and creative interests.

From this career as well as personal community experience, I am very supportive of this proposed project, especially for those who have much to give to our community, but do not have the finances to afford to live here.

Home ownership is critical to both the homeowner as well as our community—so much more desirable than renting as it gives stability, supporting families with homeowner security.

Such support builds a healthy community that my family and I have been fortunate to experience these past 40+ years

After reviewing the design/layout for the Wintergreen Townhomes I strongly urge the Planning Commission to

- (1) ensure that the affordable units are built and are affordable in perpetuity and (2) the width of the SR 305 buffer (25 versus 50 feet).
- (2) Both issues have been mooted by (1) agreeing to covenants on title of the affordable units requiring them to be placed in HRB's Community Land Trust for low-income households in perpetuity and (2) reworking the site plan to provide for a 35-foot buffer along SR 305.

I am asking the Planning Commission to recommend approval of the Wintergreen Townhomes project, with reasonable and appropriate conditions as needed.

Sincerely,

Sue Hylen

