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Hello,

My name is August Janow and I have lived on Bainbridge Island since I was 5 years old. As a long time resident, I think it is important that Bainbridge uses its wealth and resources to give back and provide for the community that it is a part of. Over the past 20 years, there have been only 31 affordable houses built on the island. We have a fantastic opportunity to double this number, and provide housing to low-income members of our community. Since Bainbridge is the wealthiest area in Kitsap County, I feel it is only right that we use our wealth to help those in need, rather than re-enfranchising our own rich bubble.

Per the Housing Resources Board (HRB), right now there are more than 30 qualified households who are waiting for affordable housing to be built. It is only right that with all of the new development on the Island, that some of it be slated to be affordable. Not only will this lead to a more diverse community in Bainbridge, it will also help Bainbridge become a more active member of the greater Kitsap community.

The developers of the community have also pledged \$2 million in support of affordable housing, which relieves some of the economic burden of subsidizing the homes. Bainbridge has a fantastic opportunity to build affordable housing, and help to provide for the low-income members of our community. I call on the planning commission to greenlight the project, and the city council to approve it.

Respectfully,  
August Janow

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Thanks, August