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To: PCD <pcd@bainbridgewa.gov>

Subject: CUP application for Madrona

Dear Josh Machen,

Hello! My name is Siouxsie Tietje and I'm a parent of a Kindergartener and 2nd grader at Madrona School on Bainbridge Island. I'm writing to let you know how deeply I value this school and Waldorf education. I would like to urge you to please grant Madrona the Conditional Use Permit to build a new home.

As a public school teacher in California for eight years, I have seen the importance of alternative educational choices. Children do not fit into one model. Waldorf education is an asset to be offered not only to Bainbridge Island but also to the North Kitsap area. I found Waldorf a few years back and have fell in love with its wholesomeness. Waldorf is a philosophy of education that differences are much needed in a community. A few things that stand out the most for our family is that Waldorf education believes in the importance of outdoor education and truly encourages the child's individualism. It teaches the child how to think, not what to think.

I know there are some concerns from the neighborhood about a school being built in their neighborhood. However, I feel it's very important that the community that lives nearby understands that Madrona is different. We're smaller, we're not traditional and embrace the community we surround. We have an excellent track record of how we operate in the Winslow center. There will be a calm ebb and flow. There will not be huge, large trucks coming in and out or bells ringing or lights on 24/7. Please tell the neighborhood community to come take a look at or drive by our building we are in now. It's very peaceful and there's a warm, loving feeling that we exude.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Siouxsie Tietje

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