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Greetings

We are writing in support of the downtown hotel project. I have lived on Bainbridge Island since 1977, and my wife, Mary, has lived here for 20 years.

It is our feeling that the planning commission has failed to properly do its job. The commission indicated that the hotel project fails to comply with the policies set out in the city's comprehensive plan and master plan. However, as the architects on the project have pointed out numerous times, the hotel does comply with comprehensive and master plans. The project is in the downtown core, and it is not out of scale with many other buildings in this area. The hotel would add vitality to our downtown, and would be a source of jobs at the hotel and at all the businesses that would benefit secondarily. The hotel would include a spa, a restaurant, a music venue, and other amenities that would benefit many of the residents of the island. The developers of the project commissioned a traffic study that proved the hotel is in compliance with the city code. The City has apparently issued a certificate of concurrency which indicates that the project does not create an impact that needs to be corrected. I recall when there was an auto parts store on the property, and the traffic in and out of the lot was constant all day long. The city has already apparently reviewed the project as in compliance.

It is frustrating to observe the planning commission fail to take into account the facts, and rather issue its recommendations on a subjective basis. The developers of this project have apparently complied with all the applicable rules and regulations, and yet the commission has recommended to deny the project. How can anyone rely on the rules for an objective result when the commission makes a recommendation based on speculation rather than facts?

We believe this hotel project would be good for the downtown businesses, and the citizens of Bainbridge Island. It is our opinion that the project should be approved.

We would like this letter to be part of the record.

Thank you,  
Steve Holman  
Mary Siebert