

Dear City of Bainbridge Island,

I write to support the Wintergreen Townhome project proposed on High School Road near Walgreen's and Virginia Mason because the project:

- Is in an ideal location for residential, nestled in a site that is entirely commercial in the downtown core (not in anyone's backyard), and within walking distance of amenities, schools, and the ferry landing.
- Will bring much-needed affordable housing to Bainbridge Island so that many people who now work here – civil servants, teachers, service industry employees, etc. – will also be able to live here.
- Includes homes that will be modestly priced by Bainbridge Island standards – under \$500,000 – which will allow many people to become homeowners on Bainbridge Island who might not otherwise be able to.
- Has an attractive aesthetic individually and collectively, with nice design touches, and the attached townhome style adds to the diversity of available housing.
- Will be built on lots that are already clear cut, so no additional trees and vegetation will be removed, and in the buffer along SR 305 new trees will be planted.
- Contains considerably more natural area and community space than is required by code.

This project meets or exceeds code and effectuates many of the goals, policies and action items of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Among other things, this project is an opportunity for the City, at long last, to live up to its stated aspiration of providing affordable housing.

For all of these reasons, I believe this project will greatly enrich our community, and I urge the City to approve it without delay.

Thank you.

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Bainbridge Island Regional Medical Center

- Dominique Kinsey, Supervisor
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