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As a resident of Bainbridge Island who lives near Winslow (off High School Rd) I am writing to strongly support the building of this new hotel.

I reviewed the design documents on file and the building is pleasing in design and fits well with a Northwest style of architecture. I am not knowledgeable about traffic or environmental impact, but those and related items appear well documented by appropriate experts.

On the other hand, I did work as a consultant to the hotel industry for nearly a decade and held a senior position in the Alaskan tourism industry for another four years and can attest to the valuable economic contributions a local hotel makes to the community. Beyond the direct employment (and housing, in this case) of local staff at the proposed hotel,

customers will visit local restaurants and retailers and make a significant positive impact on the economic health of our local businesses. We all want to enjoy a vital downtown which encourages locals and visitors to buy local, but we as residents simply cannot spend enough to support such downtown businesses and it is the tourism industry which makes up the difference.

I believe this proposed hotel is a much needed amenity in our community and will provide a facility and services which we will all use at some point.

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