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Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing in support of the proposed classification of Lot 8, Primary School Subdivision for sale to the Haines Brewing Company.

The Haines Brewing Company and its owners have demonstrated their commitment to the community of Haines over the last fifteen years, as one of a core group of local businesses that stays open year-round. Owners, Paul Wheeler and Jeanne Kitayama are active contributors to our community, both through their business practices, and their personal lives.

As our community examines ways to revitalize the downtown area and bolster the local economy, we must think carefully and critically about how we want our downtown area to grow. By selling the lot in question to the Haines Brewing Company, the Borough can support the growth of a local business, and bring additional commerce to Main Street. The brewery's expansion will provide additional local employment opportunities during its construction, and will ultimately allow the Haines Brewing Company to grow its business, potentially creating new jobs in the service industry, as well. Paul and Jeanne have demonstrated their commitment to quality and aesthetics, and I am confident that they will build an attractive, high quality building, employing local contractors and supporting local businesses in the process.

While the lot in question could serve a number of acceptable purposes, the Haines Brewing Company would bring its loyal customer base to Main Street, and attract visitors to our downtown area, contributing to the vitality of our local business district.

Thank you,

Shannon K. Donahue