

## Michelle Webb

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Dear Respected Assembly Members and Mayor,

The Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) met this morning and voted to write this letter in support of the Ordinance 14-01-366, the Haines Borough approving the sale to Aspen Management, LLC of Lots 6 and 7 Primary School Subdivision plat No. 2008-21. The sale of this property with the intention of a hotel with 49 rooms to be constructed will have a positive economic impact for Haines. The representative for retail shops on our board has stated that this endeavor will tie our main street together and encourage new business.

In the last five years Haines has lost two hotels, the Thunderbird and Mountain View, causing a lack of rooms for guests visiting our community for events and recreation. An upcoming example is the Haines Women's Club will be hosting their annual meeting during the same weekend of the Southeast Alaska Fair's Annual Brewfest. Already people are contacting our Tourism Department due to lack of beds available during this busy weekend. The addition of the Aspen Hotel is a much needed establishment for our community.

Please accept this recommendation for support of the sale of property to Aspen Management, LLC.

Sincerely,  
Barbara J. Mulford,  
Chair, Tourism Advisory Board