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**Subject:** Support for Barlow Hotel

Dear Ms. Theriault,

I am the owner of the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Sebastopol. I had an opportunity to review the Barlow Hotel application this evening. I found the application thorough and informative.

Mr. Aldridge has proven to be a very resourceful developer, for him to reimage an old apple processing facility into the Barlow Center today. I think his 83-room hotel at the Barlow will be a great asset to Sebastopol, and provide our vibrant food and beverage scene a healthier infusion of week day traffic to support their endeavors.

People thought I was nuts to build an 82-room hotel in 1998, in of all cities, Sebastopol. Well, we are still here, and we welcome Barney's Barlow Hotel.

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