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October 31, 2023

To: Casey Schaufler, Associate Planner  
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**Re: 23-5866**

The Nisqually Indian Tribe's THPO has reviewed the notice of application and supplemental materials that you provided for the above-named project and has no specific comments or concerns at this time. Please keep us informed if there are any Inadvertent Discoveries of Archaeological Resources/Human Burials.

Although the Nisqually Indian Tribe doesn't have any specific concerns, we respect the traditional cultural knowledge of affected tribes and support their opinions on this matter as well.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** RE: City of Olympia - Notice of Application 23-5866 for Requested Text Amendment  
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Hi Casey,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Application 23-5866, a requested text amendment to allow drive-throughs on properties adjacent to Plum Street between Union and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. My colleague, David Smith, PE, and I have discussed this, and we support this application going through as submitted for the following reasons:

- Any projects proposed will be subject to review under the current Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS), which stipulate access points, location, number, queueing and drive-through operations. The EDDS do not allow direct access onto an arterial such as Plum Street unless a traffic impact analysis determines that access from a lower street classification is not possible.
- The text amendment includes language minimizing crossings of pedestrian and cycling routes.
- It will not allow drive-throughs along lot frontage.
- It is proposed for a street designated as a “downtown entry point” in the Comprehensive Plan and City code, rather than a street that is designated to be pedestrian-oriented.
- It may make some multi-family residential development more feasible, and we recognize that increasing the supply of housing is a priority for the City.

Should any of these assumptions be incorrect, we would appreciate an opportunity to reconsider our support.

Best wishes,

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**File Number:** 23-5866

**Project:** Drive-Throughs in Mixed Use Developments Along Downtown Entry Corridors (via portions of Plum Street) Requested Code Amendment

**Applicant:** Thomas Architecture Studios

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Good afternoon –

The City of Olympia is reviewing an application for amendments to the Olympia Municipal Code (please see attached). Please submit any comments to me by **November 13, 2023**. I am happy to discuss the proposal with you if you have any questions, so please contact me if you would like more information. A public hearing before the Olympia Planning Commission will be held sometime in early 2024.

**Description of Proposal:** The City received an application from Thomas Architecture Studios proposing a text amendment to Chapter 18.06 of the Olympia Municipal Code. This application seeks to amend OMC Chapter 18.06 to allow drive-through businesses in mixed-use multifamily developments with ground floor commercial space. The requested change would apply to a geographic area that is limited to properties abutting Plum Street between Union Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Application materials including a narrative describing the purpose of the amendments, proposed code language and other information are attached.

Thank you and kind regards,

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