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From: Erin Mozaffarian <eringmoz@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support for Ross Bridge's Use Permit

Dear Town Council,

I am writing in support of Ross Bridges' application for a Use Permit to operate in our town. I have watched over the last several years how this sweet school has been an asset to our community.

1 - We need more access to educational programs such as the Ross Bridges' Pre-K for our youngest learners. I had my children on preschool waiting lists since they were months old, due to the high demand for quality programs in our area. I know parents that drive their children to the city to fill that need, which is a shame. My youngest child currently attends The Ross Preschool, which is an amazing program, but they have notified us that they no longer have room for us next year. Not only is The Ross Preschool full, but the Garden School at MAGC and Ross Valley Nursery School is also full for next year. The Ross School does not have a transitional K program. Luckily, we have another amazing program here in town! I spoke to Tracy and my son is on the list to attend Ross Bridges next year and we are thrilled that he will have the benefit of their expertise.

2 - We need more access to educational programs such as the Ross Bridges' tutoring for our young learners as their needs grow. Finding a quality tutoring program for our children to help support their learning is difficult in this area. There are some programs in Red Hill and Corte Madera which are limited in scope and corporate in nature. Ross Bridges provides a varied tutoring program that serves mostly Ross School students and meets them at their individual level.

3 - Ross Bridges is a small business run by female locals. Ross Bridges is not a corporate behemoth or out of town chain. Ross Bridges a small program with a limited number of students who do not cause disruption or mess in our shared areas. Rather the opposite - I think most people enjoy seeing the youngest residents of our town on their outings. They are adorable and well-supervised. We should be putting our resources and support behind local residents who want to have businesses in our town.

3 - Ross Bridges is a high-quality business that serves our community - parents and children alike. I have had the opportunity to speak with many parents and their children that go to Ross Bridges and without exception, Tracy and Jenine have created a very special and beloved place. Most students and parents are Ross residents. The children feel loved and the parents know what a quality education their children have the benefit to receive. What an asset it is to be able to have a local program for youngest learners and also for our older children with their tutoring program.

For these reasons, I humbly urge you to approve Ross Bridge's Use Permit application. Please do not take away a business that is doing so much for our community. This is EXACTLY the type of business that our town should be encouraging in our downtown.

Sincerely,

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