



Warrentonians,

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed sale of the historic Warren Green Hotel building and the property at 18 Court Street, with the intent to revitalize both into a vibrant hotel and event space.

The Experience Old Town Warrenton Board fully endorses this initiative, as do the majority of businesses polled in Old Town Warrenton. This project aligns perfectly with our shared mission to enhance economic vitality while preserving the historic character of our community.

The Warren Green Hotel holds a cherished place in our town's rich history. Originally established on the site of the Norris Tavern in 1819 and rebuilt in 1876 after a fire, it has hosted countless notable figures and events over the centuries—including a banquet for General Lafayette in 1825, stays by presidents such as Andrew Jackson, and a memorable visit by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1909. Restoring this iconic property to its original purpose as a hotel would honor that legacy, breathe new life into a key piece of Warrenton's historic fabric, and allow future generations to experience the same charm and hospitality that drew luminaries like Roosevelt here.

Reviving these buildings as a hotel and event space would be a tremendous gift for our community. It promises to create new jobs in hospitality, maintenance, events, and related services; attract visitors who will support our local shops, restaurants, and attractions; and generate increased economic activity that strengthens Old Town Warrenton as a whole.

We recognize that any significant project brings potential concerns, such as parking and traffic. These are understandable and important to address. However, they are ultimately "good problems" – hosting more visitors is the natural results of successful growth and revitalization. Thriving towns like ours have always worked collaboratively to solve such challenges through thoughtful planning, infrastructure improvements, and community input, all while preserving our historic character. The benefits of restoring these historic assets far outweigh the manageable adjustments required, delivering long-term vitality, pride, and prosperity to Warrenton.

We wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and stand ready to support efforts that advance historic preservation alongside economic progress.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Experience Old Town Warrenton