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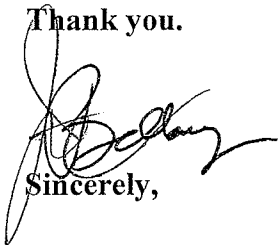
City Council  
City of Blaine, Washington  
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Blaine, WA 98230  
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Dear Sirs and Ladies,

We nominate Wolten's Hardware for a 2007 business award here in Blaine.

Please see their history (enclosed) and how important they are to this community.

Thank you.



Sincerely,

Larry Bellamy, *Seascape concierge*

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28 September 2007

TO : Blaine City Council Members  
Blaine City Hall  
FAX 332-8330

RE : Attracting new business, any business—*a campaign theme !*

Campaign time for valuable historic and business assets . . .

We are not saving Walton's Hometown Hardware because there's an immediate threat of losing Blaine's home town history, but rather *because we need her . . .* We need attractive service businesses and we *need to keep the ones we have already got !*

WE BELIEVE

Hardware stores and motels bring more business and traffic to downtown and add to commercial traffic for restaurants and other businesses.

More than Boardwalks . . . !

What would remain if the hardware store and the International left ?

I am not in favor of government subsidy, but a tax credit to the businesses or property owners would be justified. Open space, etc., are possible predictors.

I HOPE YOU WILL :

*Support any business you can. Attract any business you can.  
Please promote local enterprise and solicit those who will stay here !*

*Your ideas would be appreciated.*

Sincerely,



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## **History of Wolten's True Value Hardware Coast-to-Coast**

**1890's - Grandfather and Great uncle Wolten open the first  
hardware/grocery/tinware/furniture store in Blaine;**

**1965-66 - Hardware/Grocery closes to go ALL FOOD;**

**1983 - Jerry opened\* "Coast to Coast" Hardware; Jan Carpenter  
has been with the store since the beginning - 24+ years;**

**1993 - True Value merged with Coast to Coast forming  
"Tru-Serv" Corporation;**

**\*to open the store, Jerry and Ann Wolten  
had to mortgage their home on Harvey Rd. for start-up money.  
Small-town retail is very difficult these days. It's only a matter  
of time; retirement will come one day . . . As long as Jerry can  
fish one day a week, he's happy, with wife Ann and his grand-  
children around . . .**