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Subject: Comment on the Proposed Winslow Hotel

I am Yumiko Damashek and my husband and I are living in one of the 7 town homes which is just the west of the proposed site of the Winslow Hotel. We are naturally very concerned about the following issues.

1) Size of the property in the heavily residential area: We heard from the architect that 75 rooms with 80% occupancy rate is the break even point for this project. We feel 75 rooms is a VERY LARGE hotel for this size heavily residential quiet area and as such, we are highly concerned about the stress and strain it could cause the community. I will argue each point below but we strongly demand that the city analyzes ALL the potential effect the big project of this size will have on the community particularly on the close neighbors. The last thing we want is a rubber stamp by the city council because it is financially lucrative for the city and it is not in their backyard.

2) Well: We understand that the plan calls for a drilling of their own well to achieve "self sustainability." First of all, does the city allow any land owner to drill a well? Water supply is one of the major concerns of all the residents in BI and some of us know the disaster the unregulated well drilling cased in AZ and central CA. We strongly request that this plan be scrutinized to ensure that "our" water supply will not be negatively affected or compromised in any way by this proposed hotel. We all know hotels are water guzzlers.

3) Parking: Many people have already raised this point but we are concerned about increased traffic and parking availability in the neighborhood.

3) Noise: This has been a very quiet, peaceful neighborhood. We are seriously concerned about the noise level understanding their plans for weddings and concerts. We heard that their preliminary noise study was not adequate and their noise would end up in our quiet central patio if the current plan gets approved. We would like to request that the city require a thorough noise study of the plan so our quality of life will not be severely compromised as a result of the construction of the hotel.

4) Smell: This is as big an issue as noise. Constant smell of food and garbage wafting over our property will certainly lower our quality of life. Who wants to smell stake, burgers and grilled fish every time s/he steps out of their house? Please make sure the city will review their plan thoroughly so their neighbors will not be unfairly punished.

5) Will this be a development that the whole community can embrace and be proud of?: My biggest point is this one. Any development in a heavily residential neighborhood would create some problems to the neighbors to some extent. But we hear from the architect that they are committed to creating a eco-friendly design that could be embraced by the community. And in fact, they are angling for winning an award in this category. I sincerely hope that they will put the community and environment first as they finalize their plan. We would certainly hope that this project will be spectacularly successful and will be remembered for many decades as a showcase for an eco-friendly, environmentally sound project that the whole community embraced and be proud of. We hope the city council will keep this point in mind as they review their project plan. After all, BI's value lies in its natural beauty, peaceful environment and its incredibly active communities that live in harmony . Any project should NOT destroy these fundamental values of this beautiful island.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

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