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Dear Planning Commission,

Please approve the Winslow Hotel project. I have no association with the project, project planners, architects, not friends with the owners. I do work for one of B.I.'s primary tourism drivers and from what I can see, the Winslow Hotel project has made every effort to comply with City codes, ordinances, etc. Tourism revenue is ESSENTIAL to Island retail/culinary businesses and cultural non-profits, and summer day trip business alone isn't enough—overnight stays within the retail core (not up on High School Road) would have a substantial impact on the success of our local entrepreneurs. Traffic studies have come back positively for the project. Parking problems have been mitigated. We have a chance at a first-class operation, designed by an internationally recognized firm, and they've gone as far as to include low cost housing for staff, all on a lot that is a blight on downtown. This could be a positive game-changer for Winslow with little-to-no effect on the rest of the Island. Please approve this proposal and let's free everyone up to move forward to other projects.

Sincerely,

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