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To: Planning Commission
Bainbridge Island, WA

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Planning and
Community Development

Dear Planning Commission Members:

I am writing to urge you to stop the development of the Winslow Hotel on Winslow Way.

I find it astonishing and, frankly, heartbreaking, that a City Council whose number one goal is the "dedication to preserving Winslow's small town charm and character would even consider allowing a 87 room hotel with a restaurant, bar, outdoor concert venue, wedding facilities, etc. to be built in Winslow.

There are many, many bad results should this hotel be allowed. To mention just a few include:

- increased parking issues (those of us who try to shop locally in Winslow, as you ask us to, struggle to find parking at any time of the day or week
- increased stress on the water table (The southern end of the island is already having water issues
- noise issues for families and senior citizens who committed to buying properties in the small-town ambience the City Council promised them
- congestion, congestion, congestion

Is there a new plan for small, local, family-oriented Winslow to change into a restrictive, noisy, crowded tourist Mecca? Then those of us who have committed our lives to the previous promised version of "small town charm and character" have been sold a bill of goods...or, in a further extreme, lied to.

I am hearing, among the people of Winslow, a great deal of disheartened cynicism... "It's a done deal...this can't be stopped...the fix is in...the council doesn't care...it's all about profits and business...".

I am not against progress and development, but build it somewhere out of town. I don't think it's too late, but it is now up to you, the Planning Commission, to save Winslow for the people who live on the island. Please do not allow Winslow to be ruined for the sake of money in the pockets of a few. We have too much of that going on in the world as it is.

Respectfully,

