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From: Heather Wright
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To: Jane Rasely
Subject: FW: Winslow Hotel

From: Phyllis Carlyle <pcarlyle5@gmail.com>
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To: Heather Wright <hwright@bainbridgewa.gov>
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Heather,

I am writing once again, as an extremely concerned citizen, to ask you and the planning department to take a very serious look at the proposed Winslow Hotel.

The BI downtown association web page describes the BI experience as a wonderful unique world.... it is an escape from the hectic cities and malls.... 'a simple streetscape retains our small-town character and a sense of place. We are one of only 12 nationally accredited Main Streets in Washington' This is an important reason why tourists take the ferry over from Seattle to visit our island and why residents choose to live 'downtown'. If we lose this feeling by building an 87 plus room hotel on our main street, it will destroy that feeling and set a precedent for other projects like this in our downtown area. The city planners were aware of this when they set the zoning code. A '15 room inn' is what they envisioned as a proper size for main street.

As you know the neighborhoods surrounding this proposed hotel are established properties with a mix of housing, commercial, parks and a school. We would all be greatly affected in a negative way if this project were to go through as planned. This project requires a major conditional use review and a major site plan review. As stated on your website 'the hotel needs to be compatible with other uses in the same zone and in the vicinity of the subject property'. An '87 room hotel with banquet and meeting rooms, restaurant and bar, and spa plus an outdoor bandshell for amplified music' is not compatible with any thing in the vicinity.

Many of us have been watching this project develop from the very first news report. I went to the City as soon as I saw an article in the paper about this proposed hotel, June 2017. I asked for all information regarding this project. I was told at that time that the neighbors would have a chance to voice their opinions before anything was decided. Over a year later, In November 2018 we were given our first chance to 'voice our opinions'. It appeared that the developer/architect had a clear idea of what they wanted to build without ever reaching out to those of us who live on their borders. I live in Madrone Village across the street, to the north of the proposed hotel. We never heard a word

from the city planners, architect or developer prior to the the November meeting. Needless to say, our homes will be greatly impacted if this hotel is built. Please listen to us now.... we are tax paying citizens who have made the downtown area home.... this hotel will impact our homes and way of life in a very negative way. Please listen to our concerns and listen to the planning commission when making your decision regarding this project.

Phyllis Carlyle