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To whom it may concern:

From: Carrie West, an owner at the Seabreeze building at Madison and Bjune Drive

Re: The new hotel on Winslow Way West

I am not happy hearing about the parking requirements and needs of the hotel on Winslow Way West and there are three reasons why:

1. Parking is at a premium in Winslow. The residents cannot find parking downtown because tourists are parking – displacing the residents. Residents are an important part of Bainbridge Island. We need to keep residents coming downtown to the retail shops because tourists are only temporary, and they leave. Consistent traffic is essential to any shops in the downtown core to keep them alive and vibrant.
2. Having parking available on Bjune Drive is necessary as well. If tourists leave their cars parked for long periods of time, no residents can access the businesses at the Seabreeze café, or any of the businesses on Winslow Way. Residents park on Bjune Drive because there isn't parking on Winslow Way and walk through Eagle Harbor Bookstore area to access businesses on Winslow Way.
3. I'm worried that the senior citizens coming out on foot or electric motorized carts of the Madison House, or Finch Place, even doctor's offices on Madison, will be hurt or killed as tourists try to find places to park and whizz down the street. It already is a hazard for them because traffic goes a lot faster than 25 miles per hour. Police don't monitor the traffic speed on lower Madison Ave. I've lived in this building for nearly 10 years now and I haven't seen any police monitoring speed on Madison Ave. in its entirety. Not only is it

speed I'm concerned with but the amount of increased traffic going by. I live in the SW corner of the building and the traffic is very noisy now so any increased traffic will be noisier. Can you imagine living in a condo with traffic noise so loud you cannot sleep well? With traffic moving at night as well, coming up from or going to the pub and from Doc's, the traffic noise gets to be unbearable.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the impact of the "Hotel at the Corner of Winslow Way W. and Madison Ave."

Sincerely,

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