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From: Heather Wright
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Jane Rasely
Subject: FW: Winslow Hotel Project

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From: Eileen Safford <ehsafford@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Heather Wright <hwright@bainbridgewa.gov>
Subject: Winslow Hotel Project

Dear Ms. Wright,

I am writing to appeal to you to not approve the Winslow hotel project. The project would not only destroy the ambience, look, and sense of community of the West Winslow Way neighborhood, but it would also create more traffic, noise, and congestion in the entire Winslow area. I am also concerned that we do not need such an establishment in our community as we already have inns, hotels, and other lodgings that are not fully utilized. Convention center needs are available in Suquamish or Seattle, and would not serve the needs of the people of Bainbridge Island community. Has anyone done a needs assessment? Would this benefit the people of BI, or the only developers of the property? We already have so much tourist traffic in Winslow that locals are often discouraged about shopping, eating out, or even going to Winslow! The city should act in the best interests of the people of Bainbridge Island.

Yes, the project would provide some jobs, but people employed in the hospitality industry cannot afford to live on Bainbridge, so that cannot be considered a benefit to the community. The city would gain some money from taxes and fees, but that's it. Besides adding to the tax base, the benefit to the people of Bainbridge Island is minimal at best. Deny approval of this project.

Sincerely,

Eileen Safford
Fort Ward