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Subject: Hotel in Winslow

Mayor and Heather,

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the location of the proposed large hotel in downtown Winslow.

Please stick to the zoning permitted and respect the comprehensive plan and Winslow master plan. Locating a hotel of this size in our little downtown will dramatically and drastically change the small town feel of Winslow forever. I seriously shudder to even think about a building complex of this size in that location.

And this hotel is NOT for the benefit of residents of Bainbridge Island and it will provide no services for the community. It is for visitors and will benefit the owners. Why do we need something like this when our community derives no benefit from a business such as this that is not congruent with our zoning?

I also believe that the service jobs created will not be filled by Bainbridge residents so we won't benefit from job creation. Who can afford to live here with low-wage or minimum wage from a service job? Even two breadwinners cannot afford housing here according to Kitsap housing statistics. As it is, so many of our restaurants and businesses can't find people to employ and most workers commute from off-island as Bainbridge is known for not having affordable housing.

And anyone who thinks that the location of a hotel this size with the new influx of vehicles from guests, delivery trucks, and workers will only increase traffic minimally is not thinking clearly and using a poor traffic study to suit the purpose of the developer.

I urge you to please not permit this huge hotel at this location. Surely, there is somewhere else on Bainbridge Islandif it is needed at all!

By the way, I tried to use the COBI website to send this to all the council members, but when I click on the email addresses, it tries to open OUTLOOK and I don't have that and my computer will not allow it. Please have someone actually type the full email addresses into the directory of the website rather than using links or at least provide the email format.

Kol, would you be so kind as to forward this to council members and other interested parties for me? Thank you.

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