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To: PCD
Subject: Winslow Hotel - Concerns

To whom it may concern,

I have serious concerns about the Winslow Hotel. I am a resident of Bainbridge Island.

That end of Winslow may look like it's a little bit a part of the main Winslow, yet it is a neighborhood. People live in the Grow/Winslow area. If we 'need' a fancy hotel, what about the old Virginia Mason building, that space could use some love and is much more in the business zone. I am still not sure we "need" another hotel, but as a counter location, it makes more sense. And if we are talking 70-85 rooms and up to 175 parking spots, that is ridiculous. Maybe if it were the size of The Eagle Harbor Inn 5-10 rooms, it would make more sense.

My Specific Concerns:

- I am concerned about the traffic issues of having a hotel show up in an area that has been typically local only traffic.
- The people in this neighborhood are not happy about this project.
- We already are having an issue with getting people to work on the island, many service workers do not live on BI, and are opting to work in Poulsbo or Silverdale, versus navigate the shit show of traffic that we have in the am and pm. How will this hotel do any better in hiring employees?
- To the above point, we need affordable housing for BI Teachers, Police, Firemen, Shopworkers, Waitpeople, Hairstylists, etc.
- We already have a luxury boutique hotel in Lynnwood center.
- To my knowledge, we have 3 other hotels on the island. The Eagle Harbor Inn, The Marshall, and the Quality Inn.
- Plus, we get a lot of Ferry visitors from Seattle, do we really need more people staying on the island?
- We have a thriving community of VRBO/Air BNB, many small businesses that also bring in taxes as well as support families to be able to afford to live on BI.
- Fundamentally we are talking about the quality of life for the residents of Bainbridge Island, and I am not sure that another hotel is of any benefit to anyone other than the developer building it. Unless he is also paying for bike and walking paths that connect the entire island... which I suspect he is not.

Thank you for your time in advance for reading my concerns.

Cheers ツ

Lyssa

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Warmly,
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