

June 12, 2019 - Bainbridge Island Planning Commission re:

Winslow Hotel - PLN5088SPR and PLN50880CUP

From: Phyllis and Victor Katz, 977 Grow Ave NW, BI

We ask the commission to take the time necessary to fully understand the proposal with particular attention to planned operations related to parking and noise from entertainment activities. This is a complex proposal with a lot of input from nearby neighbors. The project will have a broader impact in the Winslow area.

We ask that the commission impose enforceable conditions such that the project can accommodate all of its own parking needs. Similarly, the commission should fully understand how the facility plans to operate for outdoor entertainment and include enforceable conditions to ensure compliance with applicable codes. If project proponents are confident their project won't have adverse consequences, ask them to agree to stipulated penalties if they in fact are unable to comply with conditions or agreements they make, such that they benefit the surrounding community.

We must all consider how development supports what people come to Bainbridge for. If a project significantly changes the nature of what attracts people to Bainbridge Island, then its impact is negative to all of us who currently live and work here.

Does the project bring jobs? Where will these people live? Will the added visitors/crowds deter other visitors? Will the water and waste systems be adequate without huge city investments in infrastructure? How will the new venture contribute to life on Bainbridge Island?

Please consider how the developers are approaching their work here. Are they interested in Bainbridge Island as a community or merely as a financial investment? We do need to take the long view.

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