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Take care,

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Subject: Public Hearing Jan. 24 : development review plan for a 79 room hotel

Good day.

We're unable to attend the Monday evening Zoom meeting regarding the proposed hotel for downtown Lyons. However, we do believe it's important that the concerns of residents living in town be heard.

Business owners may have an invested interest in building an over-sized hotel in the heart of our small town. However, residents have overwhelmingly expressed concern regarding the negative impacts the project will have on our community.

The project is way off scale for the size of Lyons. The neighborhoods are already over-run with tourist traffic, parking problems, and business interests negatively impacting the quality of life of Lyons residents. All the new paid parking in the business district will drive tourist parking to residential neighborhoods. This is already an issue with paid parking at our parks. The town and/or residents should not flip-the-bill for hotel guest parking. The hotel should be responsible for their own parking.

The proposed designs do not align with Lyons culture, or respect the history of the town in style, size and scope. Basically, it's big and ugly.

We're a small town. A giant hotel means a lot of people using a lot of water and resources. Will they be "pulling their weight" where utilities are concerned? Will they be helping clean up the mess their guests leave behind? A recent survey found that over 70% of Lyons residents already believe we have enough tourism. Residents do not want want more people

exploiting our small town and having taxpayers pay the price. Let us not ruin the town we love.

Lyons continues to have issues with affordable housing. Although this issue should be separate from this project, it does sting to have such a huge hotel erected for profit when many people have been displaced from a town they once called home. Tourists displacing locals is a trend that needs to be addressed. This giant hotel is salt in the wounds of people who can no longer call Lyons "home".

If the hotel was half the proposed size, pulled their own weight with parking and utilities, and were essentially "a good neighbor", Lyons residents may welcome them with open arms. We do hope the project shifts so that all involved, including Lyons town residents, could work toward a symbiotic relationship with this new proposed business.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Best Regards,

Lesley Jowett