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FYI..

Take care,

Dolores M. Vasquez

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From: Donnie <tiwiwas@aol.com>
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IF it happens, the HOTEL will be the biggest happening in Lyons since the great flood of 2013.

That means it's planning must be open, honest and sensitive to the culture and physical surroundings it will be born into and which it will serve. It can bring much needed tax dollars to town coffers, but can also become a drag on everything else if not done right. Lyons is a unique and caring town. Tearing down historic buildings without public input and a poorly conceived drawing of what is to come in its place are not auspicious beginning moves. Hopefully the owners will understand that, yes, their money is important, but it will be spent for naught if the town doesn't like what is built. And the town may be left with lots of costs and not enough revenue should that happen.

With that in mind, the town has lots of needs. We have much culture - arts, music, restaurants, nature, etc. But no longer a medical clinic, pharmacy - and never an auditorium or theater or pool. We also are hemmed in by mountains, rivers and limited roads, with a burgeoning world population, a raging pandemic and a surging Climate Change Crisis (CCC). We must plan very carefully - for everybody's sake.

For instance, did ya know a new fire alarm was installed at the north entrance to Apple Valley in May of 2013. Only 4 months later, that very alert was first used to warn of the rapidly rising waters of the big, devastating flood! We live in a disaster-prone area being made much worse by the CCC. We need to plan well in order to not get too big for our britches. We can't overload our infrastructure, and we must know how many people we can evacuate for the next possible emergency coming our way.

May the project move forward with comfort - in the knowledge that it will be well done. And may it bring good jobs, affordable housing and needed facilities, not just a big, imposing hotel for out-of-towners.

Btw, how about a parking lot or building east of town - with a shuttle service to take ppl between the hotel and cars? Gee, maybe it could even help reduce our carbon footprints and the hegemony of vehicles over the town, even now!?! Maybe it could even be a transportation center for buses, shuttles, Lyft, bikes, etc. Could improve travel to all other towns around us!

BooYaa!

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A 31-yr resident of my foothills home.