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Take care,

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I have lived in Lyons for 12 years.

I am not entirely opposed to a hotel in this location, I am opposed to the large-scale 79 room hotel as presented in architectural plans submitted for review. Incrementally scaled commercial growth in a small community of 2,200 people is more appropriate. I understand local firm Arch 11 proposed a smaller scale 30+ room version which would be more in-line for this location & community. If the hotel is at full capacity, that likely would be an additional 150-300 people seeking hospitality & recreation resources.

I believe the town would be better served if the hotel footprint was smaller or if it was moved to the outskirts of town in the area of Highway 66 and 36 where there is plenty of space for parking and the design would not impact the quaintness of our little city.

We moved here because of the lovely atmosphere of our small town but slowly this is being eroded and we need

To join together and just say -"NO this is too much, NO not this way, NO to the strangers who come in and think they know what's best for us, NO to more congestion, NO to lining the pockets of a few wealthy investors who want to force their ideas upon us solely for their financial gain. Once we lose the character and integrity of our community we won't be able to get it back

Whatever the size the hotel ends up being, the hotel should provide sufficient parking for its guests & employees, which is customary for hotels everywhere.

I am strongly opposed to the size & scale of this three story brick & steel generic design, which absolutely does not fit into the character & aesthetic of Lyons. Instead, we could establish a two story limit for the architecture downtown in keeping with the other structures . A three story structure will overshadow our downtown & open the door for even larger scale gentrification of this smaller, funkier community that attracted many of us. Everyone I speak with is opposed to this hotel as proposed. The well documented problems already created by overcrowding of the parks & trails in the summertime is but an indication of what the hotel's added traffic would exacerbate.

The lack of parking provided by the hotel will create a headache (at best)for locals & local businesses & restaurants, and the bumper to bumper tourist traffic in the spring/summer/autumn months will only get worse. Additional impacts include water resources, fire department resources, sewage treatment, congestion, increased automobile traffic & pollution from hotel employees & guests commuting to Lyons, etc.

I have loved Lyons & have been an involved member of the community for 12 years. Thank you for considering my input. It's not decent or right that short term visitors negatively impact the lives and convenience of we locals who live here year-round, raise our families, pay our dues and help our community to thrive through our support of the local businesses.

Furthermore I am opposed to Planet Bluegrass being allowed to move camping over to the south side of the river. Increased foot traffic, bicycles, last summer's detours, and the existing festivals so negatively impact the residents who own property on Apple Valley Rd.

Increased congestion will only increase our misery and take away the tranquility that is so unique to Apple Valley Rd. and its residents.

Once again I say who is benefiting from this? A few wealthy investors but not the humble residents of our neighborhood.

If we don't stand up and say NO we will just be pushed and pushed and pushed until there's nothing left to give and then we will be in a sorry mess.

It was decided that there would be no camping on the south side of the river when it first came up two (?) years ago. And yet Craig Ferguson and Planet Bluegrass groomed that land throughout the summers, knowing full well that they would push ahead into that area anyway when the spotlight was dimmed. It was a cunning and self-serving move.

Who actually is saying yes?

All this happening because not enough of us are saying no.

I hope more time will be given to consider the overall long term impact these choices will have on our precious community before these projects are given a green light.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my thoughts on these matters. I

wish it would make a difference.

Sincerely,
Hannah Kroll