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Dear Planning Commissioners et al.,

I am writing to request that you REJECT the EKN Appellation Hotel project in Petaluma, along with the building form overlay creating an IZO zoning overlay that will allow this type of development in our historic downtown for decades to come.

The proposed hotel will change the character of our town and the zoning overlay will create a blank slate for similar development, until we end up with a town we don't recognize and don't want to live in. The proposed hotel design has no character and looks like every other new building we see in town after town. Petaluma's standards need to be higher. Petaluma's historic ironfront buildings are unique in our region. We need to preserve our beautiful downtown and this type of building will ruin it!

A 6 story hotel with 93 rooms and 58 parking spots doesn't even begin to address the needs of this community. Traffic congestion is already a huge issue and this hotel's parking plan is not only insufficient, it is environmentally short-sighted. Rising sea levels will flood any below ground areas in the years to come, in fact, Petaluma's entire downtown area is already at risk for flooding during storms. In addition, building more hotels, apartments, and whatever else the planning commission comes up with will increase our carbon emissions and we will not meet the City's proposed climate goals. Is this proposed hotel LEED Certified? I don't see anything in the proposal that states this. All new construction in Petaluma should be if we are serious about achieving our climate goals.

Dense development in the downtown area to prevent sprawl is only achievable if the town in which this is happening already has the capacity to accommodate it - before it happens. Petaluma's roadways are NOT able to handle the current traffic loads much less increased use. I don't have to tell you that a 2 lane road is the main artery through our downtown area. A 2 LANE ROAD! The other roads that feed to and from it are also 2 lane roads (except for Washington). These are residential side streets!

Lastly, I'm tired of sending emails voicing my dissatisfaction with the planning commission's projects that end up getting approved anyway- Scott Ranch is one of them! Are you listening to the residents of Petaluma? I pay \$20,000/year in property taxes to live here and I'd like to be heard. We do not want more ugly housing/building developments, we do not want more traffic congestion, we do not want fewer parking spots, we don't want more pollution caused by these construction projects.

Please, reject the Weaver Hotel and the zoning overlay. It is bad for downtown Petaluma!

Sincerely,  
Camille Bossenberry  
Petaluma Resident, voter, and tax payer