

**Fw: Hotel Weaver**

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To Whom it May Concern,

As someone who has spent a lifetime attending the Lighted Boat Parade, the Butter and Eggs Day Parade, shopping year round downtown, volunteering at the Petaluma Museum, celebrating at Old

Chicago Pizza, admiring the Ellis Building, dancing at the McNear building, and who walks the Petaluma Boulevard, Water Street, and Kentucky Street multiple times a week, I am strongly opposed to the Hotel Weaver project.

Petaluma's appeal and charm lie within its downtown. The historic buildings, the trees, the river, the mills, and the clock tower are all well recognized staples of photographs from the past and present. This proposal is blatantly disrespectful to the history of our city and the current residents who frequent downtown with the request of permission to exceed multiple building regulations put in place to maintain the integrity of Downtown Petaluma. The

EKN development team of non Petaluma residents has projected a plan for a random hotel to be the tallest building in our downtown cityscape, overshadowing our historic Clock Tower which was not intended by Petaluma Founders, as evident by the building height maximum. Why should a modern hotel with no direct ties to our city and no historical connections be granted the honor of being our tallest building? It should not.

Why should this hotel be allowed to exceed current floor area ratio and lot coverage maximums, when it is still not able to contain itself? The math is quite simple. 93 rooms, plus a restaurant, plus a bar, plus a 56 guest event space will not be sustained with 58 valet parking spaces and a downtown that can not absorb all of that potential extra parking need. As a side, a 56 person max event space does nothing for Petaluma residents, anything less than 100 people is just a backyard BBQ to those with deep roots here. Petaluma has at least 10 hotels already, several B&Bs, and I have not personally heard of anyone having a difficult time finding somewhere to stay in town due to occupancy issues. This hotel is unnecessary. There are plenty of excellent local restaurants that draw people downtown. The hotel restaurant is unnecessary. The event space is not of an impressive enough scale to draw attention away from the Sheraton, Odds Fellows Hall, Veterans Hall, Portuguese Hall, or the Golf Club. The event space is unnecessary. The parking is insufficient for the projected scope of potential tourism. There is no feature of this project that warrants special accommodations to violate the written regulations meant to protect the charm, history, and integrity of Downtown Petaluma.

I am asking for the Petaluma City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee to adhere to our City's building regulations and allow them to do as they were intended, to protect Petaluma's heritage.

Thank you for your time,

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