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Hello,

my husband and I were disappointed to hear that at Monday night's City Council meeting, for no compelling reason, the council refused to approve installation of storey poles on the site of a proposed 68 ft. tall luxury hotel at Petaluma Blvd N and B St. The property on which this "destination" hotel would be built is situated next door to the old, much-venerated Rex Ace Hardware store, in a historic Petaluma neighborhood populated by buildings of modest heights, many of which survived the 1906 earthquake. These charming, classic structures are part of Petaluma's history and attract tourists from all over the country who enjoy our friendly, "small town" atmosphere. As such, it is imperative that the public be able to see firsthand how tall the proposed hotel would be, and exactly how close to the streets it would stand. In the interests of transparency and fairness we urge our City Council to reverse its decision and have storey poles installed immediately. We have the right to know what's being planned in our city and to have a voice in these decisions. For the record, we are opposed to any "overlay" plans that would do away with height limitations on new construction. This is Petaluma, not Manhattan.

Thank you.

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