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To: [LandmarksCommission](#)
Subject: Please withhold approval of changes proposed to the Freestone Hotel
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I request a delay of your decision on the proposed changes to the Freestone Hotel. It will be impossible for the public to read through 187 pages of the agenda item's packet in the very few days given to read, understand, ask pertinent questions, write adequate responses and prepare testimony to address this huge amount of material.

There are so many significant proposed changes to the building's edifice inside and outside, the integrity of this important historical asset structure will be forever negatively. The building will not be able to tell its own story as it stands in Freestone as the most significant building in this small town. Even the very hotel entrance is being erased and so the restaurant patrons don't have to look at parking lot of cars that are planned in front of the hotel. All the while, every passer by, whether by foot, bicycle or car, will not be able to see the front stairs, porch or rooms inside. This is one example.

Additionally the Commission has no commissioner from the Fifth District. It's not appropriate to approve such a major project without representation when this decision is made.

If the decision is not at least postponed, I urge the project to be rejected as is and the applicant be asked to submit a project that honors the integrity of this building and historical use of the grounds and out buildings. I asked the applicant to reach out to the communities beyond Freestone and get more countywide public input. A delay your decision will provide him time to seek more community input which should be countywide.

Please enter this letter into the public record and read at the public hearing on 9/7. Since most folks will be on zoom, giving them copies at the meeting won't provide everyone access.

Thank you,
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