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To: [Lisa Spangler](#)
Cc: [LandmarksCommission](#)
Subject: Re: Freestone Hotel
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Lisa

Excellent letter. Authentic and pointed!

Hope we can talk soon about overall strategy. May I share your letter with Murphy's, Denise, Rabaras, and Anne Kuljian? We are trying to identify core neighbors who will comment both to landmarks commission and Permit Sonoma. Fewer well informed folks are better.

Most critical is the Freestone Russian River water district because it can be dominated by commercial interests. Denise is on top of issue but has not yet reached out to neighbors. My take on water issue is in emails I sent to you earlier today. The hotel developers are really pushing water district for a deal to include the hotel commercial operation into district but what the hotel is "offering" is what they would have to provide if they paid for necessary water infrastructure on their own, so there is no significant community gift, which is what they want the public to think.

You get it.

Let's talk. Hope you are well. I had a brain episode medical issue and need to pace my volunteer work but am in for this cause. I believe the optimal battleground is 1. Water and 2. General Plan.

Cheers
Marylee

Sent from my iPhone Marylee Guinon. Please forgive misspelling

On Sep 6, 2021, at 1:01 PM, Lisa Spangler <lspangler59@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

My late husband and I purchased our property in Freestone 33 years ago. What made, and continues to make, Freestone special is its historic significance and designation, and tranquility. Not its businesses. Since 1988, several small businesses have come and gone. The Wildflower Bakery and Osmosis Spa are busy commercial businesses which attract many visitors. For a long time the Freestone Hotel was a private home with a shop and nursery below. This was an appropriate arrangement. These businesses have kept the number of visits and activities in Freestone to a bearable level. Both the bakery and spa provide parking and a place for visitors to congregate which do not encroach upon the residents.

Water is an extremely precious and unpredictable resource in Freestone and we are very concerned about future water availability. The history of the water issues in Freestone is long and complex. This is part of Freestone history and must be considered.

The proposed renovation to the hotel is designed for events, dining and overnight guests. The renovation design though designed to address the historic district codes, should be very closely reviewed. I ask that the commission insure that the same standards other businesses in Freestone and other historic areas had to adhere to are enforced. The county should also consider the impact such an establishment would have on traffic, noise, density, the water issue, and residents in Freestone.

The investment group has reached out to the community during public relations events. Therefore, I also ask that the commission hold the group to sustaining the historic, peaceful and environmentally sensitive environment of Freestone.

Respectfully,
Lisa Spangler
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