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Dear Commissioners,

I met Tom Golden when I came to Freestone over 32 years ago. It was fascinating to learn from him about Freestone as the first historic district in Sonoma County.

Tom and Jim Kidder worked hard to maintain the old hotel building which they loved. Year after year I watched them pour plenty of time and resources into preserving it.

They also worked towards getting the unsightly and hazardous overhead power-lines put underground. That project is finally going to happen now all these years later. Good things take time.

It's easy to imagine both of them being very pleased to see the beautiful plans for the restoration of this grand old building and grounds. It would be wonderful see the legendary hotel change from a fading memory to a once again vital hospitality location. It was after all one of the earliest places of commerce in the county and its restoration would add livability to the village of Freestone.

In reviewing the well thought out plans for the renovation of this exquisite old building I can't help I think it would be a very good thing and a most fitting approval for the landmarks commission.

Respectfully,

Michael Stusser

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