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To: City Council; John Jay
Subject: The Barlow Hotel

The Sebastopol Times has an article about the proposed Barlow Hotel. The article says the builder wants to solicit community input but there does not seem to be any way to do this via the article. Please pass these comments along to the Planning Board and Design Review Board.

Here is what's wrong with the proposed Barlow Hotel:

- The Sebastopol Hotel can't get built, why should the Barlow Hotel do better?
- Why is anyone building hotels in this era of VRBO and AirBNB? There must be some financial reason for a company to carry a planned hotel on the books without ever building it.
- The rooftop bar will NOT be open to the public, guests only. No dogs or Sebastopol residents allowed? Even the rooftop bars in Beverly Healdsburg and SF don't do this.
- If it was ever built, what would the impact be on existing businesses or the proposed Sebastopol Hotel? Is there really a demand for two hotels in town, the developers of the Sebastopol Hotel have said they doubt the market for even one hotel in town.
- What are the expected impacts to the town budget for services, etc? If the existing structures are demolished and there is a delay in completing the Barlow Hotel, how will the city's finances be impacted?

Thanks,
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Message sent from my Eniac-V.