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Hello Kim Cooke,

Below is a letter that I have also mailed as an objection to the proposed Residence Inn. I am unable to attend the public hearing on such short notice, so please include this in the upcoming public hearing on April 13, 2022 in Mammoth Lakes.

Thank you,
Melanie Martinez

April 8, 2022

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission P.O. Box 1609 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Commissioner,

This letter is in protest to the proposed construction of a Residence Inn boutique hotel by Marriott (TTM 21-003, UPA 21-004, DR 21-001).

I am a resident of Mammoth Lakes in the vicinity of the proposed project. There are several reasons that I object to this hotel project.

First, a hotel with 101 guestrooms has the potential of four times that many more people in the area due to the fact that one guestroom may house 4 individuals or more. The increased population will overwhelm the already crowded Village center area.

Next, the proposed 109 underground parking spaces will leave guests and family member's vehicles out on the streets. The available parking in that area is already hard to find, especially in the winter months.

In relation to the above points, the traffic congestion in the area will increase to the point that Forest Trail will become a major thoroughfare like Main Street. Maneuvering through the intersection of Forest Trail and Minaret Road is already dangerous, and additional traffic will compound the problem.

Additionally, the four-story condo hotel will rise above the pine trees, which will appear as a monolith eyesore compared to the natural surroundings.

Another downside is that this proposed hotel will take business away from the local existing hotels and condos, which already have high vacancies. We need to support our existing local businesses rather than add competition by building this new Marriott facility.

The proposed hotel does not belong in our nice mountain community. We bought our homes in Mammoth Lakes to get away from the hustle and bustle of the cities. With the addition of the Marriott right down the street, that will bring the city even closer. That is not what we want for Mammoth.

Sincerely,

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