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Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak yesterday on the zoning change that will directly impact the Guild Drive community.

I wanted to share the below email I had sent to the Planning Commission after Mr. Black's presentation to that group. During his presentation to the Planning Commission he clearly demonstrated that the plan was to include the adjacent parcel in his slides. He has since updated his slides for Council, but did not rebut my comment of the actual plan. "Barsuk Island Hotel" sounds nice, but please consider that during the workshop he specifically stated the plan was for a 150 room hotel; 150 room products include La Quinta, Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, smaller Hilton or Marriott products.

Regardless of my personal distress due to a property value hit and no desire to live across the street from a hotel parking lot and pool, I truly never expected that the City of Venice would allow something like this on the island, which I consider to be a very unique and safe place to be.

I do appreciate the Council's response to the comments of the residents of Guild Drive. We did not have the same experience at the Planning Commission where the only commentary back to us was something to the effect of "this is a better plan for you". After that experience, emotions are high. Thank you for considering keeping the zoning in place as is - for Residents.

Sincerely,
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From: Elizabeth Gifford <lizdgifford@gmail.com>
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Thank you all for allowing me to speak today.

I believe Mr. Black was demonstrating with his visuals what the actual plan is.

To obtain the other parcel, and develop a 150 room hotel. Wingate by Wyndam is a 150 room product and was specifically mentioned at the workshop. That is why the presentation included the secondary parcel. Please do correct me if I am wrong!

From my perspective, this will destroy the safety and serenity of this community. I would much rather live across the street from residents, versus overnighters. But I would guess a hotel will bring more revenue to the town, which is likely the desirable outcome for the City and the Government officials.

Best,
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