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CITY OF MANZANITA

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City of Manzanita Planning Commission
167 South 5th Street
Manzanita, Oregon 97130

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am a resident of Classic Street Cottages and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Manzanita Lofts development along Classic Street.

My principal reason for opposing this development is the potential negative impact the increased car traffic will have on pedestrian usage of this side of Manzanita. In recent years the the full length of Classic Street from Necarney City road up to Manzanita Avenue has seen a sharp increase in motor vehicle traffic. Classic Street is narrow, without sidewalks, and a popular bypass for drivers coming off Hwy 101 into central Manzanita, trying to avoid the Lenada bottleneck. Dorcas Lane is increasingly being used to funnel traffic in and out of town. My neighbors and I walk daily to local stores, the post office, and up and over Ridge road to the beach. In conversations with other walkers I frequently hear something like this: "Classic Street and Dorcas Lane are so narrow, there are no sidewalks, and cars ignore the posted speed limit. They're really becoming dangerous to walk."

The livability of our corner of Manzanita is being upended, first by the Highlands Development and now by this commercial motel possibility. This is not the vision many of us share or desire for our town. The attraction of our community is its serenity, it's quiet, friendly peaceful beach town lifestyle. Ironically this is both Manzanita's appeal and it's downfall as the pressure to grow and accommodate visitor increases.

I think we are at a critical junction in Manzanita. Are we going to succumb, like so many Oregon coastal communities before us, to the imperative of commerce? Or can we have the courage to prioritize the livability our residents desire? I strongly urge you to deny this inappropriate development for the sake of all of us who love our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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