

Contract Planner

From: Ken MacNab
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 5:03 PM
To: Contract Planner
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Subject: FW: The Silver Rose project

Joel-

Please forward this communication to the Planning Commission and applicant.

Thanks-

Ken

From: Michele LeBlanc-Verdeille [mailto:leb_dzyn@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 4:53 PM
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Cc: Plans Department
Subject: The Silver Rose project

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March 27, 2012

As residents on Rosedale Road for the past 18 years, we have to object to this Silver Rose monstrosity in our backyard.

First of all, we have nothing against the renovation of the old Silver Rose Inn site. The new Silver Rose project as proposed, however, is **much too large** for the corridor area in question: 21 single residences, an 85-room hotel, a proposed 10,000 case winery, a fitness center with 3 pools, a 150 seat restaurant and culinary center - all concentrated at the triangular corner of Rosedale Road and Silverado Trail. *Honestly?*

The access driveways to feed this monster will choke the Trail at the entrance to town, as well as greatly impede access to and from town for the residents who live along the rural Rosedale lane. A **minimum** of over 200 guests - and lord knows actually how many employees and delivery and winery vehicles - plus the added influx from conventions and special events - will overburden this fragile rural area. I can guarantee that any overflow parking will end up all along Rosedale Road. Emergency access vehicles blocked by car parking and truck traffic on Rosedale? Very likely and not at all acceptable.

Should this project pass *as is*, (because we all know the large TOT revenue from this project plays a very important role), was there any consideration given to widening Rosedale at the Trail so that a passing lane could be added in order for local residents to get around the loading dock and residential mini-village traffic when traveling into town?

Please, as responsible wardens of this charming, rural community we all call home, consider the size of this project very carefully. Preserve Calistoga's small town charm.

Sincerely,

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