

To: Calistoga Planning Commission  
Re: Proposed Silver Rose Resort and Enchanted Resorts  
From: Martha Casselman (unincorporated Napa County resident)  
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Commissioners:

I respectfully wish to express my opinion as to the impact such proposed resorts will have on the City of Calistoga.

A friend living on Diamond Mountain Road notes that she already has trouble turning left onto Route 29. With significant additional traffic, it would be easier to turn right and head to other Valley cities to have meals, shop, sightsee—in other words, take their money elsewhere.

Many have spoken/written about the need to scale down these proposed resorts. I join with them. I am especially concerned about the environmental impact on removing trees on always vulnerable hillsides, especially with the amount of concrete or other unyielding surfaces that will be used.

Mainly, I want to protect Calistoga. Should there be more traffic, how about additional, accessible parking? This would aid merchants (I sometimes do not make stops just because there is no parking) who own and run the world-class shops and restaurants we have.

A jitney from each end of Calistoga, one from Enchanted Resorts and one from Silver Rose, that run through shopping and restaurant hours, would encourage the resorts' guests to come to Calistoga—and to spend their money here, without the weight of even more cars.

Thank you for your consideration.

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