

Objection to the Hob Knob Proposal

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Dear MV Commission Members,

The expansion of the Hob Knob Inn to include 124 Main Street would benefit only the Tomassian Family and the Inn's California-based owners. To be clear, there has been no study in 2020 showing a shortage of hotel rooms in Edgartown. With the recent addition of The Sydney Hotel, The Christopher Hotel, The Richard Hotel and the expansion of the Edgartown Inn, there are already more hotel rooms than before. When including Airbnb, there are currently hundreds of available rooms during peak season.

Unfortunately, the expansion of Hob Knob's commercial resort comes at the heavy cost of adversely affecting the quaint image of Edgartown's Historic District. The value of each residential home in the neighborhood be significantly reduced as many buyers who would not consider buying so near a commercial property. Most specifically, as the immediate abutter, the inherent quality of life in our home at 9 Tilton Way would be materially reduced on every level.

A special permit to deviate from the current zoning designation must benefit more than one local family when we consider the ongoing cost to the community. This is hardly a fair or reasonable cost benefit and therefore should not be approved.

Sincerely
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