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Subject: Concerns About the Van Dam Hotel Project

To Mr. Steve Rowland, Chair of the Design Review Commission:

I cannot attend tonight's meeting regarding the (2) proposals for the Van Dam and Adelphi so I hope this gets to the correct person(s) prior to decisions and add to the comments about the proposed additions. As a resident of Broadway, I have many concerns, but fear these project(s) will be pushed through "as is" anyway.

I recently saw the architectural concepts for the additions on the Van Dam and Adelphi. Neither pays any attention one bit to the historic architecture to Saratoga and if approved will destroy the visual landscape we now enjoy. They're both horrible and need to be redone.

First, Is a 6-story addition really needed? It is too massive and throws off the symmetry of the current Van Dam structure. And why red brick? If re-thought I'm sure another solution is possible! The rendering is simply ugly - no thought process at all to the existing structures surrounding the proposal have been used.

I'm sure you have heard this too many times and there has been numerous articles about the recent glut of hotels in Saratoga - is one more necessary? I am not apposed

to development in Saratoga, everything done is added to our landscape, however, these need to be re-thought.

As for the Adelphi, with the stunning job done restoring the existing building and interior, how could they possibly think this monstrosity would be acceptable? This too, needs to be thought about and comply with our historic architecture....something can look historic from the exterior but have modern amenities inside....what a concept!

I hope this expression of my views will be considered. I may be one person, but felt if I needed to speak out about this.

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