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Fwd: FW: House Size

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Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 1:09 PM

Subject: FW: House Size

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Charlotte, Steve, Kelly, Patti, Greg and George,

Suzanne Caskey and I have had a friendly email exchange regarding house size initiated by the email I sent to her below. She has suggested I send this on to you. I encourage you to please read it as I believe I represent so many.

Thanks,

Sally Hansen

From: Sally Hansen
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 6:16 PM
To: 'sdcas@aol.com'
Subject: House Size

Suzanne,

Hi and hope you are doing well during these very crazy times. I assume you are in Aspen, so beautiful here!

I am writing to discuss the house size discussion that is going on and voice some concerns. We go back a long time, and we have together watched a town mature in some ways for the better and in some ways not. After almost 50

years here, it is most important that you understand my love for Aspen is the same as yours, and I value both of our sincerity in wanting what we perceive as being best for the town.

This is not about Steve and me but about so many hardworking employees. We employ over 50 people to include both new home starts and a Home Care division. The vast majority of our employees are people that have lived in the Valley many years, have families, work hard and in spite of good wages, barely make enough to provide for their families given how expensive it is to live from Silt to Aspen. Should buildable square footage be reduced as is being discussed, so many people in the Valley to lose their jobs and the domino effect will be insurmountable. It affects accountants, bookkeepers, organizational staff and then realtors, retailers, restaurant staff, and on and on.

I cannot talk to energy as I am not qualified and sure others are in the process of evaluating that, but this is a big complicated picture and there are so many aspects to weigh in addition to the negatives that energy use may bring to the table. There are lives, and livelihoods, and children and the prosperity of a community at risk, and I beg that this discussion takes the time to examine the implications well. It is so important to hear for the people whose livelihoods will be threatened. I raise the concern that doing this via phone and zoom as COVID looms is wrong, and this should be tabled until a format for hearing from these people in person can be entertained.

Perhaps where you and I differ, and I may be wrong, but I think our town works pretty well. Thank God we have people that support the Arts, people that enjoy all Aspen has to offer from hiking to skiing, etc., and I believe we are the last hold-out where people relate based on common interests and not social economic status. I do not think most people find the composition of clientele here a negative but rather a positive, and they are glad our town is attractive to everyone for different reasons. I hesitate to want to do anything to social engineer this community as I think we are so fortunate that it works as well as it does. It is not perfect, but I believe there are other ways to correct our ills rather than the drastic approach being proposed, which could have dire consequences. Problems and negative impacts should not be ignored; I believe the task at hand is how to resolve issues that would have the least negative impact on all involved.

I hope you understand that I send this to you because I believe you would value input. I know you have been part of the discussion with the commissioners and hope my thoughts have some validity in your discussions. I am always happy to discuss further. I believe we need to hear from everyone and make sure anything that impacts this town is studied at length after everyone speaks.

Sally Hansen

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10/6/2020

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