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To: [Drumm, Kristin](#); [Kinsey, Steven](#)
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Dear Ms. Drumm and Mr. Kinsey

I think that the Coastal Commission's proposal for Village Commercial Core Areas of coastal villages is disrespectful and disruptive to the lives of the village inhabitants. In particular the plan for Bolinas does not take into consideration the problems that this end-of-the-road community already has with parking and facilities use. The town is unable to handle any more commercial activity and vehicular traffic.

It is also unfair to the housing units on wharf road where commercial activity does not already exist. To plan that they could only live in their homes if they had commercial activity in their front gardens or the lower floors while they had to move to an upper level, if one exists, or the back end, which in this case would put them in the darker, shadier part of their lot, is unconscionable. Front gardens have always been part of the charm of Bolinas. If tourists want to come to Bolinas, they should enjoy the village as it is and as it organically evolves.

The main problem is that the town can handle only so many cars, and certainly busses that try to go downtown get stuck. More cars should not be encouraged to enter the town by added commercial activity. More cars also add to noise and noxious gasses for the residents.

I and my family have had a summer/weekend dwelling in downtown Bolinas for many generations. We have seen the town go through many changes, but not enforced by outside planning. As nature evolves so does a town, organically taking into consideration its own limits and boundaries, needs and strengths. Bolinas will change, as it has many times, but let it happen from inside out. Please do not encourage more cars to come into town and force people who just want to live in their homes to become entrepreneurial or pay permit fees to remain there.

This all seems like unnecessary busy-bodying.

Very sincerely,
Mary Kent Schardt