

Hi Chip,

Thanks for speaking with me on the phone. I've attached the project description we sent in with our application for reference, and our comments on the staff report description are as follows:

The applicant would like to clarify that this waiver request is not on the basis of financial hardship. Our application does not discuss financial hardship, nor provide excess costs associated with further compliance. The staff report for this hearing does not reflect our application. The waiver request is based primarily on our professional belief that the project has, in whole, provided an equitable accessible experience to all guests on the property, including all guest amenities, services and parking. The current proposed design is intended to meet the local jurisdiction's requirements for re-development of a previously destroyed property, which require that the property be designed to mimic the pre-existing mass, form, height and density; and it is designed to meet state requirements for building elevation, while still maintaining equitable access to all shared guest amenities, as well as direct access to 25 of the 33 guest rooms on the campus. Given these other requirements, we are asking to waive the vertical access requirements for the duplex buildings exclusively; in doing so, the project would still meet national model codes for accessibility and would be more in line with the directives of the local jurisdiction, who wishes for their island to maintain its historic small-island living.

We'd like to ask that the above statement replace the project description in the staff report, as the previous version isn't an accurate representation of our waiver request.

Thank you for your help on this!



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