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Ms. Carrie Thies & Mr. Jeff Baron
City Council Members, Carmel-by-the-Sea
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September 23rd, 2019

RE: Climate Change

Dear Carrie & Jeff,

It was a pleasure meeting with you last week and learning more about the City's efforts to address issues related to Climate Change. As both a Carmel resident and business owner, I am very pleased that the City is taking the initiative to better understand how Climate Change could have an impact on our City, our lives, and our property.

I would be happy to assist the City with those efforts however deemed appropriate. As requested, I have attached a profile on my background. With significant experience in the design and construction industry, I have some knowledge regarding the impact of climatic conditions on the built environment and some of the design responses and construction technologies that address those impacts.

Of particular concern, and an area I would specifically be interested in assisting with, centers around extreme weather events and wildfires in our immediate forest environment. Defensible space and reasonable exterior building requirements to address wind, water, and fire are issues of significant concern. In addition, gaining a better understanding of the potential threat from the existing overhead utilities throughout our community and how those might impact our exposure.

Thank you for your consideration, let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

John C. Hill is an independent Architectural Consultant providing hospitality and residential consulting services. With over 40 years of Hospitality and Residential design experience, he has specialized in the design and programming of sophisticated urban hotels, world-class destination resorts, conference facilities, and selected residential projects. After receiving his Architectural degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and employment with Edward Durrell Stone and Welton Becket & Associates, Mr. Hill co-founded Hill Glazier Architects in San Francisco California in 1980. In 2007, the firm merged with HKS Architects to become the HKS Hill Glazier Studio.

In 2012, Mr. Hill retired from the HKS Hill Glazier Studio, but continues to provide architectural and development consulting services. In 2014, Mr. Hill purchased the former Rio Theater and Elks Club building in downtown Monterey and established the Alvarado Street Brewery & Grill with his son and Head Brewer, J.C. Hill. In 2016, the Monterey operation expanded into a large scale production Brewery and Tasting Room facility on Dayton Street in Salinas, CA. In late 2018, the father/son team opened the Yeast of Eden Brewery & Restaurant in Carmel-by the-Sea, California.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Hill's projects have achieved national and international recognition for unique and creative solutions carefully planned to respect the local architectural context and natural site features. He has completed numerous hospitality projects throughout the United States, Central America, Europe, and the Middle East. Mr. Hill's clients have included many of the worlds leading Hotel and Hospitality Developers and Operators such as Four Seasons, Ritz Carlton, Montage, Rosewood, St. Regis, Hyatt, Westin, Marriott, and several Boutique Marques. Many of his projects are consistently listed as category leaders in international travel publications and three of his projects have been awarded the ULI Award of excellence. Mr. Hill has been a guest speaker at the Urban Land Institute and Cornell University. He co-authored or contributed to several books on Hospitality design including Building Types Basics for Hospitality Design (New York, 2001), Hotel Design, Planning and Development (New York, 2001) and Time Saver Standards for Building Types - Hospitality Chapters (New York, 2001).