

From: [William Gilbane](#)
To: [Antonette Fabrizi](#)
Subject: THE VINETA HOTEL IN PALM BEACH
Date: Friday, March 03, 2023 3:38:28 PM

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Dear Town Council

I am writing today to express my excitement for the redevelopment of the former Chesterfield Hotel. The Oetker Family of Hotels are clearly at the top of their game and in a class of their own.

This past summer I visited Capri and spent time exploring and admiring how the community their addresses many of the issues facing Palm Beach - parking, trash removal, peak season crowds and Contruction. Each day I spent time admiring the redevelopment project by Oetker La Palma there. Given my background I am particularly inquisitive around design and execution of building projects and the impact of development on communities.

I was able to see first hand how Oetker approaches their projects. It is clear to me that they are experienced in redeveloping a hotel in a logistically tight environment with an extremely high focus on quality. They seem to be approaching thag redevelopment with a high concern and consideration of the impact to the adjacent neighbors and community. If the Vineta is going to be developed with these same principles I saw in action in Capri this will be a wonderful asset to Town.

I realize there are many complexities to this redevelopment that the Council will have to consider. Two important ones for me are the teams previous experience/track record of developing and operating similar facilities in environments with similar constraint to Palm Beach and improvements to their proposed traffic and parking management plan above and beyond those of the previous Chesterfield Hotel.

As always thank you for all you do for us residents of Palm Beach

Billy

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From: [Bayard Kuensell](#)
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Subject: The Vineta Hotel
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Hi Town Council,

Thank you for all that you do!

I am writing in support of The Vineta Hotel project. This should be an absolute wonderful opportunity for the town of Palm Beach. With all of the new and over development of our town it is nice to see a restoration project of this magnitude. The Oetker family has some of the most amazing hotels around the world, so I am excited to see what they do with this wonderful space in town! I strongly urge you to give serious consideration to their proposals.

Sincerely,

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From: [Kelly Churney](#)
To: [Antonette Fabrizi](#)
Subject: FW: Letter in opposition to the application of the Chesterfield
Date: Monday, March 06, 2023 9:35:08 AM

In case you didn't receive it

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From: Deborah Jones <djones@TownOfPalmBeach.com> **On Behalf Of** Town Council
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Subject: Letter in opposition to the application of the Chesterfield

Good morning Mayor and Town Council Members,

Please see the letter below from Carter Pottash.

Sincerely,
Deb

From: Carter P <drcarterp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2023 6:18 AM
To: Town Council <TCouncil@TownofPalmBeach.com>
Subject: Letter in opposition to the application of the Chesterfield

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Dear Members of Town Council:

I am writing in opposition to the application of the Chesterfield to increase restaurant seating, regardless of where on the property, and regardless of whether some of the restaurant seats are designated as seating for hotel guests. Unfortunately, I am out of town the day of the public hearing and cannot attend in person.

The simple reality is that there is simply no capacity on our roads and our parking lots for additional valet parking.

Valet parkers at Meat Market, Trevini, Lola at the White Elephant, and elsewhere do not follow their arrangements and promises to the Town, and instead park all over neighboring streets, taking away from parking for residents. Even Trevini, which has its own garage, still blocks off extra street spaces with cones, illegally, to use for their valets (this is in addition to designated valet parking street spaces). The only restaurant which appears to honor its commitments about where they will park their patrons' cars is the new Carriage House. Worth Avenue is often backed up by cars waiting for the valet to remove them.

In the case of the Chesterfield, increasing valet parking on a very busy two-way street will lead to even more congestion and backups; it will be dangerous, as cars will attempt to pass on the opposite lane going the wrong way when there is the normal valet backup. The idea that some seats will be reserved for hotel guests is as impractical to enforce as the rule related to "Town-serving" seats and capacity for residents. In the 38 years I have lived here, I have never been asked where I live when making a reservation or being seated.

It should be obvious that this application for additional restaurant seating of all types needs to be rejected.

Thank you for your service to our Town,

Respectfully,
Carter Pottash

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