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Subject: Vote no (against) Preserving 151 Main Street and 155 Main Street

To the Minturn Town Council,

I recognize the difficult decision our town faces between preserving historic buildings and ensuring our economic growth. While maintaining Minturn's charm is vital, it's just as important to foster economic prosperity.

I value the intention behind preserving historic sites like Helen's House at 152 Main Street. Nonetheless, observing several vacant buildings downtown raises concerns about our economic situation. The insufficient revenue from sales taxes and the apprehensions about water rates underscore our financial difficulties.

Declaring these buildings as historic may introduce regulatory challenges and financial burdens, potentially resulting in more vacant properties in the 100 block of Minturn and making it too costly for any investor to achieve economic viability. How many developers have tried to improve our town? How many have sold and turned their away? How many roadblocks and hurdles must future developers endure to accomplish reasonable and sustainable growth?

Please take a step of courage where many council members before you chose the status quo and not only promote but spark new mixed-use developments that integrate commercial spaces on the ground floor with residential units above. These contemporary structures can assist with housing while contributing to a more dynamic downtown economy. This type of forward thinking becomes sustainable whereas the vision of the past are relics and no longer sustainable.

I strongly urge the council to vote NO (against) preserving 151 Main Street and 155 Main Street. Let's prioritize opportunities for commercial growth and innovative development that can advance Minturn's economy. Please vote in favor of supporting new housing solutions and increased business opportunities downtown.

Empower a new vision where Minturn attracts businesses and residents where the future can look back and say well done!

Thank you for considering Minturn's future with a balanced approach that honors our history while embracing our economic potential.

Sincerely,

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