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I know what that's like! I really sucks when you did nothing wrong and don't deserve the level of vitriol that is festering in this town.

I think it's unfair for you to be singled out when 3 other people who also understand the need to avoid a losing law suit were smart enough to know that.

I don't think you should add the Senate to the list of people not happy with Asheville. I think you, Vijay, Gwen and Esther need to bear the brunt of the Flat Iron together. I think you should defend yourself from Ben Scales by noting his absence from Council meetings before the Flat Iron vote. Also, it's a City Council issue not an NC Senate issue but if he feels this was a failure that could have been remedied by the Senate seat you both seek, a more appropriate target of his criticism should be the current Senator. Then point out that, again, conditional zoning requests aren't the purview of Ms. VanDuyn's office.

I'm with you. I personally hate the idea of a hotel there, but I absolutely understand the reality. I hope you understand the realities regarding the district elections. Vijay and Esther are right and you can turn that unpopular notion among the will of the voters around if you can gain some peace between AVL and the NCGA.

Anyway, it's going to be a rough couple weeks. I praise you for the same courage as Vijay in being responsible in the face of an unpopular decision.

Best wishes-
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