Jim and Susan Eakfe P.O. Box 46 Pope Valley, CA 94567 (707)965-2843

December 15, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of the Lake Luciana project in Pope Valley.

As longtime, in Jim's case lifetime, residents of Pope Valley, we have seen many changes in the community over the years. In our opinion, the changes in the past decade have been advantageous for Pope Valley as a whole. The conversion to a vineyard economy, and the resulting increase in property values, has raised the standard of living for the majority of residents. The school, in particular, has benefited greatly from the increase in property taxes. (Ten years ago, the school's budget was approximately \$400,000, and this school year, it is nearly \$1,000,000.)

Neither one of us favors the hilltop villas seen from the floor of the Napa Valley. However, the Lake Luciana proposal calls for home sites that are not visible from the main roads and "downtown" Pope Valley. From our point of view, this is entirely acceptable.

Although we are not golfers, we have no objection to the proposed golf course. It does not seem that it would negatively impact the general community at all.

Should you need further input, please do not hesitate to call us at the number above.

Sincerely,

Jim and Susan Eakle

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**December 23, 2008** 

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, Ca 94558

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Bill and Linda Hoy

Napa, California 94558

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Suite 210 Napa, California 94558

Dear Planning Commission,

As active golfers in Napa, we would like to express our enthusiasm for the Luciana golf course being planned for the Pope Valley area of Napa County. Golf is a great way to spend time in the outdoors and enjoy time with family and friends. We would find the opportunity for a new golf course that is mindful to the environment and local community would be a wonderful asset to our region.

With some of the economic challenges so many people are facing now and on the horizon this would also provide some relief through employment and tax revenue that would certainly be helpful for the community.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Diane Dillon

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# Mike Walls Cascade Street Napa, California 94558

Commissioner Bob Fiddaman
Napa County Planning Commission
1195 Third Street Suite 210
Napa, California 94558

Dear Commissioner Fiddaman,

As a lifelong Napan I need to express my interest in the golf course planned for Pope Valley. The Luciana Golf Course will benefit many local agencies and individuals.

I enjoy playing golf with friends and family and we are excited to hear that a golf course designed by Tom Doak may be in our neighborhood. I know that we will be anxious to play the course after completion. Tom Doak designed golf courses are very beautiful and very well acclaimed. Many of his golf course designs have become some of the most recognized courses in the world.

Napa is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. This golf course being planned will definitely add to all of these reasons why my family friends and I choose to live in Napa County.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mike Walls

Cc: Diane Dillon

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# Tiffany Walls Cascade Street Napa, California 94558

Commissioner Terry Scott
Napa County Planning Commission
1195 Third Street Suite 210
Napa, California 94558

Dear Commissioner Scott,

I would like to let you know of my support for the Luciana Golf Course being planned in Napa County. I have lived in Napa for nearly 30 years and have seen Napa evolve into a great community with opportunities for people to enjoy much of what Napa County has to offer. The golf course being planned in this part of our area will certainly enhance the amenity base of everyone in our area.

The group of people that this type activity is looking to satisfy tends to be well behaved and thoughtful while mingling in the local community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Walls

Cc: Diane Dillon

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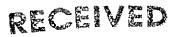
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NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

January 8, 2009

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, Ca. 94559

Dear Commissioners,

As long time residents of Napa Valley we express our support for the approval of Lake Luciana Golf Course. It is a perfect place for a golf course and will enhance the surrounding area tremendously. We are impressed with the manner in which their proposal has been communicated and their sincere efforts to inform the public.

Sincerely,

Pam Rubio Chris Rubio

Rutherford, California

### James R Johnson 1115 Lodi Lane St. Helena, CA 94574 Home (707) 967-0459 \* Office (707) 967-0656

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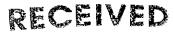
Subject: Luciana Golf Project

Dear Mr. Fiddaman:

I would like to voice my support for the proposed Luciana Golf Club project. I have visited the site and know something about the project. I feel that it would be very beneficial for us, as Napa Valley residents, to have access to such a project like Luciana Golf Club. I am an avid golfer, and play mostly with my three children. There is nothing in the Napa Valley that would offer us a high quality golf and club experience like this project.

Sincerely,

james R. Johnson



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#### Jim Clifton

NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT

p. o. box 128 pope valley, california 94567 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

tel: (707) 965-2622 fax: (240) 376-7333

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It seems to us that having a no-growth policy will eventually cause the stagnation of the communities in which we live. We believe this is the kind of growth and development we should be encouraging-building houses on 40-acre parcels already established, and creating a beautiful golf course.

We urge you to look favorably on this project.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Clifton

1/cc: Diane Dillon



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Diane G. Clifton

cc: Diane Dillon

### MICHAEL MONDAVI PO BOX 2350, NAPA, CA 94558 707-256-2707

December 30, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Napa, Ca 94558

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to request your support of the Luciana Golf Course application for a use permit in Pope Valley.

My family and I are very excited about the future of Pope Valley. We have been purchasing vineyards in the area for the past 3 years. At this point, we own 270 acres, of which we farm 108, near Aetna Springs and hope to have more in the future. I have been making wines from the Pope Valley since the beginning of my career in the 60's. The quality of the vineyards and the understanding of how to farm in order to maximize the quality of the wines have really just begun in the last 10 years. The future is very bright.

We also have invested in the Luciana Golf Course as part of our belief that it will be a positive addition for Pope Valley and the County of Napa. Our reasons for asking for your support are as follows:

- 1) It conforms with all the protections in land use policies that we have fought for over the years. In fact, it provides for more protection of ridgelines, restoration of streams and wetlands than would otherwise be possible. Additionally, it will guarantee the creation of more open space in the hills that is protected in perpetuity, which is not the case at present.
- 2) It doesn't impact the future of agriculture. We are familiar with the land that the golf course will occupy and know from experience that this land is not suitable growing of grapes or grazing. Because of its challenging soil makeup and the water sourcing, it is probably the last parcel of its type in the County that could be permitted for this recreational use.
- 3) It doesn't use any ground water. The water for the course will come from existing water rights with Juliana Mutual Water Company. Those rights go back many years. The course is supported by the Water Company's board.
- 4) It will not create any additional legal parcels, therefore is not growth inducing.
- 5) It is not visible from any pubic road.
- 6) Additionally, it will not impact the current vineyard operations in the area. Certainly, the vineyards at Eagle Vines and Chardonnay are a good example of compatibility.

Please join us in supporting these efforts for our county and Pope Valley.

Michael Mondavi

Cc: Diane Dillon Mark Luce

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Corey Dahline 471 Cornish Lane Angwin, CA 94508

January 6, 2009

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is in support of approving the Luciana Gold Course in Pope Valley.

My wife and I have grown fonder of Pope Valley with each of the passing six years we have lived in Angwin. We have raised 2 great children and built a successful business while watching the subtle changes take place in the valley.

The Luciana Gold Course proposal strikes a healthy balance between generating appropriate activity and preserving the natural beauty of Pope Valley. I am pleased to see that considerable thought was incorporated into the overall planning with respect to protecting hillsides and views from around the area.

Please approve this project as currently designed.

Yours truly,

Corey Dahline

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Scott Murdock 2527 Gina Drive Napa, CA 94558

**Property Management** 

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94558

Dear Napa County Planning Commission,

As a Napa Realtor and Rental Property Management Company operator I am very aware of the climate of the community of Napa and Napa County. Having been born and raised, over my 40+ years, in Napa I have a love for what we have here for my family and for my friends. This is a wonderful place with rich history and a bright future.

With that being stated I would like to voice my support for the Luciana golf course in planning in Napa County. A property and facility like what Tom Doak has built really does shine bright as a great asset for Napa.

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Sincerely,

Cc: Diane Dillon

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December 31st, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Avenue Napa, CA 94559

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

RE: Luciana Golf Course Project

I am writing this letter in support of the Luciana Golf Course in Pope Valley and requesting the Board to approve the project as it has been purposed.

I have lived in Napa Valley for almost thirty years and have watched the valley grow and become and internationally recognized icon for great wines and food; as well as, enjoyed the beautiful way of life we all share. Over the years, our family has shared many memorable times in Pope Valley. I feel the Luciana Golf Course Project will only enhance Pope Valley while maintaining the integrity of the Valley and its natural beauty.

I wholeheartedly support this exciting project and encourage you to please support it as well!

Sincerely yours

531 Westgate Drive

Napa, CA 94558

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Mike Quick 570 Spur Pope Valley, CA 94567

December 9, 2008

Napa County Planning Department 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Planning Department,

I am writing to you in regards to the Lake Lucianna Golf Course proposal for Pope Valley. I am a property owner in Pope Valley and I wish to offer my full support for this proposal. Having lived in Napa County my entire life I have a great fondness for all that Napa is and all it has to offer. The uniqueness of Pope Valley is why I have chosen to live here.

I have had my pilot license since 1992 and fly my plane out of the Anqwin Airport. I frequently fly above Pope Valley and through the years I have seen a great deal of change that is not seen by the average resident or visitor. Many homes and vineyards continue to be built and planted, some are designed with a concern for how they impact others and some seem to have little concern.

In my questioning about the proposed golf course I have come to learn of the deep concern for the Pope Valley community and the impact on the local environment. I feel the steps being taken to protect the ridge lines around the lake are critical for the future of our entire valley.

I believe that the construction of the golf course would also benefit the local residents with job opportunities right here in the valley. Currently there are very few job possibilities for local residents. I also am concerned seeing the loss of property values locally, the proposed Tom Doak course would definitely add value to our individual homes as it adds value to the entire area.

Mike Quick

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Aschalew Gobezie

112 Viola Way

Angwin, California 94508

Napa County Planning Commission

1159 Third Street, Suite 210

Napa, California 94558

Dear Napa County Planning Commission,

I have lived in Angwin for the past 15 years. As an immigrant from Ethiopia and now an American citizen my family came to America to show me the land of opportunity.

I have worked in and around Napa County all of my working life. Seeing the Lake Luciana Golf Course and all it has to offer, brings me great hope in a new career opportunity.

I am an avid golfer with the hopes of someday beginning a new career as a Golf Professional. It is not easy living in such a beautiful area and raising a family on the wages of a day laborer. My hopes are to find employment at the Lake Luciana Golf Club in Pope Valley. The Napa County in general, needs a facility like the proposed Lake Luciana Golf Course to help many people find honorable employment.

Thank you for considering my point of view regarding my community.

Sincerely,

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NAPA CO, CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPI.

Cc: Diane Dillon

January 7, 2009

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is sent to express my support for development of an 18-hole golf course in Pope Valley. I live in Napa, but having been married atop a vineyard overlooking the views in Pope Valley. I have a strong appreciation for its unique aesthetics. I'm also an avid golfer and believe a golf course of the caliber planned by the Lake Luciana developers will be a wonderful compliment to the area's natural beauty.

From what I have learned about the planned course, it will be a very classy, environmentally friendly and historically sensitive development. It will generate jobs for the County and an additional opportunity for recreation in our lovely piece of the wine country.

I do appreciate the thoughtfulness of the planning commission in considering such new developments. It is my sincere hope that you will approve the Lake Luciana project for the people of our County and beyond.

Sincerely.

Richard Wood

cc:

Diane Dillon Merrill Hiserman

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Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

I have been made aware of a golf course and clubhouse proposal in Pope Valley called Lake Luciana through a friend of mine who knows the developer, Criswell Radovan in St. Helena. I have never written to the planning commission on behalf of any project but in these economic times I felt it was necessary. I am not opposed to growth in the Napa Valley as long as it is done responsibly and environmentally friendly. The golf course architect was described to me as a "minimalist". How could you go wrong approving this golf course? With the impact being negligible as far as traffic, moving of earth, water use, etc and the number of jobs this project will provide Napa County residents with, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for your time,

Jana Bator

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#### Kirk Venge 1732 Main Street Saint Helena, CA 94574

January 3, 2009

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Avenue Napa, CA 94559

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners,

I have been following the Lake Luciana golf course proposal for some time but may not be able to be present at the upcoming planning hearing; hence, I would like to show my support for the private membership golf course at Pope Valley by submitting this letter for your consideration.

As a long time Napa Valley resident and a Heritage Member at the Aetna Springs golf course, we have enjoyed Pope Valley frequently over the years. I am familiar with what the Luciana developers have accomplished at Calistoga Ranch and the beautiful renovation of the Aetna Springs golf course; both are top notch. I have followed the Criswell/Radovan development team since 2003 and the results have been fantastic. The two bring incredible value to new developments in the Napa Valley. I trust that this same team will take steps to ensure that the natural beauty of the Luciana area is protected while creating a great golf experience.

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Sincerely

Kirk Venge

Venge Family Vineyards

C: Ms. Diane Dillon

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Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa CA 94559

#### Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed Lake Luciana golf course in Pope Valley. Given the current economic conditions in Napa County and California this projects is exactly what's needed to stimulate the economy. I'm certain the build out will involve hundreds of good paying construction jobs, and hundreds of very good paying permanent jobs after construction is completed. Pope Valley is ripe for development. It's perhaps the best keep secret in Napa County. I've visited with several of the developers and I'm convinced they have done the necessary research and have put much consideration into the course and its impact on Pope Valley's environment. The course designer, Tom Doak, is known for his minimal approach to the existing landscape. I've personally played several of Mr. Doak designs and I'm convinced his layout will only complement the existing landscape.

One again, I am pleased to offer my support to the Lake Luciana project and hope you will as well.

Sincerely,

Harrell Rutherford

**Director Business Operations** 

Vintner's Golf Club

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Napa County Planning Commission

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I am writing in support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course application.

My great grandfather, William Imrie, used to hunt quail and pheasants in Pope Valley 150 years ago. His daughter-in-law and my grandmother, Jessie Imrie, taught at the Pope Valley School during the First World War. Through the generations, our family has enjoyed the serenity and rich history that Pope Valley has to offer. Vineyards now replace much of the open pasture and orchards that I remember during my childhood, but Pope Valley still remains a special place in Napa County.

I have been up to the Lake Luciana site in recent months to witness firsthand what is being proposed. The owners of the private Lake Luciana Golf Club project understand the importance of sustaining the unique qualities of Pope Valley. The Criswell Radovan team has a proven track record of excellence and environmental sensitivity as demonstrated locally at the Calistoga Ranch Club. They have a long-term vision that will help preserve the splendor of Pope Valley.

The same vision is shared by world-renowned golf course guru, Tom Doak, who has laid out a beautiful design that blends well with the natural terrain and vegetation of the carefully chosen and unobtrusive acreage; land that has proven to be unsuitable for farming. The clubhouse is modest in size to serve the limited number of private members and guests of the new golf club. The impacts of the golf club have been addressed and the promise of open space and preserving the unique character of Pope Valley is in place.

The County of Napa needs low impact/high quality projects like Lake Luciana Golf Club to enhance tax revenues and create jobs. And, I think it will be a great addition to Pope Valley.

Respectfully,

Kent S. Imrie

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Carlene Ferrera 317 Mullet Court Foster City, CA 94404 c.ferrera@sbcglobal.net

NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

December 15, 2008

RE: Lake Luciana Golf Course proposal

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you in support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course proposal and request that you approve the project.

We are the middle of three generations who have lived and golfed across Napa County. As part of the Lake Berryessa community we are especially familiar with Pope Valley and the surrounding area and for over 40 years we have been supporters of the local businesses in Pope Valley. In my opinion, the Lake Luciana Golf project presents nothing but positives for the area.

The project would present the valley with ongoing employment opportunities that are much needed. The impact of traffic will be almost non-existent and the project will increase the tax base.

During the renovation of Aetna Springs Golf Course we had the pleasure to meet and discuss the Lake Luciana project with the golf course architect, Tom Doak. Aetna Springs has been restored beyond its former glory due to Mr. Doak's focus on preservation which is evident even to an untrained eye. Mr. Doak will present the same attention to detail and preservation at the new golf course site.

While we have seen a lot of changes in Napa over the past years, they have not all been positive changes. We feel significant changes afoot in Pope Valley, but if they are of the type presented by the Lake Luciana project the valley would retain its charm, rural feel, and open space.

Your consideration of the project and your approval will be much appreciated.

Best regards,

Carlene Ferrera

January 2, 2009

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Napa Country Planning Commission 1195 Phird St.

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Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to express my strong support for the Luciana bolf Course. The hucina bolf touse will be a valuable addition to Page Valley and Napa County. My femily and I treasure the tranquility and agrarian lifestyle of Pope Valley, and we strongly believe that the huciana bolf Course will contribute to the long-term preseration of our hill sides and ridges by selfing ast de consensation area and by committing a large parcel of land to a suitable form of development -Namely, a giff course designed by renowned architect from Donke that respects the natural beauty of the surrounding area.

As long-term Pope Valley landowners, we have been excited to experience the recent developments at Actua Springs. Importantly, Bill Criswell and Robert Radwan have done what they said they would do at Aetra Springs. Aleka Springs is being se haved to its former glory and along with it, B. TI and Robert and their team here taken great effort to include and embrace the local community and preserve the unique Pope Velley experience. In fact, Astron Springs has helped us to get to know many of our Pope Valley neighbors. B. Wand Robert are the type of upo Fanding, conscientiones developers that we need in Pope Velley.

Please approve the Luciana bolf Course as proposed.

Sincerely,

Komas C. Marqueers

Todd Hardy 330 Newton Way Angwin, California 94508 RECEIVED

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NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPI.

December 16, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my sincere desire to see the Luciana golf course approved.

The golf course will be a fantastic addition to Pope Valley and the Napa Valley bringing needed jobs, tax revenue and elevating prestige.

I have toured the Luciana site and reviewed the golf course plans.

As a result, it appears the golf course to be the best use for land which cannot successfully sustain vineyards or cattle grazing.

The golf course design, which lays on the land with relatively little earth movement, is very environmentally thoughtful.

My wife and I have been Napa County residents for  $\underline{30}$  years and witnessed many changes, some not necessarily positive.

The Luciana golf course is one of those proposals which generates many benefits without impact to the existing tranquility of our community.

Please approve the Luciana Golf Course as proposed.

Yours truly.

Napa County Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a Napa resident and small business owner. I am writing this letter to voice my support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course in Pope Valley. I have been made aware of the Golf Course proposal through friends and I strongly urge you to support new businesses in the current economic climate.

Pope Valley, Angwin, and Upper Valley residents have few employment options. This environmentally sensitive proposal of an eighteen hole course and small clubhouse would provide employment to locals while preserving the ambiance and history of Pope Valley.

I hope to attend the meetings regarding this project but in the event that I am unable, please accept this letter as evidence of my support.

Thank you,

Debbye Hanson



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DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

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WE ARE LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF POPE VALLEY...
NOW ABOUT 32 YEARS. WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT MR. CRISWELL AND MR. RADOVAN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE THE LAKE LUCIANA GOLF COURSE. THEY HAVE SHOWN TO BE EXCELLENT STEWARDS OF THE LAND. WE HAVE SEEN THE RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS AT THE AETNA SPRINGS GOLF COURSE REHOVATION. IT IS EXQUISITE! THEY HAVE GONE WAY BEYOND WHAT WAS REQUIRED OF THEM.

AS TO LAKE LUCIANA, WE HAVE VISITED THE SITE AND HAVE SEEN AND STUDIED THE PLANS. IT IS IN IT'S OWN VALLEY, IT IS SELF-SUSTAINING (WATERWISE) AND IS OUT OF THE PUBLIC SIGHT. AGAIN, MESSIEURS CRISWELL AND RADOVAN ARE SOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PROTECT THE LAND. WE HAVE SEEN THEIR PROPOSAL FOR THE CONISER-VATION AREA. IT IS EXCELLENT.

HISTORIC, BEAUTIFUL POPE VALLEY NEEDS THESE GREAT PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED. THEY WILL CREATE SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY TAX GENERATION FOR THE COUNTY'S NEEDS AND WILL CREATE MANY JOBS. IN THIS TAILSPIN REALESTATE ECONOMY ALL OF US SHOULD SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT IMPROVING THE TYPE OF GRASSES AT LAKE LUCIANA. WE, FOR ONE, WOULD RATHER SEE A BEAUTIFUL GOLF COURSE THAN THE HIGH DENSITY HOUSING THAT ONE SEES POPPING UP ALL OVER CALIFORNIA. NOT A PRETTY SIGHT.

WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE LAKE LUCIANA GOLF COURSE AS PROPOSED.

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CC: DIANE DILLON

Matt Mores

1524 Milton Road

Napa, California 94559

Napa County Planning Commission

1159 Third Street, Suite 210

Napa, CA 94558

Dear Commissioner Scott,

As a PGA golf professional in the Napa Valley I am excited to find out that there is a plan for a new 18 hole golf course in our region. As I see the level of interest of the game of golf at my facility increase, it would be well served to have this addition in Pope Valley/Napa Valley.

With Tom Doak as the golf course designer it would be a fantastic compliment to the natural landscape of the region while keeping the terrain preserved from heavy grading and loss of a natural countryside look and feel.

If you are not aware of the work of Mr. Doak, I would beg you to examine and review his work and philosophy regarding the lay of the land and how the game of golf is enhanced by being in a rural and natural setting.

This is a rare opportunity to build the correct type of golf course in the correct type of landscape that would benefit both the local area, community, as well as the environment.

I am definitely fully in support of the golf course in Pope Valley.

Signed,

Matthew Mores, PGA

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Mr. Terry Scott, Chair Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, CA. 94559

Dear Mr. Scott and Planning Commissioners,

I have been teaching golf and involved in the golf industry in Northern California for over 40 years. I established my Golf Academy in Napa in May of 2007.

I believe that I can attest some important issues related to the proposed Lake Luciana Golf Course.

I am a huge fan of Tom Doak and his approach to golf course design. He and his team are incredibly sensitive to the land and have achieved acclaim for environmentally sound golf courses that seem to seamlessly meld into the natural landscape. I love his course in Bandon, Oregon (Pacific Dunes) so much that I am about to make my 7th trip taking a group of my students to play it. He has done such a good job there that the community is welcoming his second design on the property.

I am currently teaching students from all over the Bay Area. Many of these students would be very excited to become members in the future of a golf course that had Tom Doak's Signature on it. A World Class Golf Course in the Napa Valley would certainly be a great stimulus for the local economy.

I urge your approval of the course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Fleming Owner and Director of Instruction. Napa Valley Golf Academy

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#### Trent Ghiringhelli 1567 Oak Street Napa, California 94558

November 9, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

#### Dear Commissioners:

My grandparents, George and Ruth Heibel, moved to Pope Valley in 1945 where they owned and operated the Aetna Springs Resort for over 25 years. Since then, members of my family have lived and owned a substantial amount of property in the Pope Valley – raising families and contributing to the community. I have very fond memories of listening to my parents and relatives tell stories about Aetna Springs and of Pope Valley – the recreational activities, the variety of characters and the community's social events. Most importantly, I came to appreciate the respect my grandparents, parents and all the visitors had for the natural surroundings and their respect for the simple things in life. As a current Pope Valley vineyard owner, I intend to eventually live fulltime on my family's property and enjoy the same qualities which attracted visitors to this area long ago.

It is with this background and understanding that I urge you to support the current Luciana golf course project. While I have not had the opportunity to learn all the details to this project, I have personally visited the site and I am very pleased with the course design, inclusion of a conservation area protecting the views from around Pope Valley and relatively light amount of additional traffic generated by the project. I truly feel that this project will have a minimal impact on the Pope Valley way of life. This is a neighbor that we welcome to our valley, as I believe they cherish the same values and will respect the natural surroundings as my grandparents did and I do now.

Sincerely,

Trent Ghiringhelli

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#### Mel and Martha Quick 898 Sanitarium Road Deer Park, California 94576

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners,

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We are writing you to express our support for the Luciana Golf course proposal.

Unfortunately, we cannot attend the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting in person but please accept this letter of support in our place.

As long time residents of Deer Park, we have enjoyed Pope Valley frequently over the years. We have seen the great work that the developers accomplished at Calistoga Ranch and at Aetńa Springs and feel, that same team will do an excellent job in ensuring that the natural beauty of the Luciana area is preserved while creating a great golf experience.

We especially like the open space preservation on the hillsides above the golf course protecting the valley's views and ridgelines.

Sincerely,

Mel Quick



Mickey Dugan 19 Juan Court Saint Helena, California 94574

Dear Commissioners,

I encourage you to approve the Luciana Golf course project in its current format.

Having lived in Napa County for the majority of my life and often enjoying Pope Valley, I am typically always very sensitive to any significant changes to our beautiful environment. In this case, I believe a great deal of careful thought has taken place to enhance the property in a manner which will improve the local economy and generate needed tax dollars all without impacting the rural nature of Pope Valley.

Maybe Luciana will resolve the issue of school funding between Napa County and the Saint Helena School districts! Regardless, it will provide a great venue to host fund raising events that support our local community.

I look forward to seeing the completion of the golf course and protection of the nearby hillsides.

Sincerely.

Mickey Dugan

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#### Gary Bennett 8345 Butts Canyon Road Pope Valley, California 94567

November 5, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, California 94559

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

During the past twenty five years, I have lived, worked and owned a business in Pope Valley.

There are few residents who care as much as I about the health, vitality, and preserving the natural beauty of my Valley.

Having said this, I am fully supportive of the proposed Luciana golf course and related improvements.

As a strong proponent for property rights, I am amazed at the measures, in which that the Criswell/Radovan team has taken to protect our view sheds, minimize traffic, and be good neighbors.

Best,

Gary Bennett

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#### Daniel and Krista Reidy 5435 Chiles Pope Valley Road St. Helena, CA 94574

December 6, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Re: Letter in Support of Lake Luciana Development

Dear Commissioners:

In April 2008 we completed construction of our new home and became full time residents of Pope Valley (we had been weekend residents in Pope Valley since 2004).

We were very interested to learn about the proposed development of the Lake Luciana Golf Course. A few months back we were given a thorough tour of the property and the proposed building sites. Our many questions were satisfactorily answered and we feel the plan represents a very sensible approach to productively use the land. In particular, the decision to preserve the hilltop views demonstrates that the developers are putting the considerations and concerns of the neighbors and the community in the forefront of their decision making (certainly the views the hilltop homes could offer would significantly increase the prices of the lots and homes). Further, the out-of-the-way location is surrounded by hillsides and situated far from any other homes or main roads and will have a minimal impact on the existing Pope Valley way of life.

The development provides the community and county with *much needed* local jobs and tax revenues while preserving the rural nature of the valley. The golf course and clubhouse will provide healthy and fun activities for our family and a place to gather and meet neighbors and friends. In sum, we believe Lake Luciana will be a significant improvement to the community and is an appropriate and well thought out use of the nearby property.

Our family fully supports the Lake Luciana Golf course development and we request the Planning Commission to grant appropriate approvals to allow it to proceed toward development.

Sincerely,

The Reidy Family

Cc: Supervisor Diane Dillon

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December 13, 2008

Terry Scott, Commissioner Napa County Conservation & Development Planning Commission 1159 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94558

RE: Luciana Golf Club Proposed Development

Dear Commissioner Scott:

As the Planning Commission considers approval and recommendation to proceed with the proposed development of the Luciana Golf Club in Pope Valley, my wife and I would like for you to consider how the locals in the area feel about this particular project.

We have been residents and landowners in this area for almost 30 years and have seen many changes. Some of these changes we applaud and others, we cannot understand. When it comes to the Luciana project, we believe that the passive use of the land with a golf course certainly meets the goals of preservation of open lands and although a golf course is kin to agriculture its impact is far less than farming or viniculture use.

Because the golf course planned is to be private, the traffic impact on Pope Valley roadways is very small and with its protected location, it will become a very attractive neighbor. It will also bring some employment opportunities for the local residents, as we have seen with the Aetna Springs Golf Club development.

We are currently members of the Aetna Springs Golf course and would welcome the addition of new facilities to an area that suffers from a lack of amenities. We respectfully request that the Commission lend its support and approval for this development.

If there are any questions you have of us, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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**December 11, 2008** 

Napa County Planning Commission 1159 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94558

Regarding: Support of Lake Luciana Golf Course

To: Members of the Napa County Planning Commission

I am a property owner in Napa County, a real estate broker and presently work in commercial real estate development and property management in the San Francisco area. I am very familiar with new development, historical renovations as well as adaptive reuse projects.

The above referenced development sponsored by Criswell and Radovan has my support and should be viewed as a very positive and welcome addition to Pope Valley. The sponsor has a proven track record in historical preservation and land stewardship coupled with the unique ability to listen to public comment and act responsibly in resolving and mitigating such concerns or objections to everyone's satisfaction.

Additional reasons to support the Lake Luciana Golf Course are as follows:

- > Land for the golf course is well situated and as I understand it will not be visible from any adjacent public lands.
- > The golf course and surrounding properties will preserve the open nature of the hillside vistas.
- > There will be a positive increase in revenue for the County from the golf course.
- > The project sponsor and selected design/architectural team are well versed in working with the local community in the design process and they are very mindful of environmental and historical concerns.

The golf course will be a wonderful addition to Pope Valley and your support is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Paul C. Richards

cc: Ms. Diane Dillon
Supervisor Napa County
Board of Supervisors
1159 Third Street, Suite 310
Napa, CA 94558

cc: Mr. Merrill Hiserman Criswell and Radovan 1336 Oak Avenue St. Helena, CA 94574 Napa County Commissioner Scott Napa County Planning Commission 1159 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94558 Cc: Supervisor Diane Dillon

Dear Commissioner Scott,

I bought property in Pope Valley and built a house on it, 5959 Pope Valley Road, some twenty years ago. We did so because we wanted to make a home for our family in a place that was so attractive that our children, wherever they chose to live as adults, would always want to come with their children and friends. And so it has been.

My wife and I saw a Pope Valley that was different than the one that my grandchildren see. I suppose, if I had one wish, it would be that they could see now what we did twenty years ago. The valley has been transformed. I used to watch the cows, across the road, move north in the morning, then back south in the late afternoon. The grapes have replaced the cattle. And many of the families we knew, have gone. They lived on ranches. Families do not live on vineyards.

The question, then, is whether, as things are now, the proposed Luciana golf course is not just acceptable but a good thing – and when I say good, I mean good for the valley as a whole?

Three points are critical, I believe. First, the proposal is for a golf course only. It would not convert any agricultural land. The importance of this is so obvious that I won't say any more about it.

Second, the valley will be better off for it. Our ambulance and fire services are voluntary, and our school – like all schools now – can benefit from assistance. We have events to raise money for them. But they deserve more help, and as the population in the valley inevitably declines, they're going to need new sources of help.

The Luciana Golf Club would of course help the country directly – and the valley indirectly – by adding a significant source of property tax. But the point I want to make is different. The project will give assistance to the voluntary services and

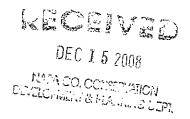
the school the way that a good neighbor should. Based on my experience of the new Aetna Springs I am confident of that.

The final point is that both the course and the traffic it draws will be practically invisible to almost the whole of the valley. Pope Valley is a valley of valleys. The main way in is over Howell Mountain. Once a car has reached the valley floor, it will take a right on to Pope Valley Road, and then, literally, take the first left. So almost no one in the valley would be aware that the golf course is there.

I ask you therefore to support the Luciana project. It would not do harm to the land and it would be good for the Valley.

Sincerely

Paul M. Sniderman



December 10, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Gabriel Henning, and I currently reside in Deer Park. I would offer my support for the Lake Luciana golf course designed by Tom Doak.

I have had the opportunity to play golf courses in the United States, Europe and Asia and I must tell you that the Lake Luciana project would be a perfect fit for our beautiful Pope Valley. I have seen Mr. Doak's work first hand and his minimal approach would allow Pope Valley to offer a world class facility with the least impact on water consumption and the environment. His designs have consistently proven to be in harmony with the land and the community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Henning 940 Champion Lane

Deer Park, CA 94576

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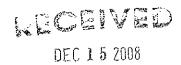
Dear Commissioners,

As life long residents of Pope Valley and Napa County, we want to express our enthusiastic support for the approval of the Lake Luciana golf course. The strong positives of the proposal such as the large open space area on the hillside and ridge top are important to us and to Pope Valley. We urge your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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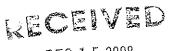
Dear Planning Commissioners,

Just a brief note to let you know that our family supports the Lake Luciana golf course proposal. We cannot attend your meeting in person but please accept this note in our place.

Sincerely yours,

Henry & Shelley Eakle

Commissioner Terry Scott Napa County Planning Commission 1159 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94558



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December 9, 2008

Commissioner Terry Scott:

I have prepared this letter to support the proposed Luciana Golf Club (LGC).

In preparing this letter, I wanted to examine the subject from three perspectives: (1) as a vineyard owner/operator who has lived in Napa County for over a decade (2) as a retired financial executive as well as (3) a professional golfer (my current profession).

Vineyard Owner/Operator

As a vineyard owner/operator, I have two concerns with regard to any proposed project in Napa County: (1) highest and best use of the property as well as (2) environmental impact.

Highest and Best Use

Generally, I am steadfastly against the conversion of vineyard into alternative uses. Close to my home just west of Calistoga, this issue is especially acute as I have seen the City of Calistoga recently consider, to my dismay, converting several large viable (and I want to emphasize viable) vineyard parcels (ie: greater than 20 acres) into multiple home sites.

However, the LGC proposes to convert vineyard that is currently not viable (in terms of yield, net profits, positive cash flow) into an operation that will clearly bring greater vitality, splendor and commerce to Pope Valley, specifically, as well as the entire Napa County.

When I consider these obvious benefits, in comparison to ongoing failing vineyard operations and/or multiple home sites (with the associated increased traffic and supplemental utility infrastructure cost to Napa County), the LGC is the highest and best use of the property.

Environmental Impact

As a vineyard owner/operator, there are certain aspects of golf courses, specifically their related environmental impact, which have historically created apprehension on my part. However, leveraging off my professional golf background, this apprehension has been allayed through a comprehensive effort of research and education.

Sound environmental practices are implemented on golf courses as evidenced by the following:

- Studies indicate that, when properly applied, pesticides and fertilizers do not leach into groundwater in any appreciable amounts.
- Modern turfgrass management practices greatly reduce the potential for leaching or runoff into water supplies.
- Pesticides and fertilizers are used only on certain portions of the golf course. The rest of the property consists of natural areas not maintained with turf care products. These areas provide a home for wildlife and include a diverse variety of native plants and trees.

- Golf course superintendents are among the best-educated and most conscientious users of chemical management tools.
- Many golf course superintendents enter the profession because of a love of nature and the outdoors, and are strongly committed to conservation. A recent survey shows superintendents give extremely high priority to maintenance practices that do not have a negative impact on the environment.
- Most golf courses compost grass clippings and leaves, which reduces the amount of waste in landfills.
- When effectively irrigated, healthy turfgrass provides numerous environmental benefits. Properly
  maintained turfgrass: produces oxygen (carbon dioxide exchange) and cools the atmosphere,
  prevents soil erosion, filters natural and synthetic contaminants from rainfall and irrigation,
  recharges critical groundwater supplies as well as provides crucial "greenspace".
- As a result of computerized irrigation systems and improved turfgrass varieties, courses now use less water more efficiently to achieve the same level of conditioning.
- Golf courses provide key sanctuaries for birds and other wildlife.

When these ideals are supplemented with the selection of Tom Doak, who is world renowned for his minimalist style (http://www.doakgolf.com/minimalist.asp), as the course architect, one can easily imagine that LGC would not only minimize its' environmental impact through sound environmental practices but also by the way it would intermingle in the "fabric" of Pope Valley.

### Retired Financial Executive

As a retired financial executive who provides gratis consulting services to small wineries as well as various not-for-profits in Napa County, I have witnessed how the current status of the economy is adversely affecting the wine industry in Napa County. These issues are more sensitive in Pope Valley given a local economy even more reliant on the wine industry than the Napa Valley.

The LGC will provide a multitude of community benefits, independent of the struggling wine industry, including:

- A diversity of employment opportunities (both skilled and semi-skilled jobs)
- Improvements that add value to land, thus increasing the local property tax base. In essence, the LGC would become the property tax "anchor" for Pope Valley (which will be especially vital considering the current controversy surrounding property taxes in Pope Valley and the associated allocation for the education of students from Pope Valley).
- The LGC, and related facilities, would become the central location for social interaction and community events (an essential criteria considering Aetna Springs is currently the only place for lunch/dinner in the Pope Valley).
- The LGC would become the primary civic benefactors in Pope Valley providing major contributions to charities to Pope Valley, specifically, as well as the entire Napa County.

#### **Professional Golfer**

As a professional golfer for the past five years, I have observed the industry struggle to gain a foothold in the Wine Country and co-exist as an alternative for the tourist dollar, as well as supplement tax revenue, with the wine industry. As new courses have been built in the area, they have been built, generally, in the context of providing a challenge to the accomplished golfer as opposed to a greater goal of acting as the foundation for a golf destination area rivaling Monterey, California.

The LGC will provide this foundation beginning with the course designer, Tom Doak. As anyone involved in the golf industry in the past decade knows, Tom Doak fashioned one of the seminal golf course designs in the last century with Pacific Dunes in Bandon, Oregon (chosen by PGA.com's Advisory Board as one of The World's Most Beautiful Golf Courses). What one might not be aware of is how Pacific Dunes transformed and hyperbolically improved the surrounding economy, generally, as well as, specifically, other golf courses in the area. The job opportunities created in the local area, tangential to Pacific Dunes, lead to an explosive revitalization (like many communities on the Oregon coast, Bandon had significant fishing and timber industries, which were greatly diminished by the end of the last century) in, and around, Bandon that continues up through the present time (in the face of the current economic crisis). Another one of Tom Doak's influential designs, Ballyneal is providing similar economic benefits in the surrounding area of Holyoke, Colorado.

Similar to the commission of Tom Doak, the management personnel were purposely chosen for their innate knowledge of the operations of a golf destination property on par with Monterey, California, Bandon, Oregon as well as Holyoke, Colorado.

With the current economic crisis adversely affecting golf courses in Napa County far worse than the wine industry, the LGC will provide an underpinning which will lead to a recovery and, eventually, a flourishing golf destination.

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As one can see from these three perspectives, I enthusiastically support the LGC. Having associated with every level of personnel in the proposed organization, I can assure you they are well aware of their responsibility as community leaders, stewards as well as representatives of Pope Valley, specifically, as well as the entire Napa County. Their determination to go forward, even with the knowledge they will be under the constant scrutiny and pressure such aspirations demand, is a credit to them and amplifies my support.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions/comments.

Sincerely,

/s/David M. Goodrich, CPA David M. Goodrich

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December 5, 2008

NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

Having previously lived at the Lake Berryessa area of Napa County for over 24 years, we feel a deep connection to Napa and especially to the Pope Valley area. We have played golf at all of Napa's golf courses over the years and hope to be able to play at Lake Lucianna someday soon.

The location of this golf course and the nature of its membership would have minimal impact on the Pope Valley area. With a proposed new access to the course, the traffic that would be created would be eliminated from the current drive to the Lake.

The current developers of Aetna Springs have done nothing but bring back the natural beauty to Aetna Springs and saved many of the old oaks from death and planted many more; they are a great example on how development and conservation can work hand and hand.

Since the closure of Lake Berryessa many of our friends and what few businesses in that area have felt a major economic down turn. The way the closure was implemented was the exact example on how to place an area into economic disaster. There is no recovery plan for that area and the concession went to developers out of the State of California.

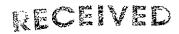
We feel that more available recreation facilities are needed in the Northern and the Eastern parts of Napa, and we would like to see local developers, like the ones at Aetna Springs that enhanced the land, create local jobs and add to the tax revenue of the whole Napa County area.

When development is done right it works for all.

Singerely,

Mike and Theresa Kuhn

1708 Fernwood Way Belmont, CA 94002



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NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

Dear Commissioners,

December 1,2008

I was born and raised in Pope Valley and have seen the many changes it has gone through in just the last 24 years. I fully support and believe in the Lake Luciana project. I believe it betters the community by taking property not suitable for grazing or farming and turning it into a stunning golf course. The conservation area that protects the hillsides and ridges above the golf course will ensure that the future homes as well as the golf course itself will not be seen from any roads in Pope Valley. Approval of this project will turn barren land into something useable and productive.

I urge your support.

Sincerely yours,

- A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF

David Eakle

Eakle Construction & Pope Valley Winery

# Bill & Karen Ferrera 240 Alcott Road San Bruno, CA 94066

November 25, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

Currently we do not reside in Napa County but until recently had a second home in the Berreyessa area. For many years we enjoyed all that Napa had to offer and continue to visit and enjoy the entire region. We are avid golfers and play Napa golf 2 to 3 times a month.

After hearing about the proposed Lucianna Golf course we wish to express our support for the project.

We have spent a great deal of time in the Pope Valley area and feel we understand it's unique character. The Criswell Radovan proposal seems to be well aware of the delicate balance of community and environment, and from what we see is working to protect both.

Sincerely,

Bill Ferrera

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I urge your support.

Sincerely yours,

David Eakle

Eakle Construction & Pope Valley Winery

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Dear Commissioners,

December 1, 2008

I am a third generation Pope Valley resident. I myself have seen the Valley change not only during the last 25 years but from what it was when my grandparents first built their home and business here. While in many ways I would like Pope Valley to always stay the way it is, I know that isn't possible or probable.

The Lake Luciana Project designates a conservation area that protects the hillsides and ridges above the golf course and will ensure that the future homes as well as the golf course itself will not be seen from any roads in Pope Valley. The small amount of traffic will not have much impact on Pope Valley Road or other roads in Pope Valley. The provisions precluding future parcel subdivisions are particularly attractive. I fully believe and support the Lake Luciana Project as a change not only for the betterment of the community but for it future

I urge your support.

Sincerely yours,

Diana Eakle Hawkins

Eakle Construction & Pope Valley Winery

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## Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

I enthusiastically support the approval of the Lake Luciana golf course. The strong positives of the proposal such as the large open space area on the hillside and ridge top are important to Pope Valley. I urge your support.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Gallagher Winemaker

Pope Valley Winery

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December 10, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

RE: Lake Luciana Golf Course

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is in support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course. I am the Land Surveyor working on the proposed golf course. I have been performing survey work on this ranch for almost three decades. The owners and their ideas for the best use of the property have changed over the years. In my opinion, the Lake Luciana Golf Course is the best use of the land that I have seen.

I am a born and raised Napa County citizen. I also own a Land Surveying business located in Yountville. I have had to lay-off four employees in the last two months due to a deteriorating business climate. These were full time head of household positions with good benefits for Napa County citizens. I don't want to have to reduce my staff any further. This project, when approved, will provide work for several of my employees during both the construction of the golf course and the lot line adjustments around the golf course parcel. I also think that the County would benefit from the increased taxes and the long term jobs created by golf course operations.

As you might know, we have worked all over Napa County for decades and we have seen many proposals for many different projects. We rarely get involved in support of these various proposals but we are making an exception in this instance because this project makes sense and we think it will benefit the people of Pope Valley and the County as a whole.

In closing, I support the Lake Luciana Golf Course project and I intend to show up for the Planning Commission meeting to speak for its approval.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Brooks & Associates

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President

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Douglas J. Mazzucco and Kimberly K. Mazzucco 1600 Sylvaner Avenue St. Helena, CA 94574

December 9, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

We would like to express our strong support for the proposed Luciana Golf Course in Pope Valley. My wife and I first purchased land in Pope Valley in 1999 and immediately fell in love with everything that makes Napa County so special. The natural beauty of the California woodlands, the dark skies illuminated by countless stars, the sites and sounds of wildlife day and night and not the least, the extreme warmth of the long time residents that add such depth to the community.

It didn't take long for us to begin dreaming of moving full time from San Francisco to Pope Valley. In September 2007, with much excitement, we enrolled our oldest of two daughters (Alex, age 4) into school at the St. Helena Montessori School. With the move to St. Helena complete, we could finally begin to oversee the building of a residence in Pope Valley for our family. I'm very pleased to say that we are in the final stages of the Napa County building permit process for our primary residence at 4600 Hardin Road which we hope to have completed by the end of 2009.

We were very fortunate to experience the beauty and tranquility of Pope Valley for a number of years prior to making our final decision to move forward with the development of a primary residence in Pope Valley. From our perspective, this proposed project in no way will negatively impact the natural beauty that makes Pope Valley so special. Quite to the contrary, I think this project is a perfect match for Pope Valley and offers an opportunity to ensure that one of Napa County's few remaining treasures is preserved for generations to come. Just to highlight a few of the benefits:

- > A world class golf course designed by Tom Doak. Tom is one of the most highly regarded golf architects in the world and his minimalist philosophy to golf course design fits so well into the pristine environment at Juliana Vineyards. His minimalist approach of embracing the natural topography addresses the environmental issues that would normally be of concern for a project of this type. Erosion, water usage and view shed issues are all addressed by his philosophy. To quote Tom Doak from his website:
  - "Restrain in earthmoving sets off a chain reaction....Natural areas not only add local character to a golf course, they don't have to be irrigated or seeded or maintained for the life of the course. We never create pockets which have to be artificially drained when the natural surface drainage will suffice. Every contour that can be left alone saves topsoil stripping and replacement."
- > The protection of the hillsides and ridges through the proposed conservation area.
- > Low density residential development which limits the environmental impact as well as the impact to county roads and resources.
- > Much needed increase in tax revenue for the Pope Valley School and the Fire Department.
- Increased opportunities for the existing community members to come together socially outside of the few events held at the farm center.

We would be the first to say that we love Pope Valley the way it is today but we also understand and respect that development is inevitable. It may not be this year, or the next, but it will most likely occur by the time we pass our property on to the next generation. It is our opinion that this project is consistent with the environmental and community values that have defined Pope Valley throughout it's history. Since 1874 golf has been a part of Pope Valley, as has been the social aspect of golf, which is embodied in the resort of Aetna Springs. This project is a natural extension of the great history of Pope Valley, golf and social gathering. There is no better person than Tom Doak, a golf legend in the making, to take us from 1874 to 2009 without making it feel like we've changed at all.

We kindly ask for your support of the proposed Luciana golf course.

/arth Regards.

Douglas and Kimberly Mazzucco

Cc. Diane Dillon

Dear Commissioners,

As life long residents of Pope Valley and Napa County, we want to express our enthusiastic support for the approval of the Lake Luciana golf course. The strong positives of the proposal such as the large open space area on the hillside and ridge top are important to us and to Pope Valley. We urge your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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Napa County Planning Commission 1195 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

Having previously lived at the Lake Berryessa area of Napa County for over 24 years, we feel a deep connection to Napa and especially to the Pope Valley area. We have played golf at all of Napa's golf courses over the years and hope to be able to play at Lake Lucianna someday soon.

The location of this golf course and the nature of its membership would have minimal impact on the Pope Valley area. With a proposed new access to the course, the traffic that would be created would be eliminated from the current drive to the Lake.

The current developers of Aetna Springs have done nothing but bring back the natural beauty to Aetna Springs and saved many of the old oaks from death and planted many more; they are a great example on how development and conservation can work hand and hand.

Since the closure of Lake Berryessa many of our friends and what few businesses in that area have felt a major economic down turn. The way the closure was implemented was the exact example on how to place an area into economic disaster. There is no recovery plan for that area and the concession went to developers out of the State of California.

We feel that more available recreation facilities are needed in the Northern and the Eastern parts of Napa, and we would like to see local developers, like the ones at Aetna Springs that enhanced the land, create local jobs and add to the tax revenue of the whole Napa County area.

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When development is done right it works for all.

Sincerely,

Mike and Theresa Kuhn

1708 Fernwood Way

Belmont, CA 94002

Scot & Michele Johnson 262 Circle Oaks Drive Napa, CA 94558

December 10, 2008

Napa Valley Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to show my support for the Lake Luciana golf course in Pope Valley.

I have had the pleasure of living on a golf course in the past and know firsthand that they are good for the community.

I'm a general contractor in Napa and know that if the project moves forward there will be opportunities for local contractors. Given the current economic times, I know that the Golf Course will be important for the building industry in Napa.

I urge your support for the golf course.

Singerely,

Scot Johnson

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Just a brief note to let you know that our family supports the Lake Luciana golf course proposal. We cannot attend your meeting in person but please accept this note in our place.

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Diane Dillon Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, Ca 94559

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Dear Commissioners,

Please approve the Luciana Golf Course proposal.

My family and I have owned and farmed property just to the South of the Luciana golf course site for many years. I love Pope Valley and have had the honor to reside amongst, work with and befriend many Pope Valley residents. Pope Valley is a very special and beautiful place.

I join many of my friends and neighbors in supporting the Luciana Golf Course and preserving the rural tranquility and nature of Pope Valley.

I am confident that the proposed conservation area will preserve our views of Pope Valley's gorgeous hillsides and absolute natural beauty.

Additionally, many of us feel that the golf course is very well designed, not only from a playability standpoint, but especially because the site and its structures cannot be seen from all but few locations in the Valley.

I believe that proposed project is very positive for Pope Valley and that your support will be praised by many in the community and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

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TEL 707-944-1220

December 7, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, CA 94559

Re; Lake Luciana Golf Course

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing to request that you seriously consider giving your approval to the Lake Luciana Golf Course.

As someone who grew up in Napa and St. Helena in a family of contractors and who has been involved in local construction for my entire adult life, I understand the need for quality projects that will employ locals. This project would be a great asset to the community of Pope Valley. The approval of the project would mean substantial job opportunities for the local people both young and old. The jobs would not only be while the facility is under construction, but also for the ongoing operations of the facility. The opportunity for these people to work near where they live is very rare. This development would enhance the job opportunities for the people of Pope Valley, Angwin, and southern Lake County.

Up-valley business owners would also benefit from the approval of this project bringing many more potential consumers to their existing facilities in the valley.

We would encourage you to look favorably on this project because of its long-lasting positive effects for the community of Pope Valley. The golf course has our full endorsement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Warren and DeAnna Bowers

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### JOHN W. HECKENLIVELY 322 MUND ROAD ST. HELENA, CA 94574-9736

December 8, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa. CA 94559

#### Dear Commissioners:

My name is John Heckenlively and our family has been a landowner in Napa County for over fifty (50) years. We are fortunate to have been able to own 400+ acres in the Conn Valley region of Napa County. Some of the property is in vineyard with the remainder being left in its natural condition. While being a party of the agricultural community, I have a real passion for the game of golf.

I have been advised by a local friend that there is a group that is planning to build a golf course, designed by the highly regarded golf architect, Tom Doak. I have been fortunate to be able to play some of the great courses in the world and Mr. Doak's creations, in my opinion, are some of the best. The local landscape is very suitable for him minimize the amount of earth that will have to be moved to accomplish his creation.

I am in complete support of the Doak planned course. This area has lacked a "world class" golf experience and this is what the proposed Luciana golf course would provide. It would be a great complement to the many wine visitors to the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

JOHN HECKENLIVELY

Cc: Diane Dillon, Napa County Supervisor

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December 8, 2008

Mr. John McDowell Napa County Department of Conservation Development and Planning 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94558

Re: Lake Luciana Golf Course

Dear Mr. McDowell:

I am writing to express my support for the Lake Luciana Golf Course currently under consideration by Napa County. I believe this is a well considered, carefully designed proposal that is appropriate and beneficial for both Pope Valley and Napa County.

As a 25 year resident of Calistoga, I have observed the evolution of Napa County and the agriculture that is both the economic driver and engine for land conservation and stewardship in our County. I have become convinced that economic viability and preservation of agricultural lands and open spaces are inextricably connected. This combination of high value agriculture, preservation of open spaces and scenic landscape is unique and should be sustained through wise land planning and policy decisions.

One of the reasons I support this proposal is that it provides both an economic benefit to the County as well as providing a significant designated conservation area (over 400 acres) in Pope Valley. In addition, the areas outside of the conservation set aside area that are designated for single family residences are on existing large parcels, creating an additional de-facto conservation area beyond the officially designated areas. The proposed dispersed rural residential type development creates an economic benefit that is disproportionately large relative to the minimal environmental impacts.

I am not a golfer, but I do appreciate the location of the proposed golf course on lands that are not well suited for vineyard use and immediately adjacent to the existing Lake Luciana which will be preserved. This is a good example of the kind of careful thinking and land planning exhibited by the applicants for this proposal.

As the County and the Planning Commission consider this golf course proposal, I think it is important to remember that we must consider the alternatives if it is not approved. The County should seek to support projects such as this which are well conceived, respectful of their surroundings and which provide benefits to the County both from an environmental and economic perspective.

Sincerely,

Greg Sweffar

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Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559



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Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to express my support for the Luciana Golf Course.

I believe the Luciana Golf Course to be a significant and valuable addition to Napa County.

Creation of such a world class amenity will enhance the value of real estate, wine and many other Napa products.

The golf course will also generate significant annual tax revenues and create additional local jobs, especially important in these challenging times.

I am familiar with the high quality of craftsmanship and care for the environment which was taken when creating Calistoga Ranch.

This same approach is certain to take place with the Luciana Golf Course.

Please approve the Luciana Golf Course as proposed.

Yours truly,

Sue Kolbas

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Scott Brown Merit Mechanical Inc. P.O. Box 235 Pope Valley, CA 94567 NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

November 20, 2008

Napa county Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is in support of approving the Luciana Golf Course in Pope Valley.

My wife and I have grown fond of Pope Valley with each of the passing 24 years we have lived here.

We have 2 great children and built a successful business while watching the subtle down turn take place in the valley.

Years ago, we would play, fish, hunt and socialize around Pope Valley, 20 pulse years ago we had 3 restaurants.

We would like to see activity brought back to this local resource in a responsible manner. My wife and my children and their children, enjoy the Aetna Springs resort Development, now we would like to see Lake Luciana blossom as well.

The Luciana golf course proposal strikes a healthy balance between generating appropriate activity and preserving the natural beauty of Pope Valley. I am pleased to see that considerable thought was incorporated into the overall planning with respect to protecting hillside and view from around the area.

Please approve this project as currently designed.

Yours truly

Scott Brown



December 4, 2008

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to you today to share my strong support for the new project proposed for the golf course at Lake Luciana. Pope Valley is a very special place to me. Being the former owner of the old schoolhouse on Pope Canyon Road, I have had the great fortune of celebrating and cherishing the history of this wonderful community.

I currently live in St Helena but spend a majority of my free time enjoying Pope Valley and its beauty. I have kept a close eye on the projected development, its impact on this special area and the long term benefit to Pope Valley and Napa County. My view since my initial awareness of the plans for Lake Luciana have been nothing but positive for its development.

From my perspective, the Developers have taken great care and spent endless hours with how the community and course would be situated to preserve the views and precious land for this wonderful area. The golf course development and design is being led by one of the best in business in Tom Doak. His track record for protecting and preserving the natural surroundings around his course design has been proven over time with his numerous projects. The course does not compromise any of the vital agriculture and will compliment the existing vineyards from what I have reviewed.

Pope Valley is a very special place where I have enjoyed some of the best times of my life. The Lake Luciana Golf Course will be another positive part of the legend and heritage of this special community.

This letter pledges my strong support for the Lake Luciana Course. I look forward to attending the meeting on January  $7^{th}$ , 2009.

Sincerely,

**Gary Geiger** 

1220 Madrona Avenue

St Helena, CA 94574

Cc: Supervisor Diane Dillon

Bruce Tucker Construction, Inc. 2240 Brown Street Napa, CA 94558

November 26, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

#### Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Lake Luciana golf course. My wife and I grew up in Napa and we have raised our children here. Although we aren't golfers, we live near a golf course and have found them to be good neighbors and to be good for the community.

The economy looks difficult for Napa in the up coming years. We are aware that there isn't a lot of actual building construction involved in the golf course proposal but we know that many local contractors will be able to keep their employees working on the roads and the golf course itself.

We strongly urge your support for the golf course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Tucker

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November 18, 2008

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

My family and I have been proprietary members of the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club for almost 31 years. We want to share our enthusiasm and support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course proposal and encourage your approval of the proposal.

We will work diligently with our Membership, (which includes many business leaders of Sonoma County) to promote reciprocity and frequent visits to play golf in Pope Valley. Our golfing friends in Lake County will also travel the short distance to Pope Valley, because Lake Luciana Golf Course will be the most beautiful in the region, and most important, accessible to the communities of Lake and Sonoma Counties, and Napa County.

Respectfully yours,

PETER F. HENZE

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# Nancy J. Johnson

November 26, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

RE: Proposed Luciana Golf Course

Dear Commissioners:

My family has lived in Angwin since 2001. We are familiar with and support the proposed Luciana golf course project in Pope Valley. We are personally familiar with the excellent work accomplished by the Criswell-Radovan team in Napa County, and we are confident that they will create another outstanding project at Luciana.

We strongly urge your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Johnson

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203 Sky Oaks Drive Angwin, California 94508 707.965.3723 nancy\_johnson@prodigy.net November 24, 2008

### Karla Jensen 3618 Shelter Creek Drive Napa, CA 94558

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

#### Dear Commissioners:

I write to enthusiastically support the proposed Lake Luciana golf course in Pope Valley. I have been a resident and homeowner in Napa County for over 22 years and appreciate the care and consideration that the developers have taken regarding this course. As I understand it, experts have researched the proposed site and have concluded that the land is not suitable for agricultural purposes, hence my avid support.

Not only will this bring much needed recognition to the North East side of the valley as well as contribute needed tax dollars to the county, it will also maintain the tranquility that is very characteristic of Pope Valley. Low traffic, no visual site of the course from Pope Valley Road and the conservation of the area are all huge elements that make me an advocate.

Sincerely,

Karla Jensen

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NAPA CO. CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT. Mark J. Haven 3301 Scenic Drive Napa, CA 94558

November 24, 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed Lake Luciana golf course in Pope Valley. I am a third generation Napan and my son Carter makes it four generations in my family. As an avid golfer, I would be very happy to see a new private course designed by the likes of Mr. Tom Doak, because in all of his course designs, he is very careful to consider and retain the natural beauty of the surrounding areas. Mr. Doak is known for this type of architecture.

I feel very strongly that the developers have done a tremendous amount of research, have taken their time, and have put much consideration into this course. In addition to the fact that they will preserve the rolling ridgelines of the area, they also have been very mindful of the environment, and are extremely conservation conscious.

I look forward to the completion of this course and the day when I can bring my son and family to Luciana to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Once again, I am pleased to offer my personal support of the Lake Luciana golf course and encourage you to as well.

Sincerely,

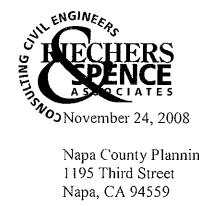
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Cc: Diane Dillon

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Napa County Planning Commission Napa, CA 94559

RE: Lake Luciana Golf Course

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the Lake Luciana Golf Course in Pope Valley.

As residents and native Napans, we see the surge of private development dollars being spent in our community and take a great deal of comfort in this and the public benefits that arise from it. This golf course is no exception, including benefits such as job creation, sales and property tax revenue generation, and indirect benefits related to off-site spending at local restaurants and wineries. There are also significant long-term benefits to the community at large. By adding another world-class destination to our County, we increase the unique Napa Valley cachet that will continue to protect the economic viability of our community and the successful future of our livelihoods and families.

As consulting engineers working in this community, we also see the immediate need for economic stimulation and jobs in this current economic downturn. The golf course will generate jobs for design professionals like us and for construction workers to build the course and road infrastructure. We need to keep our valuable local employees employed in this County.

Lastly, we are familiar enough with the golf course design to know that the course has been laid out and designed to conform to the existing contours of the land and to be sensitive to its environment. There are no significant, unavoidable impacts resulting from the project.

In summary, developments like this are a part of the solution to the challenges facing our cashstrapped public agencies to provide basic services and improve our infrastructure. The Lake Luciana Golf Course is well-designed and provides a benefit to the community. For these reasons, we feel it warrants your approval and trust that you will give this your sincere consideration.

Kugh Linn, P.E. President

Christopher Tibbits, P.E.

Vice President

Ryan Gregory, P.B.

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Supervisor Diane Dillon; Supervisor Mark Luce; Supervisor Bill Dodd E /707) 252 4066

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NAPA CO. CONSERVATION 3350 Watt Ave., Ste. BDEVELOP (特特) 多别名为第一 DEPT. Judy Reed 4443 TANGLEWOOD Way NAPA, CA. 94558

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Dear Commissioners:

Having been born and kristed in Napa, I would like to extend my Support for the Luciona Joly course

The Care and preservation of the land and surrounding areas, these land and surrounding areas, these developers are known to use, will make this new golf course a very positive accomplishment.

I look forward to your support for the completion of this beautiful Course and the prestige it will bring to Pope Valley.

Surerely, Judy Reed

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NAPA CO. CONSEPVATION DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT. Napa Valley Golf Academy 305 Post St. Napa, CA. 94559

November 24, 2008

Mr. Terry Scott, Chair Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, CA. 94559

Dear Mr. Scott and Planning Commissioners,

I have been teaching golf and involved in the golf industry in Northern California for over 40 years. I established my Golf Academy in Napa in May of 2007. I believe that I can attest some important issues related to the proposed Lake Luciana Golf Course.

I am a huge fan of Tom Doak and his approach to golf course design. He and his team are incredibly sensitive to the land and have achieved acclaim for environmentally sound golf courses that seem to seamlessly meld into the natural landscape. I love his course in Bandon, Oregon (Pacific Dunes) so much that I am about to make my 7<sup>th</sup> trip taking a group of my students to play it. He has done such a good job there that the community is welcoming his second design on the property.

I am currently teaching students from all over the Bay Area. Many of these students would be very excited to become members in the future of a golf course that had Tom Doak's Signature on it. A World Class Golf Course in the Napa Valley would certainly be a great stimulus for the local economy.

I urge your approval of the course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Fleming
Owner and Director of Instruction.
Napa Valley Golf Academy

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### WILLIAMJ. LACEY 1370 Trancas Street #118 Napa, California 94558

Date: November 22, 2008

To: County of Napa Planning Commission

Re: Proposal for the Luciana Golf Course

Dear Commissioners;

I have lived in and worked in the Napa Valley for over forty years and have always supported controlled growth as long as it was beneficial and not detrimental to the beautiful Napa Valley.

Recently I visited the Aetna Springs Golf Course and was very pleased to see the improvements that were made to the property. By viewing the development, it was obvious to me the developers had great concern for the preservation and beautification of the environment when they took on the project.

After viewing the Aetna Springs Golf Course, I feel strongly the developers will also make environmental preservation and beautification one of their main objectives of the proposed Luciana Golf Course, which will only enhance the area. Therefore, I urge that you please support their proposal for the new golf course.

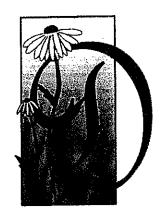
Sincerely

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Planning Commission

I am writing in support of the golf course proposed in Pope Vally, Lake Luciana. My husband and I are Mapa residents and we enjoy that particular area of Mapa County. They husband golfs and I love being outdoors in the area. I have heard that a developer has plans to turn a portion of the property into a Conservation area, protecting the skyline It is nice that the homes and galf course will not be seen from any of the local roads. I am Jamelian with the architect, Tom Doak and understand that his respect for the environment is usrivaled in golf Course architecture

Please allow a developer with this level of sensitivity, to enrich the area with a project that has such little environmental impact, while adding so much beauty

Sean & Diana Soughran

Renate WRIGHT 6578 Oak Leaf Ct. Yountville, Ca. 94599

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Nov. 25. 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, Ca. 94559

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

Jenthusiastically support the approval of the lake Luciana golf course.

Os a Napa County resident over 35 years and active member of Napa Land Trust, Jam impressed with the preservation of land on the upper elevation around the full course. Additionally, Jam an avid golfer and look forward additionally, Jam an avid golfer and look forward to playing a world class foll course which can easily be walked.

Please approve this golf source.

Thank you Renate Wight

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Mr. Terry Scott, Chair Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third St. Napa, California 94559 November 21,2008

Dear Mr. Scott.

The Luciana Golf Course is a positive addition to Pope Valley, which we fully support.

We have lived in Pope Valley for over 12 years and we raise beef cattle, have a vineyard and olive trees so we have a great interest in preserving and enhancing this valley, As such we have toured the Luciana Golf Course site and learned much about the future plans.

The Golf Course appears to be an ideal use for the land which cannot viably sustain vineyards or cattle grazing and since we both have been raised in rural areas we can easily see from the existing vegetation and the soil why this property has been left idle and unproductive.

We feel that a Golf Course would utilize the land in a manner that others can share and enjoy the beauty of the Luciana area.

After seeing and learning about the future plans of the Lucicana project we really appreciate the measures that will be taken to protect the ridges and west facing slopes of the hillsides alongside the golf course, by doing so will ensure any future home sites will not be seen from Pope Valley, Barnett or Pope Canyon Roads. This conservation will ensure that Pope Valley will have 360 degrees of unblemished mountain top views.

For reasons above we respectfully request your support of the Lucinana Golf Course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cc. Diane Dillon

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Scott Dilloff 2705 Spring St.

St. Helena, CA 04574

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Napa County Planning Commission

1195 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Napa, CA 94559

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm am writing to let the Planning Committee know that I am in favor of approving the

proposed Luciana Golf course in Pope Valley. Like all Napa residents, I certainly advocate the

limitation of unhampered growth, but, on the other hand, I strongly believe that good planning

should encourage thoughtful, positive additions to our community. From my understanding, the

new golf course would carry with it a conservation area that would prevent building at the higher

elevations of the property. I see that as a strong benefit, forever solidifying the preservation of

natural areas and sight lines.

I also support the proposal because it is an excellent opportunity to bring jobs to the area

and enhance overall property values. Given the economic crisis that our entire country now faces, I

think that local governments, in addition to the federal government, should take action to rekindle

economic activity and promote job creation. This sounds to me like the perfect opportunity to

signal that we support our local economy and encourage high-quality, unintrusive projects that

enhance the Napa way of life.

Best regards,

Scott Dilloff

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7 November 2008

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, Room 210 Napa, CA 94559

Dear Commissioners:

I have been asked to support the development of a golf course at Juliana Vineyards in Pope Valley.

As a personal vineyard owner in Pope Valley since 1980, and CEO of a Napa Valley winery that owns 1500 acres (1/3 planted) in Pope Valley, I know the area well. In fact, the winery owned a part of the original Juliana Vineyards 1999-2002 during which time I served on the board of the Juliana Mutual Water Company.

I am not a golfer, but I have no objection to this plan to develop a golf course for three reasons: first, I am assured that the proposed project is a legal use of the parcel and has adequate water for the purpose envisioned; second, being located in a private valley within Pope Valley, it will not be visible to the neighbors; and finally, I am told that an EIR has recently been completed and there are no environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Michaela K. Rodeno

cc: Diane Dillon

Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

#### Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners:

As Napa Valley natives, we strongly support the approval of the Lake Luciana golf. As avid golfers, we will support well planned and conservative by nature developments such as this proposed Lake Luciana golf course. We understand Tom Doak was the chosen golf course architect, who is a true leader in the "minimalist" golf course design. His philosophy of using the natural strengths of the land and moving as little earth as possible to construct a world class golf courses, should be welcomed by all.

In addition, we understand and support the surrounding home parcels that contain conservation areas and will not result in any new parcels. These proposed exclusive homes could bring in crucial tax generation, that we desperately need with our current valley's property tax base fall out.

Furthermore, with our national economy in tailspin, and local economy following suit, we should encourage thoughtful construction that will provide jobs for our local residents, in our times of need.

We urge your support of Lake Luciana.

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Sincerely,

Sean & Michelle Grinnell

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### Ellen Udoff 2250 Third Avenue Napa, CA 94559

December 4, 2008

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners,

Unfortunately, I may not be able to be present at the upcoming planning hearing for the proposed Luciana Golf course; absent of the opportunity to participate in person, let me express my support for the private membership golf course at Pope Valley.

As a long time Napa Valley resident, we have enjoyed Pope Valley frequently over the years. I am familiar with what the Lucian developers have accomplished at Calistoga Ranch and the beautiful renovation of the Aetna Springs golf course; both are top notch. I am confident that the same team will do an excellent job in ensuring that the natural beauty of the Luciana area is protected while creating a great golf experience.

I understand they have committed to open space preservation on the hillsides above the golf course protecting the valley's views/ ridgelines. Frankly, without the golf course approval and the commitment provided by the developer, I doubt the same preservation benefits will be afforded if individual lots are purchased and developed one-by-one verses the planned approach planned by the Luciana developers. In any case, I am completely in favor of this golf club and look forward to enjoying the benefits of membership.

Sincerely,

Ellen Udoff

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## PHILIP & NEMESIA KELLY

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Philip and Nemesia Kelly 6275 Pope Valley Road Pope Valley, CA 94567 NAPA CO. CONSERVATION: DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPT.

Dear Chairman Scott and Commissioners

We are very supportive of seeing the Luciana Golf Course become a reality. We live several hundred yards from the proposed Pope Valley Road entrance to the Golf Course. If anyone in Pope Valley were to be concerned by the addition of this amenity to Pope Valley, it should be us. This is certainly not the case, as we do not expect to see much additional traffic. We also feel the many positive attributes of the golf course far outweigh any concerns raised by opposition to this project. For instance, we really value the preservation of ridge tops and hillsides which face our home and the light use of land; which as we have learned from the EIR, is impractical to farm. In addition, this development will make certain that the golf course will not be visible from any roads in the Valley. Although it is unlikely that we will ever play at Luciana, it would be nice to think that we could have such a beautiful and prestigious golf course in Pope Valley. We urge your support of the Luciana golf course.

Sincerely

Philip and Nemesia Kelly

Cc: Diane Dillon

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