December 10, 2015

Shaveta Sharma And Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94559 DEC 9 2015
Napa County Planning, Building
& Environmental Services

Dear Shaveta,

We are writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. We have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and we think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. We feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. We are confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

We would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, we encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

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Sincerely,

Steve & Betsy Moulds Moulds Family Vineyard

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3075 Dry Creek Road

Napa, Ca. 94558

## Chris and Kathy Millich 1104 Chiles Avenue Saint Helena, California 94574



December 1, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to the Napa County Planning Commission to express support for Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

My wife and I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and we think it is a very attractive, low impact, and efficient modification of their current permit. We feel that the request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. We are confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community. We bicycle past this parcel often and often comment on how well-hidden it is from both Sage Canyon and the Silverado Trail.

We would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

We strongly encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

Chris Millich

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November 12, 2015

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

Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services

Dear Shaveta,

I am the general manager and part-owner of Boeschen Vineyards, a winery and vineyard located in St. Helena. I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and believe it is an attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. The winery's location and size will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community. I feel their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is appropriate and reasonable for the location.

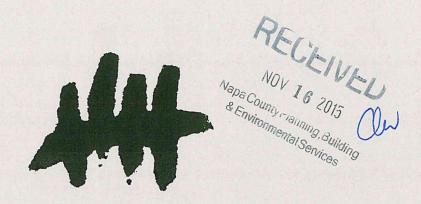
I have known project leader Tom Garrett for many years. He has a long family history in Napa Valley and is known for his integrity, love for Napa Valley, and achievements in the local wine industry. He is one of the most conscientious and thoughtful people I have ever met. I am confident that the Dakota Shy project will be a successful and positive addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley. I would be gratified to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I am available for further comment if that would prove useful.

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Sincerely,

Doug Boeschen



November 10, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and we think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. I feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. I am confident that their project will be a success and a great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

I would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely

Winemaker/Owner

## ORIN SWIFT

November 12, 2015

Shaveta Sharma And Napa County Planning Commission 1195 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94559 Napa County 16 (015 Ch)

\* Environmental Services

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and I think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. I feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

I have known Tom Garrett and Todd Newman for over ten years. I am confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

I would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

Dave Phinney
Orin Swift Cellars



CARMEN A. POLICY

November 10, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta.

Gail and I are writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. We have reviewed their proposal, studies (including water and drainage reports) and architectural drawings. We think they comprise a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. We feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive some guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. Their artisan wines are a reflection of the type of first class personalities that they possess. We are confident that their project will be a success and a tribute to the tradition of the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community. Their operation is naturally shielded and private.

We would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, we encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Policy & Carmen A. Policy

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November 10, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I'm writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I met with Tom Garrett this past week at property and feel it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. In addition I feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location. The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. I'm confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

I would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

Corey Beck

Francis Coppola Winery- President

November 23, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. I feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. I am confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

I would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely

Jim Gamble

1/801 Scott Street

St. Helena, CA 94574

November 10, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

We are writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. We are the immediate neighbors across Sage Canyon Rd. Our Address is 1686 Silverado Trail We have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and we think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. We feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. We are confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

We would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, we encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

Scott Chafen 1686 Silverado Trail Rutherford, CA 94574 November 17, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. Having reviewed the proposal and architectural drawings, I see a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. This request to build a modest new winery building, with expanded production and visitation capacity, seems very appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. I am confident that their winery will be successful, and that its success will be a boon to our community. The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal noise and traffic impact. This proposal is dramatically smaller in terms of production and visitation than many other wineries that currently exist in this community.

Thank you for considering my voice of support for Tom and Todd's modified use permit.

Sincerely,

**Hugh Davies** 

November 13, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

I am writing to express support for the Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. I have reviewed their proposal and architectural drawings and I think it is a very attractive, low impact, and intelligent modification of their current permit. I feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is totally appropriate and reasonable for the location.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. I am confident that their project will be a success and great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries in the valley.

The winery's location and size are an ideal combination that will have minimal-to-no visual, noise or traffic impact on the community.

Dakota Shy Winery should be approved and added to our prestigious valley! I encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St Helena.

Regards, Monique Davies

Monique Davies Schramsberg & Davies Vineyards 1400 Schramsberg Rd., Calistoga, CA 94515 707-942-2400 November 27, 2015

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

Dear Shaveta,

We have known Tom Garrett for over ten years and have the highest respect for his personal and professional judgment. Tom recently shared with us his plans to develop a new winery, Dakota Shy. We are writing to express our support for Dakota Shy Winery's request for a modification of their use permit at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena. After reviewing their proposal and architectural drawings, we think the planned winery is very attractive and will have little to no impact on the surrounding neighbors and the greater St. Helena community. We feel that their request to build a modest new winery, expand production and receive guests is completely reasonable and models the style of business development that St. Helena should encourage.

The project leaders, Tom Garrett and Todd Newman are known for their integrity, love for the Napa Valley and achievements in the local wine industry. We are confident that their project will be a great addition to the small, family-owned and run wineries that epitomize the great tradition of Napa Valley winemaking.

We would be thrilled to see Dakota Shy Winery's building plans approved and look forward to enjoying their exceptional Napa Valley grown and made wines.

In summary, we encourage you to approve the modified use permit for the Dakota Shy Winery at 771 Sage Canyon Road in St. Helena.

Sincerely,

John & Elle Harrington 1964 Vineyard Ave. Saint Helena, CA 94574 1901 Harrison Street - Suite 900 Oakland, California 94612-3501 voice 510.273.8780 - fax 510.839.9104 www.bwslaw.com

> Direct No.: 510.273.8723 jramiza@bwslaw.com

## November 23, 2015

## <u>Via E-Mail shaveta.sharma@countyofnapa.org</u> and U.S. Mail

Shaveta Sharma, Planner III Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services 1195 Third Street, Suite 210 Napa, CA 94559

Re: Dakota Shy Winery Use Permit Major Modification and Variance Request Application

Dear Ms. Sharma:

As my partner, Stephen Velyvis, has discussed with you on the phone, our client, Roger Walther, who lives across Sage Canyon Road from the Dakota Shy Winery, has several concerns regarding the information and analysis presented in the Negative Declaration prepared for the aforementioned project. While our client is generally supportive of the proposed project, he does want to make sure all potential adverse environmental impacts are adequately identified and avoided through the imposition of clear, enforceable mitigation measures and/or alternatives. To that end, we plan on retaining one or more consultants to assist in our review of and preparation of comments on the Negative Declaration.

In light of the fast-approaching holidays and in order to steer clear of the difficulties associated with the submission of substantive, last-minute comment letters, we hereby formally and respectfully request that you extend the public review/comment period on the Negative Declaration and continue the Planning Commission's planned public hearing to early-mid January 2016.



Shaveta Sharma, Planner III November 23, 2015 Page 2

To facilitate scheduling of consultant work, I'd ask that you please let me know by Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, whether the County is agreeable to our requested extension.

Sincerely,

Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

Gerald J. Ramiza, Esq.

cc: David Morrison, Director of County Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department (via e-mail only <a href="mailto:david.morrison@countyofnapa.org">david.morrison@countyofnapa.org</a>)
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Heather Phillips, Planning Commissioner, District 1 (via e-mail only heather@vinehillranch.com)

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Roger O. Walther