

J Cellars Investments, LLC
4455 St. Helena Highway
Calistoga, CA 94515

February 10, 2010

Ms. Kirsty Shelton
Napa County Conservation, Development &
Planning Department
1195 Third St., Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559

Re: Planning Commission Hearing for J Cellars Winery


Dear Kirsty:

I am the owner of J Cellars Winery which is presently scheduled for a use permit hearing on February 17, 2010. From the beginning of this project I have worked hard to involve my neighbors in this process. Before preparing my application I met with them and made a number of changes to our original winery plan. In anticipation of this hearing I independently sent letters to all of them offering to meet and discuss the project. In December we were advised that a representative for a couple of my neighbors on Quail Mountain Lane had their representative review all of the County documents regarding this file. We immediately offered to meet with them, but they were unable to do so until last Friday, February 5th. At that meeting we discovered they had not obtained any of the application materials after their representative's review of the files so we immediately made copies of all of the submitted materials and hand-delivered them to the neighbors and their representative.

We just received the neighbor's comments regarding my application this morning. They have requested substantial revisions to the project. In light of the scope of those proposed changes we do not believe we have adequate time to review, absorb and respond to those comments before next Wednesday's meeting. As a result, the applicant requests a continuance of the hearing to March 3, 2010 to allow the applicant and the neighbors to have the reasonable opportunity to analyze and discuss these recently received comments. Thank you very much for your assistance in this project; we hope that this delay will end up being beneficial to all concerned. In the future please know that my representative, the Meibeyer Law Group is authorized on my behalf to respond to any matters relating to this project and to communicate on my behalf.

Sincerely,

J Cellars Investments, LLC

By: 

Joseph M. Bartholomew,
Trustee of Leo Bartholomew Irrevocable
Trust for Joseph M. Bartholomew, and
Manager of the LLC