



Donald H. Putnam
Managing Partner

February 3, 2015

Re: Melka Wines Permit Request

To Members of the Napa County Planning Commission:

We love living in (or at the edge of!) St. Helena. Our house is at 2930 Silverado Trail adjacent to the property for Melka Winery. The Melkas are great neighbors – friendly and clear about their intentions, with a terrific and nuanced sense of style and respect for the land and culture of the valley.

We understand that they are requesting a 10,000 gallon permit in order to build a barn to house their barrels. The barrel barn plans blend with the other building on the property (which we overlook) and it improves the look of the property from the Trail.

Melka Wines focuses on small high quality production, so we believe their proposed new building project will be small and not disruptive to the neighborhood. There is no reason to expect any increase in traffic or noise.

We hope you approve Melka Wines' permit request, for the benefit of our neighborhood, our town (St Helena) and the Napa Valley.

Thank you. Don't hesitate to call if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

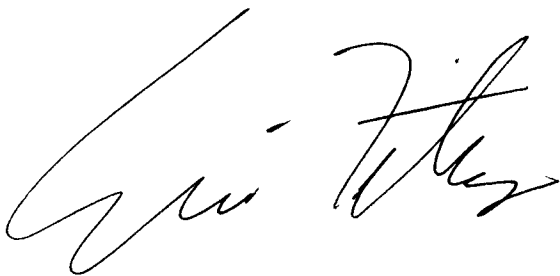
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Eric Titus
Lee E. Titus & Sons Vineyards
2971 Silverado Trail North
Saint Helena, California 94574

January 30, 2015

Planning Commission Members,

I am writing in to demonstrate my support for the Melka Family winery project on 2900 Silverado Trail N, St Helena. My family has vineyard property directly across the Silverado Trail from the Melka project. We feel that the scope of this project as described is in keeping with the balance and rural nature of the surrounding vicinity, which is comprised primarily of small agricultural parcels. Provided the project remains in compliance with the terms of the application and subsequent permit, it should be an asset to the neighborhood.

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Ms. Shaveta Sharma
ALUC
Planner III
1195 Third Street, Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559

December 13, 2014

Dear Ms. Sharma,

We are writing this letter on behalf of Philippe & Cherie Melka in regards to our shared water well and the water use related to their proposed Winery located at 2900 Silverado Trail (APN: 021-352-041).

The quantity of water obtained from the shared water well has never been an issue for our parcel. In the 9 years we have lived at 2930 Silverado Trail and were the sole users of the well, it was always more than adequate to serve our domestic and irrigation needs. Additionally, since sharing rights to the well with the Melka parcel after our lot line adjustment in December of 2013H, we have had no issues with the quantity of water supplied.

We are aware of the Winery project proposed by the Melka's and do not have any concerns that the Winery water use will compromise our water supply. We are in full support of the Winery project.

Don't hesitate to call if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Grail Partners LLC Portfolio Companies

Donald H. Putnam, Managing Partner

Financial Consumer Choice	Darlene T. DeRemer, manager		
ARIA Retirement Solutions	Guaranteeing Family Solvency in Retirement	DTD	2014
CapGen Financial Group	Community Bank Focused Private Equity Fund	DHP	2007
Emerging Managers Group	Connecting Emerging and Established Financial Markets	DTD	2010
FolioMetrix	RiskX Portfolios for Responsive Convexity: Gain <i>and</i> Protection	DHP	2014
NestWorth	Product to Access Home Equity without Debt	DHP	2012
United Capital Financial Partners	A Better Way to Serve American Family Portfolios	DTD	2006
Systematic Portfolio Management	Donald H. Putnam, manager		
Creighton Capital Management	Cutting Edge "Big Data" Statistical Research	DHP	2007
Hillcrest Asset Management	Disciplined Behavioral Investing	DTD	2007
Lumen Advisors	Convex Macro Portfolio Management	DHP	2006
Manifold Partners	Bringing Science to Institutional Portfolio Solutions	DHP	2012
Welton Investment Partners	Multi-Strategy Portfolios for Sophisticated Institutions and Funds	DHP	2014
Disruptive Financial Services	Aemish M. Shah, manager		
AllClear ID	Credit Protection Services	DHP	2009
Carbon Trade Exchange	Operates Carbon, Water and Renewable Energy Exchanges	DHP	2014
Credit Sesame Inc.	Online consumer credit website	AMS	2005
PEERiX	Risk Management Tools for Peer-to-Peer Lending	AMS	2014
Social Finance Inc.	Leading Peer-to-Peer Student Loan Company	AMS	2014

Successful Past Portfolio Companies

S. Craig Cagnetti, Partner

Munder Capital Management	Fundamental Portfolios for Retail and Institutional Clients	Exit 2014	2006
Clarion Partners	Private Equity Investing in Real Estate for Institutional Portfolios	2013	2011
Offit Capital Advisors	Bespoke Fiduciary Services for America's Most Demanding Families	2013	2008
Merlin Securities	The First Integrated Multi-Prime for Institutions and new Managers	2012	2005
Grail Advisors	The First Active ETF Provider in the United States	2011	2008
Chatham Partners	Financial Market Research and Consulting	2008	2005
Education Finance Partners	Student Loans Originated in Partnership with Universities	2008	2005
XShares Advisors	The First ETF Sponsor/Manager	2008	2007