

JUDGE RICHARD BENNETT, Retired
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Napa, California 94558-4211
California State Bar No. 56542

30 April 2015

Napa County Planning Commission
1195 Third Street, 2nd Floor
Napa, California 94559

Attn: Chair Heather Phillips

Dear Chair Phillips:

It is my understanding that Charles Sawyer has filed a winery use permit in order to operate Sawyers Cellars at 759 Technology Way, near the Napa County Airport.

I have reviewed the use permit application, and I understand that it is on the Commission's Agenda for 6 May 2015. I support and endorse the application and earnestly hope that the Commission sees fit to approve it.

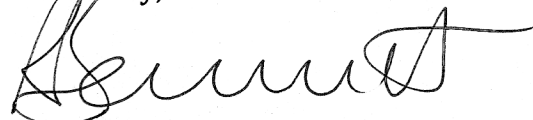
I have known Charlie Sawyer for many years, and have been impressed by the construction and operation, with his wife Joanne, of Sawyer Cellars on SR29 between Rutherford and Oakville (since 2012 Foley Johnson). Charlie has been making fine wine since 1991, and I am very pleased that he continues those efforts.

Charlie loves the Napa Valley community, and is a prime asset to our wonderful home. He operates a small brand that simply needs a home in order to produce wine. The relatively small industrial space on Technology Way will be perfect for the relatively small production of wonderful wines by a wonderful person.

Please accept my unqualified endorsement of this application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judge Richard Bennett, Ret.