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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF APAC RECOMMENDATION #3 –
USE THE WORKING DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE**

Dear Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to express my gratitude to the Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee (APAC) and, in particular, to convey my strong support for Recommendation #3, to "Use the working definition of agriculture (see Appendix)."

In the APAC's arguments in favor of the definition, they say

"Education of the wine experience is enhanced when it's accompanied by food, or music, or art. People expect more sophistication to wine tasting when they come to Napa. We shouldn't punish the wine industry for being creative when it comes to presenting their product."

As a resident, I'm writing because I value the quality of life within Napa County and because I am also a strong supporter of the arts. This Valley was founded on and has embodied the spirit of excellence in agriculture, winemaking and stewardship of the land which has always been integrated with an appreciation of how all of the various arts (culinary, visual, music, etc.) are inseparable from this. Robert Mondavi once said, "Even more importantly, it's wine, food and the arts. Incorporating those three enhances the quality of life."

The original intent to preserve Napa Valley's agriculture was to prevent the tearing out of agricultural land for residential development and to maintain farming's feasibility. Our spirit of excellence in farming and winemaking, with the integration of the arts as inseparable from them, is exactly what will allow agriculture to not only be sustainable, but to flourish.

Napa County has already adopted the "Community Cultural Plan" with one of the Vision Statements being: "1) Public Policy – Integrated public funding and policies that promote, support and sustain the arts in Napa County".

Considering this and the heritage of the arts being a natural part of farming, winemaking and marketing wine, the adoption of the APAC Recommendation #3 is a common sense act.

Thank you very much for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

Shelly Hanan

cc: David Morrison, Napa County Planning Director

All Napa County Planning Commissioners
All Napa County Board of Supervisors

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