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To Whom It May Concern,

This purpose of this letter is to recognize and support the efforts of Grassi Winery. They have been an instrumental supporter of Ruby Habitat Foundation in ways that further our own effectiveness as a balanced voice for the environment.

Ruby Habitat Foundation is a non-profit ranch in Southwest Montana focused on demonstrating the synergy that results from balancing agriculture and wildlife with recreation. The results of our efforts may be reviewed at www.rubyhabitat.org.

Grassi Winery has supported our efforts in several ways. First, Grassi Winery was vital in helping us become involved in *1% For The Planet*, a selective organization whose purpose is to connect environmentally conscious for-profit businesses with non-profits, and to facilitate the flow of supporting funds from one to the other. Grassi Winery sponsored our induction into *1% For The Planet*, and thereafter contributed supporting funds to Ruby Habitat Foundation. These acts clearly indicate that not only is Grassi Winery interested in supporting environmentally focused organizations such as ours, but they are interested in ensuring our continued success through the widening of our audience.

Further, Grassi Winery has directly supported the Ruby Habitat Foundation's outreach efforts. This allows Ruby Habitat Foundation to operate, as our donors expect, with low overhead; it also improves the quality of the on-site events we conduct which translates directly into further support from our existing and new donors.

Clearly, efforts such as those exemplified by Grassi Winery merit recognition and encouragement. We are proud to be connected with Grassi Winery in these ways and hope you will support their efforts as they enhance their outstanding operation.

Feel free to contact me should you have further questions,

Sincerely,

Dave Delisi, Outreach Coordinator





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To whom this may concern;

It is with tremendous respect that I share with you what good business friends of the environment the Grassi family is!

As the Development Director at Rainforest Action Network (RAN), a global non-government organization (NGO) that works at the intersection of forest protection, human rights and climate change, we have been the recipient of the Grassi's generosity for several years. Whether it is a local event with 100 people or our annual gala of over 500 people at the California Academy of Sciences, the Grassis are the first in line to donate wine to ensure we have the best of the best wine for our guests. This is a tremendous boost to our organizations' bottom line, and we celebrate their generosity and our partnership with great pride.

One of RAN's main strategies to save the planet is corporate accountability. We take on the worst corporate polluters. And we usually get in return a strong policy that mitigates pollution and human rights. So when it comes time to fundraise, we will never take a donation from a business or corporation, let alone government, that fails to live up to the framework we negotiate with our target polluters. That would be two-faced! We have a very strict set of guidelines of business practices that all business donors to RAN must adhere to before we start a partnership.

The Grassi's are truly our favorites. They are a model family and company and go the extra mile to support environmental and humane principles and practices.

If you have any questions and would like to reach me for further discussion my contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Jeri

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NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL COALITION
BOARD MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

LAND INTEREST GROUPS

- Napa Valley Vintners (co-founder)
- Napa Valley Grapegrowers (co-founder)
- Land Trust of Napa County (co-founder)
- Napa County Farm Bureau
- Winegrowers of Napa County

PUBLIC AGENCIES

- Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA)
- City of Vallejo/Solano County NCTPA/TAC Public Works Planners
- Active Transportation Advisory Committees of Napa County (ATAC)
- Napa County Regional Park & Open Space District
- California Department of Fish & Game
- Napa County Planning Commission
- Napa County Law Enforcement
- Napa County Sheriff's Department
- City of Napa Police Department
- California Highway Patrol
- Napa Valley College
- Caltrans District 4

ECONOMIC

INTEREST GROUPS

- Visit Napa Valley
- Napa Valley Chambers of Commerce
- NV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Calistoga Vitality Group
- Cycling Businesses of Napa Valley
- North Bay Realtors/Napa Group

ENVIRONMENTAL

INTEREST GROUPS

- Sierra Club Napa Group
- Sustainable Napa County
- Friends of the Napa River

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY

INTEREST GROUPS

- Napa County Bicycle Coalition
- Health, Wellness & Medical Coalition
- Youth Development/Safety Education
- Safe Routes to School Napa County
- Runners of Napa Valley
- Rotary Clubs of Napa Valley
- Arts Council Napa Valley

Mark Grassi
Grassi Family Vineyards
1213 Coombs Street
Napa, California 94559

Dear Mark,

Thank you and Cassandra for your past support of the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition. Your individual donations and contributions through the 1% for the Planet have raised \$7,100 towards the Vine Trail over the past five years. Without your support we would not have been able to reach our fundraising goal to raise the matching funds needed to construct the newly completed 12.5- mile section of the trail between Kennedy Park and Yountville.

Our next major phase is to connect the communities of Calistoga and St Helena. We have been able to secure a \$6.1 million grant towards the almost \$10 million cost. We are already working on the planning, engineering and right of way work so that this project can be constructed in 2020. Our goal is to raise \$3.5 million in philanthropic funds for that phase of the project.

This letter shall serve as a record for your tax purposes. Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition is recognized as a charitable corporation under IRS Section 501 (c) (3) (Tax ID: 26-3426758) and is registered with the California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. Consistent with IRS guidelines, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition affirms that no goods or services have been provided to you.

For future reference, we can accept donations by check, debit or credit card by using our web site www.vinetrail.org.

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Sincerely,

Philip Sales, Executive Director



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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in support of the Grassi Winery. Through their participation in 1% For the Planet Grassi Winery has become a very valued supporter of Idaho Rivers United, www.idahorivers.org. We are a conservation organization representing all who love the freedom, adventure and solitude of Idaho's rivers. Our mission is to protect and restore the rivers of Idaho. Since our founding in 1990, IRU has become a powerful force for safeguarding Idaho's imperiled wild steelhead and salmon, protecting and enhancing stream flows and riparian areas, and defending and promoting the wild and scenic qualities of our wild rivers. Our supporters are river lovers who work together to keep Idaho's rivers healthy and flourishing for future generations.

As a non-profit conservation organization we must compete with the entire spectrum of worthy causes. We feel very fortunate to have been picked by Mark Grassi and the Grassi Winery for support. Their commitment to "walking the walk" in donating 1% of their annual gross revenue, not profit, speaks volumes. Without the help of individuals and companies such as Grassi Winery Idaho rivers and our endangered salmon would ultimately lose the battle against those forces that do not see the value in protecting our natural resources.

Grassi Winery helps IRU in fulfilling our mission of keeping Idaho's rivers free-flowing, clean and filled with wild fish. I encourage you to deal favorably with their submittal. Their success benefits many beyond the geographical confines of the winery and Napa Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

John Wells
Board President

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a show of support for Grassi Family Vineyards and Mark and Jami Grassi in their request to gain approval for the construction of a new winery on their property.

Grassi Vineyards has been a huge supporter for Galena Lodge over the past 10 years. As a community owned lodge (owned by the Blaine County Recreation District) just on the outskirts of Ketchum Idaho, we rely heavily on the generous support of people like Mark and Jami. Over the years, the Grassi family has helped us raise money to build summer trails, groom our Nordic trails in the winter, maintain our equipment, make needed repairs on the lodge and grounds, and generally to help keep our business up and running. Without the support of people and businesses like the Grassi's we would not be able to sustain this amazing community asset.

At times it is important to rally the support of the community. Galena Lodge would like to stand behind Grassi Family Vineyards and their application for a Use Permit with Napa County for their new winery. Having visited this location in the past we feel that both the property and surrounding area of Napa County are a great location for this winery.

Sincerely,
Erin Zell and Don Shepler
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CULTURAL RESOURCES

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Napa County
Attn: John McDowell
1195 Third Street, Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559

RE: Grassi Winery Project

Dear Mr. McDowell

Thank you for the site visit, November 29, 2016, regarding the proposed Grassi Winery Project. We appreciate you taking the time to show the project area.

Based on the information provided to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation during our Site Visit, as well as supporting documents provided by your organization; we are not aware of any known cultural resources near this project site and your organization is taking adequate mitigation measures to protect cultural resources and no tribal monitors are needed.

As the project progresses, if any new information or if cultural items are found, we have a process to protect such important and sacred artifacts. Upon such a finding, please contact the following individual:

James Sarmento, Cultural Resources Manager
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Office: (530) 723-0452
Email: jsarmento@yochadehe-nsn.gov

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

James Kinter
Tribal Secretary
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Dear County of Napa,

I am writing to you as part of my early neighborhood outreach plan, as we have an application on file with Napa County for a small family winery. My family has lived in Napa County for 35 years and I already know many of you. Our hope is that we can schedule a time to meet with any of the neighbors who have questions about the small winery we envision. We are available to meet at your convenience and I invite you to contact me at the telephone number below to set up a meeting. For informational purposes, we are enclosing reduced-scale copies of the winery site plan and elevations for the winery structures. There is not a variance associated with our winery proposal.

The proposed winery is a 25,000-gallon per year production facility that will be sited on the adjacent parcel to our home. The proposed winery consists of a 3,072-sq. ft. production facility (fermentation and barrel aging) and a 1,266-sq. ft. hospitality building. Also proposed is a 2,435-sq. covered outdoor crush pad; a 1,952-sq. ft. outdoor tank area, mechanical equipment enclosure and equipment storage areas, and a 1,204-sq. ft. outdoor patio. The production-to-accessory ratio is 80 percent production and 20 percent accessory, falling well below the County's 60/40 percent ratio for these winery uses.

The winery proposes a maximum of 12 visitors per day on the busiest day, or a maximum of 70 visitors per week for tours and tastings. We propose to serve some light fare foods with some of the tastings, but there is no commercial kitchen proposed in association with the winery. The proposed winery marketing plan proposes three events per year: two events with a maximum of 40 visitors each and one event with a maximum of 75. We are asking for Assembly Bill 2004 ("Picnic" Ordinance), which allows a visitor to purchase a picnic lunch and a bottle of our wine to consume on-site. There are no larger Auction-related events proposed for our winery.

We look forward to discussing our plans with you in more detail at a time that is mutually agreeable. Our proposal is small in scale and envisioned to focus primarily on the processing of Napa Valley grapes into wines, with the ability to develop some of our customers through a direct-to-consumer approach.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal for a new winery, which will allow us the quality control we wish to have in the wines we have made for over a decade.

Sincerely,

Mark & Jami Grassi
1060 Soda Canyon Road. Napa CA 94558. 707.477.6240. mark@grassinapa.com

To whom it may concern

From William Hill

Subjects: An agrarian Napa and the Grassi Winery

January 21, 2017

All of us who live in Napa are fortunate to benefit from the great natural resources and resulting abundance of our beautiful valley and County. The rural character which we have been able to preserve, the wonderful climate which embraces us, are gifts that we must diligently protect. So far we have been able to protect these assets from the onslaught of urbanization because our extraordinary natural resources are economically valuable. These natural resources are a globally rare set of climates and soils that result in our ability to make wine, from the world's favorite wine, Cabernet Sauvignon, and to make it at a quality level equaled in only a few small areas of the World. Specifically, these circumstances have made it possible for Napers to make a decent living from small family farms and wineries, and thereby experience the agrarian life style, in harmony with nature.

The small family owned vineyard and winery being proposed by Mark Grassi and his family is very consistent with the agrarian lifestyle described above. As a neighbor of the Grassi family I am comfortable that what they request is compatible with our neighborhood and our valley, and our agrarian like style.

Thank you for your consideration.

William Hill



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January 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to share with you that Grassi Wine Company has been a supportive and active member of 1% for the Planet since 2007. Over the last 10+ years they have supplied a significant amount of funding to nonprofit organizations both in the Napa community and around the world.

1% for the Planet connects dollars and doers to address the most pressing issues facing our planet. Based in Vermont, we are an environmental nonprofit leading a global network of businesses, nonprofits, and individuals working together for the health of our only home. Our network consists of more than 1,200 member businesses and thousands of nonprofit partners in more than 40 countries. Started by Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, and Craig Mathews, founder of Blue Ribbon Flies, our members have given more than \$150 million back to our Planet since 2002.

Grassi Wine Company's commitment to our planet has helped get us to where we are today and we're so thankful for their support and are incredibly proud to have them as members.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Williams'.

Kate Williams
CEO, 1% for the Planet
