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## Public Comments

## Hedge, Emily

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**From:** Frank Silva <fsilva@nvusd.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019 10:05 AM  
**To:** Hedge, Emily

Emily Hedge,

I am Frank Silva, Principal of Browns Valley Elementary School. I am writing this email on behalf of the Fontanella Family Winery and their consideration to expand their business in Napa County—permitting.

I have know Karen and Jeff for approximately 8 years. During this time I have had only positive interactions as our school sponsor, Karen acting as our Parent Club President, and touring their winery. They have been very responsible community members and business owners. Their community services goes beyond our elementary school. The Fontanellas have participated on several boards including leading the way to building Lacrosse in Napa and now in the high schools.

I am even more impressed in how they have been advocates of our local environment. When I have toured their facility and grounds they talk about how important the water shed and interdependence with nature is important in sustaining their winery and environment at large.

I feel wineries who practice “best practices” deserve to expand their business so we can create more opportunities while preserving our beautiful environment. I am an avid hiker and environmentalist at heart. I do not write letters like this often so please consider this context as you consider my opinion on this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank Silva