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Mr. Trevor Hawkes
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RE: Use Permit #P1900495-UP

Dear Planning Commission:

I have been an avid supporter of the Napa Wildlife Rescue organization for many years. The work that they do is unmatched and unparalleled in the County from animal rescue and rehabilitation to public education.

We have been grape growers for over 50 years and know the importance of a healthy environment. That environment includes the natural animals and birds that contribute to the circle of life in the vineyards. It is time to help Napa Wildlife Rescue settle in to a full time and appropriate center for their operations.

Our Ag Preserve and other County rules are important to maintain for the integrity of our agricultural economy. But we have seen many, many exceptions made for wineries, tasting rooms, and special wine makers so that they can set up their businesses within these environments and thrive. This same privilege of a small zoning change or other exception to the County regulations is necessary for the important work of Napa Wildlife Rescue to go forward. There is only be one Napa Wildlife Rescue organization in the County and they need our support.

Now is the time to grant this Use Permit to benefit all of Napa County. We support this Use Permit fully.

Sincerely,

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Hi Trevor, sorry for the last minute letter. Could you please forward to the Planning Commission before tomorrow's UP hearing? Thank you.

July 14, 2020

Dear Napa County Planning Commissioners,

I have been connected with Napa Wildlife Rescue for almost a decade, at different times as a volunteer, a shift leader, a rescuer/transporter, a home rehabber, and most recently an educational animal trainer. From the first time of feeding a baby songbird, I was hooked.

The presence of wildlife enriches us all. The chance encounters we might have with a fox, a raccoon, a raven or turkey vulture, even hearing the call of an owl in the dark or watching songbirds at a backyard feeder, all open us to a sense of the world beyond humans and a connectedness with consciousness other than our own. A child or adult who is lucky enough to have an up close and personal interaction with a wild creature, whether as rescuer or observer, has usually been changed by just moments of cross species communion, and the way that expands the circle of human concern. It is an experience that has certainly enriched my own life forever.

Sadly, though, too often animals come into our care as a result of human actions or negligence: Hit by car. Caught by cat. Caught by dog. Flew into a window. Tree with nest cut down. Poisoned. Shot. Electrocuted. Burned. Displaced. Orphaned. Trapped. Starved. Habitat destroyed by development. The toll of human impact on animal populations is staggering.

In this age of the sixth mass extinction and crashing biodiversity, the work of organizations like Napa Wildlife Rescue is a small repair of the harm done by humans, but it is critical. We can't make a songbird or fox or raptor, can't ourselves create anything that is being destroyed - but we can at least help these amazing beings return to where they belong, safe and in good health, to live their natural lives. Beyond the reparative work of returning wildlife to health, advocacy and public education programs help to build a crucial awareness and sympathy for our wild kin.

Despite climate change, population growth and habitat loss, Napa County is still rich with wildlife. We have an obligation to protect these living treasures for future generations. Day after day, for all these years, Napa Wildlife Rescue has been doing that work.

It is beyond time for this organization to have a secure and permanent home. The site is appropriate, the work is necessary and urgent. Please approve the use permit.

Thank you,

Julia Winiarski
Alta Heights