



July 15, 2014

The Honorable Mark Luce  
Chairman, Napa County Board of Supervisors  
County of Napa  
1195 Third Street, Suite 310  
Napa, CA 94559

**SUBJECT: INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICING PROCEDURES**

Dear Supervisor Luce:

The four organizations representing the interests of the Napa Valley wine industry collectively believe that it is sensible for the County to expand its public hearing noticing procedures.

The Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Napa Valley Vintners and Winegrowers of Napa County understand and appreciate the balanced approach by which the County implements public notification of development projects. The rights of both those proposing projects within the county as well as the neighbors that may be impacted by such development need to be kept in mind.

However, since the beginning of 2013, a significant number of proposed projects have met neighbor opposition that may have been in part due to the neighbors not being adequately informed of what was being considered in their vicinity. **It is the view of the four industry groups that the County and community-at-large would benefit from augmenting existing noticing practices that would result in involvement of neighbors earlier and more extensively.** Earlier noticing by the County would ensure neighbors are informed of any significant proposed development well in advance of a public hearing.

Additionally we support expanding the mailing radius beyond the current 300 feet from subject property.

Thank you for considering our viewpoint on this topic, and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Norma Tofanelli President Napa County Farm Bureau	Steve Moulds President Napa Valley Grapegrowers	Russ Weis Chairman Napa Valley Vintners	Tony LeBlanc President Winegrowers of Napa County

CC: Napa County Board of Supervisors  
Napa County Planning Commission  
County Planning Director David Morrison