

August 25, 2020

Napa County Supervisors
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RE: In Support of Anthem Winery's Application to Modify Its Use Permit

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support Julie and Justin Arbuckle's application to modify Anthem Winery's Use Permit that the Planning Commission unanimously approved last year.

Please know the Arbuckles have substantially reduced the scope of their project to address neighbor concerns, and at the request of several neighbors, they agreed to withdraw their request for any increase in their currently permitted 30,000 gallon annual production limit.

The Arbuckles have also compromised with the neighbors by withdrawing a road variance and reducing visitation to an average of 21 visitors a day. The larger winery facility that is proposed will be built into a hillside reducing visibility and size and will allow wine to be made indoors instead of using an outdoor crush pad for fermentations. In addition, water use will be less than currently permitted though rainwater harvesting, reuse of winery process water and an underground vineyard irrigation system.

It is important that as a community, we support small, family-owned wineries, and that agriculture is our highest and best use for agriculturally zoned lands.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and I hope that the Board affirms the Planning Commission's unanimous approval of Anthem Winery's application.

Sincerely,

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