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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Use permit for Balloons Above The Valley.
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Dear Supervisors,

I received the email below, which I believe was intended to actually go to you instead of me. In any event, Mr. Hunt strongly supports the Balloons Above The Valley use permit application appeal.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Scott Greenwood-Meinert
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Dear Scott:

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In making your decision please also consider the money balloon company clients spend at wineries, restaurants and general merchandise stores throughout the valley.

My wife and I respectfully request your approval of this use permit.

George and Lucy Hunt
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From: [Hedge, Emily](#)
To: [Valdez, Jose \(Louie\)](#)
Subject: FW: Hot air balloons
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:08:45 AM

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Dear Board members: please support our hot air balloon industry in anyway you can. It is one of the major charms of Napa Valley and a vital economic mainstay, and very popular with most of us locals.
Sincerely, Tony Blass

From: [Hedge, Emily](#)
To: [Valdez, Jose \(Louie\)](#)
Subject: FW: In support of Balloons Above the Valley
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All,
I have known Bob Barbarick and his business for a long time—maybe 25 years.. His dedication to the sport of ballooning is unsurpassed in Napa and each year he gives hundreds if not thousands the ride of their lives above Napa Valley.
Having a reliable launch site is critical to making visitors to Napa have a memorable experience. The impact of allowing the launch site to go forward is minimal for Napa. No trees destroyed; no silt in our creeks or waterways, and no impact to traffic in the area since customers are bussed to and from the launch and recovery sites. This is a great business for Napa and no carbon footprint as a negative.

Please consider allowing him and his business to continue to operate in Napa at 5360 Washington Street and provide the quality experience that his customers have come to expect.

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Respectfully, Janeen M. Barbarick

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To All!

As a hot air balloon pilot, born and raised here in Napa Valley flying out of what is now the Napa Outlets. For nearly 50 years I've been handling, crewing and flying balloons above our valley and all over the world.

It has been an honor and privilege to fly here and bring the beauty and thrill of something that has made Napa famous...our beautiful balloons. Combine the beauty and grace of the hot air balloons with the vistas, the wineries and our restaurants and retail and you must count the balloons as a necessary part of Napa's thriving.

As a member of the hot air balloon working community, I am always professional and considerate to the best of my ability and with the cooperation of the wind.

I respectfully request that you approve the small strip of land on Highway 29 at [5360 Washington Street](#) as a launch site for Balloons Above the Valley, not just for Bob and his welfare, but for the good of all of us who call Napa home and love the balloons and this land.

Now, more than ever before we need to work together to stay strong and come back from the shutdowns.

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Subject: FW: Balloons Above the Valley Launch Site Approval
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To: Napa County Board of Supervisors

Respectfully, I implore the Napa County Board of Supervisors to grant approval to Balloons Above the Valley the right to launch Hot Air Balloons from their property located next to SR 029, South of Yountville, and North of Napa at the address of 5360 Washington Street.

I'm sure we can all agree wineries are the major draw for tourism to the Napa Valley, however hot air ballooning has always been a perfect match as well since that industry not only provides an additional activity for the tourists during their visit to the area but gives them a birds eye view of some of those wineries and vineyards in the valley as well as other local landmarks. With multiple activities such as wine tasting, hot air ballooning and the Napa wine train, there are increased chances those partaking will choose to stay in the Valley longer, perhaps lodging in local hotels and dining at local restaurants rather than staying in San Francisco and driving up for the day as they often do.

Balloons Above the Valley book thousands of passengers a year with over one third

coming from out of state as well as other Countries. These folks not only spend their money in Napa County, but are a great source of advertising for the Napa Valley. From my backyard I can see the passengers taking photos and most likely streaming video and sending it across the country to friends, family and posting on social media their hot air balloon experience and the beautiful Napa Valley itself. What better way to see the Napa Valley than by a slow moving gondola in the sky.

I have lived in the Napa Valley for over 50 years and have watched the Hot Air Balloon industry overcome various obstacles over the years by partnering with local government and the public and one by one each issue was resolved. However one of the most difficult hurdles since conception has been the ability to launch the balloons from a favorable location that best suits the community, local government and the companies themselves. By having a designated launch site they no longer have to find short term launch locations that may be less desirable, and they can train the pilots and crews for that specific location making for a safer operation. Also by having this single launch site, multiple larger capacity Balloons only need to launch once a day, lessening the minor disruptions to the nearby residents.

I know this company and it's management well and I know if their use permit is approved they will do everything within their power to be good neighbors and will to the best of their ability work to resolve any and all issues to those that may be inconvenienced by their presence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hedge, Emily](#)
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Thank you.

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From: [Hedge, Emily](#)
To: [Valdez, Jose \(Louie\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Unlimited Launches for BALLOONS ABOVE THE VALLEY 5360 Washington Street, Napa
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:06:18 AM

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My hot air balloon ride over Napa Valley in September 2019 was a lifelong aspiration since watching the balloons fly overhead on my Napa vacation in 1987. Every morning we had coffee on Cheri's patio watching the brightly colored balloons float through the blue skies and I felt joyful every time they appeared! I wanted desperately to take that balloon ride then but sacrificed doing it so we could afford other activities with my children. Cheri further whetted my appetite for the balloons by getting up before dawn one morning, going to the vineyard to watch the crews prep the balloons for their ascent- the fiery torches filling the flaccid balloons with hot air until they rose from the ground like the Phoenix! The colorful sight of multiple balloons inflating and the roaring sounds of the torches were awesome! I never lost my fascination with having a hot air balloon adventure and the balloons remained a significant memory of Napa Valley. So much so, I really didn't want to do it in other places I later had access to, like Holly, MI. There is something uniquely special about the Napa ride, floating over those beautiful vineyards and villas with the blue of the Pacific in the far off distance! I will never forget that balloon ride and the Napa crew that made it so enjoyable! Elena Hall

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Elena Maria Hall

LIFE isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to DANCE in the RAIN.....

From: [Hedge, Emily](#)
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Subject: FW: Spirit in the Sky
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To All,

As I look out my North/West facing kitchen window in South Corner Napa, I can see the balloons rise in the mornings when they fly.

During the months of shut down, I would look and I could almost feel them in the air...even though they weren't flying. When we opened back up and the balloons could fly again, it brought me so much hope and joy...not to mention the beauty in the sky. The balloons are a symbol of our wholeness and beauty.

Hot air balloons. in our sky, represent what is right and beautiful about Napa and the Valley.

In these times we will need all the help we can get to help Napa and The Valley recover from these shutdowns. We need the balloons to support the hotels to support the wineries to support the restaurants to keep us all employed and to keep our spirits up. We are all in this together...after all.

Please make it possible for that small strip of land along Highway 29 at 5360 Washington Street to be used as a launch site for Balloons Above The Valley.

We are in extraordinary times right now. Be extraordinary, be visionary. Say yes to this relatively small detail which will make a huge difference to so many.

Thank you
Cinder Ernst
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To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Fwd: Launch Site Support
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:45:56 AM

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From: janeenmarie@fearnot.net <janeenmarie@fearnot.net>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:27:19 AM
To: Gregory, Ryan <Ryan.Gregory@countyofnapa.org>; Pedroza, Alfredo <Alfredo.Pedroza@countyofnapa.org>; Dillon, Diane <Diane.DILLON@countyofnapa.org>; Ramos, Belia <Belia.Ramos@countyofnapa.org>; Wagenknecht, Brad <BRAD.WAGENKNECHT@countyofnapa.org>; Anderson, Laura <Laura.Anderson@countyofnapa.org>; Bordona, Brian <Brian.Bordona@countyofnapa.org>; Hedge, Emily <Emily.Hedge@countyofnapa.org>; Claudino, Lisa <Lisa.Claudino@countyofnapa.org>; Tran, Minh <Minh.Tran@countyofnapa.org>; sgreenwood-meinert@coblentzlaw.com <sgreenwood-meinert@coblentzlaw.com>; tkscottco@gmail.com <tkscottco@gmail.com>; Bob Barbarick <bob@balloonrides.com>
Subject: Launch Site Support

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Respectfully, Janeen M. Barbarick

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Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:32:59 AM
To: Gregory, Ryan <Ryan.Gregory@countyofnapa.org>; Pedroza, Alfredo <Alfredo.Pedroza@countyofnapa.org>; Dillon, Diane <Diane.DILLON@countyofnapa.org>; Ramos, Belia <Belia.Ramos@countyofnapa.org>; Wagenknecht, Brad <BRAD.WAGENKNECHT@countyofnapa.org>; Anderson, Laura <Laura.Anderson@countyofnapa.org>; Bordona, Brian <Brian.Bordona@countyofnapa.org>; Hedge, Emily <Emily.Hedge@countyofnapa.org>; Claudino, Lisa <Lisa.Claudino@countyofnapa.org>; Tran, Minh <Minh.Tran@countyofnapa.org>; sgreenwood-meinert@coblentzlaw.com <sgreenwood-meinert@coblentzlaw.com>; tkscottco@gmail.com <tkscottco@gmail.com>; Bob Barbarick <bob@balloonrides.com>
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To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Fwd: Spirit in the Sky
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From: Cinder Ernst <coach@cinderernst.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 3:18:14 PM
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To All,

As I look out my North/West facing kitchen window in South Corner Napa, I can see the balloons rise in the mornings when they fly.

During the months of shut down, I would look and I could almost feel them in the air...even though they weren't flying. When we opened back up and the balloons could fly again, it brought me so much hope and joy...not to mention the beauty in the sky. The balloons are a symbol of our wholeness and beauty.

Hot air balloons. in our sky, represent what is right and beautiful about Napa and the Valley.

In these times we will need all the help we can get to help Napa and The Valley recover from these shutdowns. We need the balloons to support the hotels to support the wineries to support the restaurants to keep us all employed and to keep our spirits up. We are all in this together...after all.

Please make it possible for that small strip of land along Highway 29 at 5360 Washington Street to be used as a launch site for Balloons Above The Valley.

We are in extraordinary times right now. Be extraordinary, be visionary. Say yes to this relatively small detail which will make a huge difference to so many.

Thank you
Cinder Ernst
145 Coombs Street

Napa

From: [Ramos, Belia](#)
To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Fwd: Use permit for Balloons Above The Valley
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 9:45:15 AM

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From: George Hunt <huntgeorge20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 12:22:00 PM
To: Ramos, Belia <Belia.Ramos@countyofnapa.org>
Subject: Use permit for Balloons Above The Valley

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Dear Miss Ramos:

It is our understanding the county is considering a use permit for 5360 Washington Street, Napa as a launch sight for Balloons Above The Valley.

Over the years my wife and I have enjoyed riding in and watching balloons glide over our home.

In making your decision please also consider the money balloon company clients spend at wineries, restaurants and general merchandise stores throughout the valley.

My wife and I respectfully request your approval of this permit.

Cordially,

George and Lucy Hunt
44 Edgefield Ct.
Napa, Ca. 94558
707-258-2930

Sent from my iPad

From: [Tran, Minh](#)
To: [George Hunt](#)
Cc: [Valdez, Jose \(Louie\)](#)
Subject: RE: Use permit for Balloons Above The Valley.
Date: Sunday, January 3, 2021 1:05:10 PM

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Hunt for providing us your input herein. I am forwarding your comment to our Clerk of the Board to make sure it becomes part of the administrative record so the Board of Supervisors may fully consider this matter in making their decision.

Happy New Year!

Minh

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From: George Hunt <huntgeorge20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Tran, Minh <Minh.Tran@countyofnapa.org>
Subject: Use permit for Balloons Above The Valley.

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