

BENNETT LANE WINERY

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hamilton
3300 Highway 128
Calistoga, CA 94515

Dear Anne and Ellis:

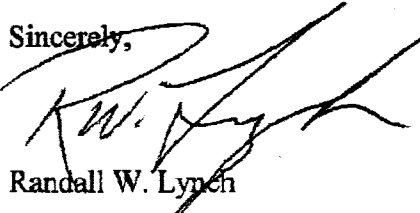
As you know, we have a continued hearing date for our Winery facilities improvement and expansion project currently set for Wednesday, December 17, 2008. I have learned through recent communication with County planners that you remain dissatisfied with the existence of our Winery in proximity to your home, and oppose our current application to improve and expand our facilities. It is, and has always been, our sincere desire to fully comply with all County zoning and code regulations regarding our Winery operation. We also believe strongly that our Winery and Tasting Room should be esthetically pleasing, and compatible with nearby residential neighbors.

In this effort, you may recall that we met at my home early in the application process to review the architectural drawings and plans for our expansion, and to seek your input and blessing on our project. I would like to offer one last opportunity to sit down with me and my project support personnel to review the design features of our project and to address your concerns regarding our improvement project. Our design and support team for the project will be in the Valley on the Monday and Tuesday before the hearing, and we could make arrangements to meet at the Winery and discuss your concerns and possible solutions.

Approximately one month ago, our engineers (Reichers Spence & Associates) submitted a detailed package of material to the County in response to the letters from your hydrology consultant and attorney. We are advised by John McDowell that you have picked up a copy of this information. It is also our intention to respond to your letter of December 4, prior to the Planning Commission packet going out on Wednesday, December 10.

Please let me know if you are amenable to our proposed meeting at the Winery. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will reconsider and agree to sit down with us in the spirit of neighborly cooperation.

Sincerely,



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