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September 8, 2020

Ms. Charlene Gallina Supervising Planner Napa County PBES 1195 Third Street Suite 210 Napa, CA 94559

Re: Nickel & Nickel Use Permit Modification (P017-00400-MOD)

Dear Ms. Gallina,

I am writing to you in support of Nickel & Nickel's use-permit modification. As we share a common boundary, we have long enjoyed a positive neighborly relationship with the estate and we sincerely appreciate that they reached out to us prior to any notices being sent.

We have been shown the various renderings of the project and are pleased with the improvements to be made on the historic structures and after careful review, have no concerns about the more modern structure that is proposed. Its neutral exterior color allows it to blend softly into the surrounding landscape and mirrors the color tones of their other neighbors — Turnbull and Cakebread Wineries.

We believe that approval of the modification request will allow Nickel & Nickel to continue their sustainability efforts and further restore their historic buildings for employee safety as well as for the enjoyment of guests. It is my understanding that a great deal of environmental study has gone into this project and that the owners have taken every proactive measure they can for minimal environmental impact, coupled with the proposed increased sustainability measures (bio reactors, photovoltaic etc.).

I know that the current environment can be a challenge for wineries to make changes; but, I hope that Napa County will approve Nickel & Nickel's use-permit modification. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barefoot

Vice President Communications & Guest Relations