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All,

On July 5, 2017, I sent out a draft Limited Winery Ordinance. The draft was proposed to implement Action Item AG/LU-16.1 of the Napa County General Plan, which directs that consideration be given to amend the Zoning Ordinance to define “small wineries,” a “small quantity of wine,” “small marketing events,” and “mostly grown on site,” and establish a streamlined permitting process for small wineries which retains the requirement for a use permit when the winery is in proximity to urban areas. Action Item AG/LU-16 implements Policy AG/LU-16, which states: “In recognition of their limited impacts, the County will consider affording small wineries a streamlined permitting process. For purposes of this policy, small wineries are those that produce a small quantity of wine using grapes mostly grown on site and host a limited number of small marketing events each year.”

The deadline for public comment was initially set for August 4, 2017. Due to the volume of perspectives and concerns regarding the draft ordinance, I extended the public comment period to September 18, 2017.

To date, I have received nearly 40 comments on the Draft Limited Winery Ordinance. Thank you all for your participation.

On September 12, 2017, as a part of its consideration of the code compliance, the Board of Supervisors looked at the priority of work assignments for the Planning Division.

**As a result of this discussion, the Board directed staff to place the Limited Winery Ordinance on hold, until such time as the land use compliance program, annual winery reporting, and temporary event ordinance revisions have been implemented.**

At the time when staff starts work on the Limited Winery Ordinance again, a revised draft will be circulated based on the comments received, and opportunity provided for public comment on the new draft.

Your involvement in this matter has been appreciated.

Respectfully,

David Morrison, Director  
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