



Advocating for Responsible Planning to Insure Sustainability of the Finite Resources of
Napa County

A Better Plan. A Better Future.

! IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED!

DEAR HAGEN ROAD AREA RESIDENT:

The Palmaz family at 4029 Hagen Road has applied for a Use Permit for a 7-person, wide-body, 35 foot long helicopter (Airbus EC 130 B4), including a helipad, hangar and a 3,500 gallon fuel tank for "personal use, family and guests". Through the efforts of some of our current members, Napa County Ordinance P04-0198 was created which prohibits helicopter landings at county wineries. However, the door was left open for landings at residences. Conveniently, the Palmaz residence lies only a few hundred feet from the winery.

The application's Noise Element claims that the impact on your neighborhood will be minimal, but it is certain - especially due to the ricochet effect of Mt. George - that your peace and quiet will be disturbed and your property value negatively impacted. The California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, recommends that the existence of nearby heliports be disclosed to prospective buyers.

If the supervisors follow - as they should - the Governor's Office Conditional Use Permit Manual, they must find that: *"The establishment, maintenance or conducting of the use for which a use permit is sought will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood"*.

But for them to do so, you need to register your opposition. The only one who gains is one family who wants to enjoy rides with no regard for its neighbors in a helicopter typically used for tourist tours such as in Hawaii, Aspen and the Grand Canyon. Failure to stop it, will encourage similar applications near you and throughout the county.

Affiliated Organizations: California Fisheries & Water Unlimited; Calistoga Citizens for Green Community; Defenders of the East Napa Watersheds; Dry Creek Road Alliance; Get a Grip on Growth; Living Rivers Council; Mt. Veeder Stewardship Council; Protect Rural Napa; Save Rural Angwin; Save Yountville Hill; Sierra Club; Soda Canyon/Loma Vista Foundation; Stop Syar Expansion; St. Helena Citizens; Watersheds Alliance of Atlas Peak

Napa Vision 2050 is a county-wide coalition which strives to halt the erosion of our quality of life from creeping commercialization, to traffic, to noise pollution. Because the County notified neighbors only within a 300 foot radius, we have taken it upon ourselves to notify you.

Please sign the enclosed petition including family and friends and forward it to:

napavision2050@gmail.com

**or fax to:
707-942-0908**

**or mail to:
Napa Vision 2050, P.O. Box 2385, Yountville, CA 94599**

Your petition will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities, Kelli Cahill at Napa County Planning and we will notify you by email on progress and whenever further action is needed. We need to stay engaged!