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Napa County Board of Supervisors

re: Raymond appeal

Before denying the appeal of the Raymond Use Permit application, the Board would do well to consider the attached letter from Michael Honig, which appeared in the Napa Register last month.

The Board would also do well to consider carefully just who the author is. Michael Honig is not only the President of Honig Vineyard & Winery, he is the current chair of the Napa Valley Vintners' Board of Directors.

The Raymond application is largely the product of use permit violations and an attempt to "remedy" them. In other words, in addition to the other problems pointed out in the appeal documents, this is another gross violator about to be granted forgiveness.

It is not just the "little people" of Napa County who are outraged by the deferential treatment given to winery use permit violators. The responsible portion of the industry has now spoken out.

The letter is titled "Stop allowing them to ask forgiveness".

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http://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/letters/stop-allowing-them-to-ask-forgiveness/article_6414e09c-7690-5a3b-a2d3-89914eb14ae2.html

Stop allowing them to ask forgiveness

Michael Honig Jul 19, 2017

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I was shocked to read about the Bremer Winery and their pattern of disregard for the rules of our community ("Upvalley winery hit with water agency violation," July 13).

The wine industry has always promoted compliance with all laws and regulations, and it is unfortunate when one individual feels compelled to do things that harm our valley. I hope our county government starts to see the harm these project are doing to the environment, and indeed our industry, and stops allowing owners the opportunity to ask for forgiveness versus permission.

Michael Honig

Honig Vineyard & Winery