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To Whom It May Concern,

September 4, 2011

I recently visited Calistoga and was disappointed to see the decline in the number of open stores and venues on the main street. In talking to several store owners they claimed they were experiencing a downgrade in sales and a few mentioned they were going to close. Living in Australia, but having come from Sonoma County, I have enjoyed wines from all over the world. I personally shop at venues that have both native and regional wines.

As a duel citizen of both Australia and the States, I find it very disappointing to see the economic devastation in America. The closing of a couple of stores in a small town such as Calistoga can create a tsunami, which is pretty much what i was looking at in April.

As councilors you hold the key to economic resurgence of your community. I would suggest that you do anything you can to stimulate economic growth and the restraint of trade and protectionism of the good times is just not appropriate now. So while you might think twice about a brothel or speakeasy, the sale of wine not grown in the Napa Valley is a no brainer...

Stop naval-gazing and open your minds to people trying to have a go in your very tough times. Are you sure what you are restricting is even legal considering the Fair Trade Act between Australia and the United States?

> CITY OF CALISTOGA City Clerk

Respectfully,

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