

**Communication "G"; September 6, 2011 Calistoga City Council Meeting
Item G3: Grape Sourcing Ordinance**

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Subject: Consideration of a Winery

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention, that you are to have a meeting to consider the definition of a winery within the city limits of Calistoga, California.

Be advised that your interest in this definition is noble, though not particularly critical at this time. These are particularly difficult times for the country as a whole, and California in particular. With people fighting to maintain solvency, one would think that there are more important things for the City Council to deal with, than the definition of what is a winery, and the percentage of grapes needed to fit this definition. Namely, not destroying what is most important to the city, that being the bringing in of revenue. I would also say that being a constant visitor to the Napa Valley for many years, and treasuring the products provided, I would appreciate your realizing that comparison to grape varieties from outside of the Napa Valley is very important to anyone who is appreciative of the fine wines produced here. The comparison is quite revealing and brings back those that appreciate the difference, on a constant basis.

So many in America today are fighting for economic freedom, and the ability to conduct business outside of massive government intervention. This is especially true on the federal level in so many ways. Certainly you can see that restriction of trade by any action that you take in this direction, will only mimic what so many people are fighting against in the national spotlight of today's environment.

Be advised, that water seeks its own level, and dams only restrict free flow. I ask that you consider this writing from someone who is a constant visitor to the Napa Valley, and Calistoga for many years. More government intervention of this manner, will only hurt the valley and the city of Calistoga, at a time, when it is foolish to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

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