

**Communication "A"; October 4, 2011 Calistoga City Council Meeting
Item J6: Grape Sourcing Ordinance**



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The Honorable Jack Gingles & Members of the Calistoga City Council
City of Calistoga
1232 Washington Street
Calistoga, CA 94515

Dear Mayor Gingles and Members of the Calistoga City Council:

This letter is a follow-up to our previous correspondence dated June 21, 2011 regarding our support for grape sourcing ordinances within the City of Calistoga. The Calistoga Chamber of Commerce once again respectfully requests your assistance in adopting wine-related policies that are consistent with those existing throughout Napa County. These policies are critical to the protection of the Napa Valley and Calistoga brands as well as protections for our local grape-growers, wine makers, and vineyard workers that serve as the backbone of our community.

We urge you to support the adoption of ordinances that require that all wine production facilities and all tasting rooms venues holding "02" licenses adhere to the inclusion of 75% of Napa County sourced grapes for their products. Permitting winemakers from outside Napa County to capitalize on our wine reputation by setting up production facilities and tasting rooms in town with non-Napa Valley appellation wines is harmful to the Napa Valley brand and detracts from Calistoga's authentic feel.

Thank you for taking this policy support under consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Patel".

David Patel, Vice-Chairperson
Calistoga Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Copy: Calistoga City Councilmembers and City Manager