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Eric V. Lundquist
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Subject: Brian Arden Winery

Dear Mr. Lindquist,

I am writing to encourage the Planning Commission and the City Council to give serious consideration to approve the Brian Arden Winery application.

I am an environmental consultant who both lives and works in the Valley. I have no financial or professional connection to the project but as a member of Solage am familiar with the location and feel the project would be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

The project design is sensitive to and respects the special environment we are so fortunate to share here in the Valley.

It is my understanding as the project is currently configured it:

- Can satisfy the newly enacted 75% Napa Valley sourcing requirements
- Based on detailed engineering review the project does not concentrate storm water flow on the neighbors property
- Complies with the General Plan Guidelines including the Entry Corridor
- Complies with the Maxfield Adams Planned Development
- Is undergoing an traffic analysis with independent review
- Provides a design that is compatible with the existing landscape, functional as a winery and user friendly for visitors.

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Finally, I believe that a project of this kind that will create jobs, attract tourist, maintain the wine and grape tradition of the Valley and support the Calistoga tax base should be welcomed by the citizens of Calistoga.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the project

Very truly yours

Thomas D. Vence