

Attachment 2



Chris Canning, Mayor
1232 Washington Street
Calistoga, CA 94515

June 20, 2013

Dear Mayor Canning, and Members of the Calistoga City Council and Planning Commission,

On behalf of over 630 vineyard owners and associated businesses in Napa County, we strongly urge you to support the legacy of this community by ensuring that the "Right to Farm" is upheld throughout Napa County, including in the City of Calistoga.

Napa County has prospered and remained a national treasure on account of the exceptional quality and sustainability of our product. These are highly dependent on the strength of the Agricultural Preserve and the tenets that accompany it – one of the most important being the Right to Farm. We recognize the economic pressures and opportunities that exist within and surrounding each of the jurisdictions, but we hope that collectively, Napa will keep its eye on the prize, which is to maintain our world-class reputation for growing the best winegrapes. Our agricultural landscape is the foundation of our local economy and the "scenic beauty" that visitors claim is the #1 reason they come to visit. In order for this to continue, our farmers' right to farm must be fully respected and protected.

We are unable to attend this evening's public meeting, but offer this letter in support of the ordinance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Putnam". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jennifer Putnam
Executive Director