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Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Zach Tusinger
Subject: Lower project support

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Hello,

We have been business owners in Calistoga in the past and presently have associations with Calistoga area hospitality operations of other companies and families.

We are in support of the proposed Lower tasting room, event center and wine education facility in the old Brannans restaurant location at the corner of Lincoln and Washington.

That building needs to be turned into an operation that services both the community and look at that location as well as the guests to the city since Calistoga is a great city for wine country guests.

The event center and related food operation will be very good for the City of Calistoga.

We support the project.

Thank you

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From: Sharon Carone <sharoncarone@comcast.net>
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Attachments: Pat Hampton on Brannan's.pdf

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Hi Zach,

Pat wrote this in her column last week. Asked for her permission to submit it as her support for the project.

Thanks,
Sharon

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This 'n That

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Things are getting pretty interesting...

My goodness, but there are a lot of interesting things going on in town these days. Some days we can't find a good news bit without beating the bushes, and other times it comes rolling in like loose tumbleweeds.

Betsy and David Lauer are buying the old Brannan's Grill building to establish a restaurant, tasting room, retail store and demonstration winery. Sounds intriguing, yes? Betsy does everything with charm and vigor, and loves this small town where she established Lauer Estates vineyards in Knights Valley years ago. And Brannan's, the place that drew every celebration to its double doors, will be reborn as another vibrant business in a downtown that needs it.

If you're the type that reads Fictitious Business Statements at the back of the Tribune (you really should, you find out lots of news nuggets), you will notice that someone has purchased the Smoke Shop next to the Roastery and is dedicating it to his grandfather, Papa Lou Barrett. You'll have to wait and find out what he's got planned for the liquor and spirits store, but it's going to be terrific. If you figure out who it is, ask him if he's still looking for a speakeasy phone booth if you have one to donate.

Next door to Papa Lou's is the new home of Blackbird, which should be opening by the first of May and on the other side of the new business, earthquake retrofitting is underway at the old D'Amici building owned by Carl Dene. And next to Dene's place is Silverado Ace Hardware, which we all know is undergoing extensive change and enlargement as it almost doubles its retail space.

Across Lincoln Avenue the fencing has come off of the new facelift at Dr. Wilkinson's Backyard Resort & Mineral Springs and good reports are coming from the new eatery there, House of Better.

I'll check out the other end of Lincoln Avenue for you by next week's column and see what's up with Bosko's and other places. If you have other news send me a note to pat@calistogatribune.com and I'll put on my newsie hat and find out what's up.

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**Zach Tusinger
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April 25, 2021

Dear Zach:

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the property at 1374 Lincoln Ave. by the owners of Lawer Estates, Betsy and David Lawer.

It is especially important that this property is being acquired by investors who intend to restore it and occupy it for their own business concept. I believe that the Lawer's intent to create a restaurant featuring wine pairings will be an inspired addition to dining in Calistoga. The fact that the Lawers intend to operate seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. will bring a new vitality to the street. As a Calistoga merchant I recognize this plan to include a demonstration winery will elevate the appreciation for wine and draw visitors to our town.

It is also my hope that with this significant addition to the wine tasting experience in Calistoga the Planning Commission can now satisfy any further expansion of tasting rooms in our limited downtown and begin to focus on the health and wellness offered by our mineral hot springs.

Nancy Abernathy

Signed copy delivered to City of Calistoga office