

**Agenda Item E
Communications**



**CITY OF CALISTOGA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

WRITINGS OR DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO A MAJORITY OF THE SUBJECT BODY

	Correspondence/ Date Received	Topic
1	Letter from Bingham Ranch dated April 08, 2010	Re: Agenda Item I-1, CDR 2008-04. Conceptual Design Review for the proposed Bounsall Family Winery Project
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Bingham Ranch
512 Foothill Boulevard, Calistoga, CA
c/o 1624 Fairorchard Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125

April 8, 2010

Ms. Charlene Gallina
Planning and Building Director
Calistoga Planning Commission
Calistoga, CA

BY FAX: 707-942-2831

Re: Bounsell Development Project

Dear Ms. Gallina:

We applaud the Bounsells' creative and aesthetic approach to the design of their project. We appreciate relocation of the bikeway and adjustment of the route to run farther from our vineyard. We also appreciate the Bounsells' proposal to realign the entry road around the oak tree and away from our property to the south. The Bounsells have also cooperated with us to meet some of our other concerns, for example, their agreement to provide an electric gate/fence and a screening wall the length of our mutual property line.


We would prefer that the entrance to the project be moved farther south on the highway to reduce congestion. We also remain concerned about security, privacy and noise, not only during construction but also when numbers of visitors begin to enjoy the completed facilities for wine-tasting, weddings, and other gatherings. In particular, we would appreciate some way to ensure that the noise of bands and audio equipment be limited after sundown.

Finally, we judge that the Bounsell project coupled with the Enchanted Resorts development across the street from us on the mountain makes it imperative for the city to reduce the speed limit to 35 miles per hour at the city limit sign.

We hope the Planning Commission will support these positive proposals and look forward to working with it and with Jeff Bounsell and his family. They are our neighbors with whom we share a seven-generation heritage in Calistoga and a concern for both the past and the future of the community.

Sincerely,


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cc: Jeff Bounsell

