

Public Comment #51
BOS RCVD. 12-10-24

From: Amy Varain <info@amyvarain.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 6:57 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; BOS-District V
Subject: Proposed changes on Agenda Item #51 (24-1298)

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To the Board of Supervisors & County Clerk,

I am urging you: **DO NOT allow the reduction of events to 12 on Agenda Item #51 (24-1298)**

I am a Wedding and Events Planner in El Dorado county. The Majority of my wedding and events take place at venues within El Dorado County. The proposed changes on Agenda Item #51 (24-1298) would drastically affect my business and all the wedding and event vendors that work in this county. It will also cause a trickle down effect on many businesses in our county which in turn will affect the county as a whole on many levels. As a wedding planner I can tell you that all my couples are coming to El Dorado County from the bay area and out of state to experience our area for their destination weddings. The average cost for a wedding in our area is \$35,000-\$50,000 and some up to \$100,000 and beyond, which goes to local venues, wedding vendors and more. The average wedding has 120-150 guests and all these people are staying locally in the hotels for usually 2-3 days during the wedding celebration and spending money in the towns local shops and restaurants. If you reduce the amount of events in half then you should expect to see many businesses in addition to our venues and wedding vendors effected by this all across the county. By Reducing the amount of events, this does not stop the wedding and event clientele from having their events, it just drives their money to other counties that do not have the same restrictions such as Placer county, Sacramento county, Napa county & Sonoma county. This will be a huge loss on so many levels and is not a decision that should be made without understanding the full effects it will have on our county as a whole.

Regards,

Amy Varain

Owner / Wedding Planner
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From: Bill Sammons <bsammons@bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:05 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Re: Black Oak Mountain Vineyards

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Yes, that is correct. Item 51. Thank you.

On Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 3:01 PM BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us> wrote:
Hi Mr. Sammons,

Can you please clarify what item number you are referencing?

Is this the Agriculture Department item, number 51 on the agenda, 24-1298? This is the Winery and Ranch Marketing Ordinance.

Thank you,

Kyra Scharffenberg,
El Dorado County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
330 Fairlane Building A
Placerville, CA 95667
530.621.5390

From: Bill Sammons <bsammons@bomusd.org>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:46 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
Subject: Black Oak Mountain Vineyards

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Sincerely,

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From: Grant Petersen <thegrantpetersen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:36 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; BOS-District V
Subject: Attention! Important letter to the board from DJ Grant Petersen

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Letter to the board

Hello, my name is Grant Petersen. I am a local Wedding DJ of almost 24 years now here in El Dorado County. I have lived here pretty much all my life and have always enjoyed and have been blessed from all that El Dorado County has to offer. It has come to my attention that there are individuals trying to limit or even close down establishments in El Dorado County that support our economy here in El Dorado County. As a wedding DJ I see firsthand how many hundreds of people at every wedding come from out of the area and either stay, Shop, dine among other things here in our county. I understand there are certain individuals, especially neighbors to these locations that hold Weddings and other events that do not like the amplified sound or crowds that come with these events.

As a wedding DJ, I am always striving to comply with the El Dorado County restrictions and guidelines. I am also and always in communication with the local authorities in El Dorado County, and with the venues themselves to make sure that we are complying and not causing any disturbance.

I support my family with the small business of being a Wedding, DJ. And having business limited, would take away the financial support my family needs. I'm just speaking for myself, limiting these events in our county would take away financial support for my family, as well as many other families that are a part of these events either as a vendor or the venue themselves.

I personally do not understand why we would want to limit these events in our county as they support our economy in El Dorado County. Welcoming people from outside of our area and allowing these events draw people to our county that might want to return again because of all that there is to offer here in our county. Most people shop at the local shops, go Wine Tasting, go out to dinner and even stay overnight each time they come to an event here in El Dorado County. Special memories are made here and that's part of what makes El Dorado County great and unique.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Thank you for your time and I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

DJ Grant Petersen

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BOSthree@edcgov.us

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Attention! Important letter to the board

From: Jeni Harvey <jharvey@bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:58 AM
To: bosfour@edgov.us; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Black Oak Mountain Vineyards

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Hello! I hope you receive this in time. I am writing in support of Black Oak Mountain Vineyards to remain open as many days as possible a year in our community. They are an outstanding venue which brings revenue to EDC and Placer County. They provide full time jobs as well as seasonal jobs to youth.

For the past three years, they have donated their venue to Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School for Prom and most recently this year, donated their venue for Sober Grad fundraiser.

They are supportive of the community, provide local residents full time jobs, provide youth seasonal jobs and bring in revenue for EDC and Placer County since many people stay in hotels in Auburn.

Please let them continue to operate as many days as they can!

Thank you!

Jeni Harvey
8th Grade Math Teacher
JH Activities Director/JH Yearbook Advisor
Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School
5101 Garden Valley Rd.
Garden Valley, CA 95633
(530) 333-8330

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From: Bill Sammons <bsammons@bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:29 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Re: Black Oak Mountain Vineyards

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Thank you for letting me know.

On Tue, Dec 10, 2024 at 9:02 AM BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us> wrote:

Public comment will be attached to the item and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

El Dorado County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

330 Fairlane Building A

Placerville, CA 95667

530.621.5390

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From: Corbin Almendariz <corbina0525@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:34 AM
To: BOS-District IV; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: DONT CLOSE THE VINEYARD

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please don't close the vineyard

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From: Laban Jacobson <labanj0609@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:42 AM
To: BOS-District IV; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Black Oak Mountain Vineyard

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Black Oak Mountain Vineyard, and hearing of the information about giving less events per year to the vineyard, and I would like to let you know that the vineyard provides our community and school with a venue free of charge and it saves a a great deal of money. Other than just providing a venue free of charge to our school my friends also work there and having less events per year will keep them from earning money for gas and their necessities. I hope that you take this email into consideration when voting on these new regulations for the vineyard.

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From: Chloe Blish <chloeb1214@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:05 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Save The Winery

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Hello,

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Sincerely,

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From: Ashley Dunham <ashleyd1108@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:08 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; BOS-District IV
Subject: Save Black Oat Mountain Vineyard

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Hello,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to discuss the impending closing of Black Oak Mountain Vineyard, a beloved facility that has generously hosted multiple events for our school at no expense. The closure would have a huge impact on our community, as we rely heavily on this magnificent place for fundraisers and dances. The winery's generous contributions have provided a wonderful opportunity for the kids, families, and local neighbors to meet and spend time together. Without such a supportive environment, we would struggle to bring our community together and provide great experiences for everybody involved. The Winery has made my high school experience more memorable because they host our proms and our Go for the Gold fundraiser for our sober grad. It would be a real loss for the highschool.

Warm regards,
Ashley Dunham

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From: Zofia Bradford <zofiab0926@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:09 AM
To: BOS-District IV; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Black Oak Mountain Vineyards

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I, Zofia Bradford, am writing this letter as an involved member of our county and a student at Golden Sierra High School. Black Oak Mountain Vineyard has been a huge part of our local community. They have provided a free venue for prom for the past few years, allowing our entry tickets to be more affordable. This affordable ticket price has caused us to break our attendance records over the past few years. Their generous venue donation greatly benefits our events and profit, our success would not be possible without them. In addition to prom, Black Oak Mountain Vineyards donated their venue to be used for Go for the Gold. This event raises money for us to have a Sober Grad Night, just this past weekend we raised thousands of dollars at Black Oak Mountain Vineyards. This money will be used so myself and my senior class can have a safe and fun night after graduation. The vineyard also provides jobs for students. If this vote passes, the limited events will cause this venue to no longer support their community in their fullest or even cause them to shut down completely.

Zofia Bradford
Senior at Golden Sierra High School

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Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:09 AM
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From: Robert Baxley <robertb0622@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:14 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Save the Winery!

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My name is Robert Baxley, I am a student at Golden Sierra high school, I am writing for the cause of saving the Winery. The Black Oak Mine Winery has been a great blessing to many people I know, if the Winery is limited to a certain number of events this could affect many things, for example one of my friends could lose his job, because he works there. It could also affect the high school's prom, because the Winery provides their venue for free, which is a great service to the school and the community.

Sincerely, Robert Baxley

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From: Mason Hamilton <masonh1009@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:22 AM
To: BOS-District IV; BOS-Clerk of the Board; Roger Saunders
Subject: Save The Winery

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As someone who has lived in this community for 17 years experiencing the construction and usage of a winery so close to home is a very special thing to not only me, but to many others in this community as well. Namely our school Golden Sierra, the winery has hosted important dances for us like Prom, and Community fundraisers like Go for Gold which raises money for the senior class. They have hosted these events for our school completely free of charge, which is extremely generous for them to do and has helped our school significantly. The Black Oak Mountain Vineyard is beginning to become a staple in our community, and it is unfair to punish them for being extremely generous to our community.

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From: Austin Cole <austinc1212@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:23 AM
To: BOS-District IV; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Black Oak Vineyards

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As a student of Golden Sierra High School, I consider myself lucky. We have a beautiful community and a small school that puts us in an interconnected pocket in the woods. Unfortunately, this small community brings with it some challenges, budget being a big one. We have so many people in the community around our school who wish to help, and it saves us thousands of dollars yearly. Black Oak Vineyards has played a huge role in this; providing us with spaces for school events and fundraisers. Upon hearing the news that we may no longer be able to use it, I could see worry spread upon teachers, staff, and community members. I really hope that this vineyard stays available for our use, not only for us students, but for the sake of the hard working people in this school who may not have the money or available resources to put on these events without them.

We hope that you take into consideration these points, and continue to let us use this beautiful venue.

Thank you!

Austin Cole

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From: Roger Saunders <rsaunders@bomusd.org>
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Please see the above email from Mason Brown, a student at Golden Sierra High School, in support of Black Oak Mountain Vinyard.

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Date: Tue, Dec 10, 2024 at 10:22 AM

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From: Ezekiel Groesbeck <ezekielg0617@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11:38 AM
To: BOSFOUR@edc.gov.us; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Support for Black Oak Mountain Vineyards!

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Dear BOMV,

I was saddened to hear that you may be closing, and I wanted to reach out to express my support. Your winery has become a beloved part of the community, offering not just great wines but a special place for us all to gather and enjoy.

I truly believe that the service you provide is a local treasure, and I, along with many others, would be devastated to see your doors close. Please know that we're here for you and will continue to support your business.

Thank you for all you do, and I hope to see you thriving for years to come.

Warm regards,

ME

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From: Mason Brown <masonb0921@stu.bomusd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 12:12 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fwd: New Winery Regulations on BLACK OAK WINERY - Brown, Mason

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From: **Mason Brown** <masonb0921@stu.bomusd.org>
Date: Tue, Dec 10, 2024, 12:08 p.m.
Subject: New Winery Regulations on BLACK OAK WINERY - Brown, Mason
To: <BOSFOUR@edcgov.us>, <EDC.COB@edcgov.org>

Dear, Board of Supervisors and To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as my way of showing my support for Black Oak Winery and the important part it plays in the community. This winery has been a great resource over the years, hosting significant events like our school prom and sober graduation celebrations for free. These activities give students positive experiences and help them create lasting memories.

In addition to organizing events, the winery has given many students employment opportunities, assisting in our skill development and boosting the local economy. Not only would the school suffer greatly if this establishment were to close because of new regulations, but the community that uses its services and hospitality would also suffer greatly.

Please take into consideration any rules that could endanger the winery's future. It has continuously shown its dedication to our school and the larger community, and we need to do everything in our power to keep it alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mason Brown

Golden Sierra

masonb0921@stu.bomusd.org

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