
Planning Commission 11/14/24 Agenda Item 6 (File # 1869)

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Madam clerk, please include my comments for your commission meeting 11/14/24, Agenda Item 6 (File # 1869) regarding amendments to the Ranch Marketing Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance section 130.44) and the Winery Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance section 130.40.400).

cc: Planning Commissioners

Attention: EDC Planning Commissioners
RE: 11/14/24 Agenda Item 6 (File # 1869)

November 13, 2024

Planning Commissioners,

For Agenda Item #6, hearing to consider amendments to Title 130 (Zoning Ordinance) that would amend the Ranch Marketing Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance) and the Winery Ordinance. As a quasi-judicial decision making body, please consider my comments in your deliberations.

- 1)** The seven items identified in the legislative details which are proposed for change all seem consistent with the items publicly reviewed, and vetted by the stakeholders who participated in this three year process.
- 2)** While I reluctantly agree with the changes proposed, they seem warranted. However, they are still rules for the many because of the actions of a few.
- 3)** Before you today are also the important red line changes. Those code changes need your critical review to ensure that the modified changes in fact address the stated recommended items for change and without some new or unintended consequences.
- 4)** Please ensure that the Resolution of Intention 166-2024 to Amend Title 130 of the County Zoning Ordinance remains open for other agricultural and agricultural related changes as directed by the board of Supervisors on Tuesday September 10 - Agenda Item 28 (File #24-1555).
- 5)** While the issues uncovered in this process are real and warrant these serious actions, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors must acknowledge that the data recorded and collected during this process—now part of the public record—do not demonstrate “a widespread, longstanding land use conflict between Ranch Marketing and Winery operations and neighboring properties”, as reported in the 2023 General Plan Implementation Annual Progress Report. This report was approved by the Board of Supervisors on the Consent Calendar on March 19, 2024, and submitted to the State Office of Planning and Research. Please incorporate these findings as part of your proceedings.

*Protect, promote, and enhance the economic opportunities and long-term viability
for El Dorado County farmers, ranchers, and foresters.*

The aforementioned remarks are not supported by the facts; they are damaging to the El Dorado County Agricultural Brand and may discourage investments in agriculture that are vital to El Dorado County's economy and the livelihood of many agricultural families.

6) Given the growing challenges facing farmers, ranchers and foresters, I hope this Commission, the Board, the County Administrators and Staff will soon move beyond this time consuming regulatory effort and on to the critically important business of saving our local agricultural economy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ranalli



President, El Dorado County Farm Bureau