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To: El Dorado County Planning Commission

**Subject: Permit Revision: S08-0012-R/Rancho Olivo Vineyards**

We live directly behind the Olivo Winery. I hope to address you on 1/22/15, but I wanted to share my key talking points with you before the Public Hearing:

- The Olivo Winery is a commercial enterprise in a private, residential gated community. They will tell you our fears and concerns are groundless, we have over-reacted to their winery expansion, and that we have misunderstood them. All their neighbors are in agreement-their expanded SUP will lead to increased traffic and noise in a residential community. We clearly understand their disregard for this community and their disdain for anyone who would stand in the way of their expanded commercial enterprise.
- Our D level roads cannot sustain the incremental traffic for their increased events. Our CSD Board has clearly stated their opposition to the request from Olivo.
- The Olivo's profess to love their neighbors; over 165 of us (over 30% of residents) signed a petition to not allow the proposed SUP to be approved. They also are proud of their annual community BBQ-they charge enough per person to cover costs and clearly use this as a wine marketing tool. They are experts on "community events" like an Easter Egg hunt to highlight their support of Cameron Estates. These are carefully orchestrated tactics to weaken our resolve to their expanded commercial wine venture.
- 3 events morphed into 20 in 2013: by their own admission, they let things get out of control. On this egregious violation of the 2009 SUP, you should summarily refuse this project application. In fact, we contend this should have been a revocation hearing for their 3 wine events.
- 2009 SUP clearly states no wine tasting: Nello admits holding private tastings for months.
- SUP says no public attendance at Events, but their Freedom BBQ in 2014 encouraged wine club members to bring friends
- We agree with AG Board's serious concerns about impact on our neighborhood
- SUP also says no Weddings-they freely offered their property to the general public as a wedding venue, via their web site. They now tell us to trust them-it is not their

intention to be a wedding destination. Past is prologue with them-we cannot trust them.

- This is not only a quality of life issue, but a clear safety issue. We have experienced dramatic increases in traffic in an area where we ride horses, bikes, and like to stroll with our families. Someone is destined to get hurt.
- The negatives far outweigh what limited positives the Olivo commercial winery brings to Cameron Estates. They refused a compromise in a summer 2014 meeting at their winery: 3 wine events a year for 5 years-then revisit an expansion of wine events after proving they have been compliant. Eventually, everyone within earshot of their winery must disclose their presence-and their events-when they attempt to sell their homes. The Olivo Winery will negatively impact the value of all homes adjacent or near their property.
- They came from Hollywood-they will reiterate their love and respect for the neighbors-they are acting a part-the little winemaker struggling against community misconceptions and irrational fears of their desire to expand. We understand them perfectly-that is why our community implores you to reject their request.
- We recommend the following next steps: 1. Refuse expansion sought in S-08-0012R; 2. Initiate revocation hearing to stop the current 3 wine events effective immediately.

We are looking forward to the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

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