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Rancho Olivo Vineyards LLC SUP S08-0012R

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Planning Committee,

I just had an opportunity to read Mrs. Olivo's January 14 letter to Aaron this morning as I have been traveling on business for the past few weeks.

Her reply to my letter is quite a document and from my perspective expresses a bit of desperation and many incorrect statements.

However the purpose of my response here is not to defend all of my "ridiculous" accusations as mischaracterized in Mrs. Olivo's attached letter.

I will not attempt to defend myself from follow up comments which were even more personally offensive. I only hope our neighbors take the time to investigate events prior to attacking each other.

I would like to explain my concerns about the events that have taken place at Rancho Olivo Vineyards in that past and what I believe the intent to expand on.

We have many friends in the wine business in El Dorado and Amador counties and understand that business. We understand "by appointment only" wine tastings as an event to highlight the vineyards product. We understand a "tasting" event is not a profitable event in and of its self even if the membership of Olivo's wine club (the Mob as it is referred to on their website) does outnumber the number of residents in our community. By the way both my wife and I are fans of their award winning products and do enjoy the view of your vineyard from our property.

Our collective concern is not their beautiful vineyard or intimate tasting events that Olivo continues to highlight as the only activity that would draw traffic into our gated community.

Rancho Olivo Vineyard LLC's definition of tasting events is much broader. These are large commercial events. On several occasions I have heard the words "mic check" from my pool in late afternoon on a weekend. A quick look reveals I am listening to a sound check of the PA system for a very large wedding party with live music and row after row of cars in the field next to the event building.

This is not a family event. This not an agriculture issue. It is a commercial enterprise.

These large parties on a regular basis is what brings heavy party traffic in along with catering trucks. I understand that some residents not on the traffic path or owning adjacent property to these events may have absolutely no concerns about things they do not see or hear in their own community. That is their own choice to disengage. However approximately 190 residents who did sign the petition to control this issue still feel this is a community.

Several years ago one of the "invitees" to a Olivo event took out a section of a home owner fence with his vehicle as he was attempting find his way to our gates. But again this is probably not of any concern to those

few that didn't own that fence.

Olivo is asking for 9 events per year, or every other weekend mid May – Mid August. If they think they'll never see 150 people at any event then why can't it be capped at 20 or 30 people?

It is my opinion that they will see those numbers. In the past their events bring in very large crowds even with an SUP in place. Written complaints to this issue have been forwarded to the county but no action was taken. Who monitors an event that far exceeds a permit?

My only request is the Olivo's, in the interest of full disclosure, explain to their beloved neighbors what their long game plans really are. As a follow up the Board should review all past complaints from Cameron Estates pertaining to Rancho Olivo Vineyards.

From my perspective as well as many others in our community we see this evolving into little Apple Hill inside our gates along with all the traffic, noise and everything that will have a direct negative impact on property values. I have lived in this home for 13 of the 30 years I have been in El Dorado county. If we every do decide to sell will I need to disclose a 20 acre party venue on the other side of my fence?

In closing I would like to state that I did not attend the meeting Olivo hosted back in early July and their reference to me as the loud and aggressive voice disrupting that meeting is incorrect in Olivo's open letter to the board.

Very sincerely,

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Fwd: SUP revision S 08-0012-R

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Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 9:07 AM

Hi Char,

Please see public comment.

Thanks, Debbie

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From: **Mark Pilkington** <mark@skywagons.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 8:53 AM

Subject: Re: SUP revision S 08-0012-R

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To whom it may concern,

I currently do not live in Cameron Estates, but did so for over 14 years prior to this. During this time, I attended many generous and well run private and fundraising parties that were enjoyed by the sensible people of the area and the friends of the Olivios. I have met on several occasions various county Supervisors there too.

Many of these parties were before the property was a winery and I'm surprised to notice that several of the regular attendees are now the persons who stand against the Olivios being able to have a permit. At this time they seemed very happy at being included and so I am surmising that perhaps the actions being taken are not in the interests of Cameron Estates, but of a more personal nature.

Ironically, the number of parties and gatherings have been restricted since the property has become a winery yet the complaints are more vocal now which is hard to understand. I know that the activities of 2013 were slightly excessive and the Olivios regret this. They have agreed to stop their weddings which is a great pity. They are going to live and adapt to the restrictions that are now imposed. They have honored their Conditional Use Permit in the City of Placerville at the Sequoia when they were running it as a restaurant and I am sure that they will do the same in Cameron Estates.

As a side note, I have never attended any event or party at the Olivios property that was not well organized and managed and I have NEVER seen anything that I would deem excessive. Reputable people who do not drive drunk and always no music after 9,30pm. Most people have left by 10pm and everything is always orderly.

I strongly do not think that the new level of activities as they are conditioned in the current revision that is now being considered would be at all offensive to the lovality and neighbors. Please grant the Olivios their permit for themselves, the business and the injection of capital that the activities bring to the area.

Kind regards,
Mark Pilkington.

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