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Olivo Winery/Cameron Estates

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Mr. Mount,

As a resident of Cameron Estates and a direct neighbor of the Olivo's I have been watching much of the recent debate unfold. Unfortunately it appears the people opposed to his use of the property have dug in simply to "win" and appear unwilling to participate in reasonable negotiation. In the three years I have lived next to Nello I am unable to recant a single complaint from myself, my wife and/or my three children (11,13,15). We ride bikes, walk, jog and enjoy the community on a daily basis without any unusual concern for our safety.

I purchased my home in January 2012 with full knowledge of the business my neighbor was operating. Not only was I aware of the winery, it was actually a large reason for my desire to acquire this home. Years ago we had direct experience with rapidly increasing property values in the Sonoma area and watched our family property LEAP in value with specific credit being applied to it's proximity of the vineyards. While that may or may not happen here in Cameron Estates it was most certainly a factor which led to our decision to purchase where we did.

Without question I feel the vineyard brings additional value to our parcel and Mr. Olivo has proven to be an exceptional neighbor. Since day one he has proactively communicated with my family and has made adjustments to accommodate and support this community while maintaining a pristine property. Unfortunately, that is not something I can say about a good number of my other neighbors. Some of the most vocal people on this issue have severely rotten or broken fences, piles of debris, overgrown weeds and scattered equipment readily seen from the street yet claim to be concerned about the impact Nello might have on the safety, security and VALUE of Cameron Estates. I find that extremely hypocritical and frankly a bit offensive.

As you can tell, I have no reason whatsoever to be concerned with Mr. Olivo's request but am in fact VERY concerned at the tone of the conversation. I am aware the Olivo's have put forth a gracious plan to address the very limited traffic and I have personally witnessed (and been consulted on) his over the top noise reduction initiatives. All at his significant personal expense of which neither have (or had) been a concern to me anyways. To be completely honest, any music, laughter or noise coming from the property is so minor that it never once caused me a moment of pause.

I do appreciate your taking the time to hear my side. I am very much in support of the Olivo family and consider them and their winery to be an integral part of my happiness here in Cameron Estates. I will only speak for myself but am keenly aware of a dozen more families with children who feel exactly the same way. I certainly hope they too take the time to provide you with their opinion. Please feel free to call with with any questions.

Thank you,

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Olivo Winery Events

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To whom in may concern,

I have attended numerous Winery Events hosted by the Olivo family on their twenty two acre estate in Cameron Estates. The functions are small in size compared to what one would expect for an event. The Olivo's keep the size down to a small number of attendees and keep the event simple and relaxing for all who attend. It reminds me more of a family gathering then an event. The people who attend these events are mostly middle aged and older and are very responsible with their actions and tastings during there visit at the Nello Olivo Ranch as you would expect for people in this age group. The events are in no way loud or obtrusive to the neighborhood. The estate is well situated in the center of the property surrounded by many acres of vines and trees that provide a vast amount of buffer from adjoining properties. The estate has an extremely large horse barn on the property which has been converted to a indoor seating area for people to gather during the events. It is well insulated with heavy thick walls one may see in a old Spanish fort or old Italian villa. It is both beautiful and functional and was specifically designs by Nello to acoustically abate ambient noise levels. The Olivo's are always looking for ways to improve on the events in a manner that would best fit the neighbors wishes when it comes to noise and traffic by limiting the number of attendees and the number of events to ending the events at an earlier hour. Nello also provides many non profit services in the community from hay rides for children to other holiday gathering for neighbors to enjoy. The property has ample parking so no visitors would have to park off the property. In short I would hope that the county will come to an agreement with the Olivo family in regards to an acceptable number of wine events they can host on the property. Rest assured that the Olivo family is a very respectful family that genuinely cares about the well being of their neighbors, the community and the county. They own a very small family winery business and would just like to operate it to a small degree as other small business are allowed to in the county. Having events that we can go to in El Dorado county is good for all of us it keeps the tax revenue here in our county where we need it. Without these kind of activities in our county why would people visit here?

Warmest Regards
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