

December 8, 2017

Case # U_2017-0009

To whom it may concern:

My name is Wayne Schafer. I'm the brother and brother-in-law of Roger and Kate Schafer.

I'm writing this letter in regard to a commercial project proposed to be built on a neighboring property. This project is to include an access road, numerous buildings, event structures, along with parking for approximately 36 vehicles. This is so out of place and so out of character for this area.

I've been to my brother's and sister-in-law's property numerous times to help on the farm and just to relax.

It is beautiful and serene. It is so quiet, that other than birds, you can hear workers on a neighboring vineyard talking among themselves. So peaceful. I would hate to see that solitude destroyed by a COMMERCIAL event business. I took a short video of snow falling and you can hear birds chirping, it's so quiet.

At night, the quiet and peacefulness is almost overwhelming. I can only imagine what a large event would do to this setting. Not only the noise that would be created, but the light that would intrude on the night sky.

Roger's and Kate's property is a fully organic olive farm where they grow olives for the oil.

They also have a small organic vineyard. There is an annual agricultural inspection to insure that there are no chemicals on the farm to contaminate the organic crops.

In the process of clearing brush and trees for this commercial event site area, roads, a parking lot for 36 vehicles, etc., it seems there would be sediment as well as possible oil and chemical contaminants leaching downhill onto the farm property.

It is beyond my personal comprehension why someone would want to build an event facility in this area. It would only be accessed by miles of narrow and dangerous road with numerous switchbacks. If one knew the road, one could imagine the possible results of an event where alcohol is served. A section of the road is also narrow and unpaved. Along with heavier traffic comes the inevitable. Trash!

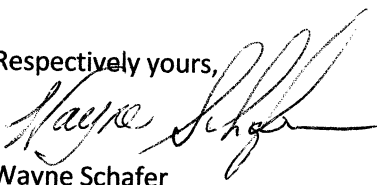
This is a pristine mountain area. And the quality of life for my family, the residents of Pine Mountain, and the wildlife would be adversely affected.

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Please take all I have said into consideration.

Respectively yours,



Wayne Schafer