



VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

May 25, 2022

Brendon Freeman  
Executive Officer  
Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County  
1754 Second Street, Suite C  
Napa, California 94559

Re: OPPOSITION – Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment  
1661 Green Island Road, American Canyon

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Napa Valley Vintners and Winegrowers of Napa County write to express joint opposition to the proposed sphere of influence amendment for the property located at 1661 Green Island Road in American Canyon and urge the Commission to deny this application.

After careful review of the application, it is apparent that the request centers on an opinion where the owners believe that the property is no longer viable for the production of wine grapes. However, we strongly disagree that the property is no longer viable for agricultural use. As you know, wine grape growing is not exclusive of all forms of agriculture and despite the belief that the property is unfit for best expectations of a particular crop return, that does not rule out other forms of agriculture which could be easily conducted on the property.

It is particularly noteworthy to point out that according to the 2019 Sonoma County Crop Report, the top 3 field crops in Sonoma County are hay, oats and rye, all crops which perform exceedingly well in high salinity soil.

It is inaccurate to claim that this property is no longer viable for agricultural use as demonstrated above. Moreover, it would present a very dangerous precedent in Napa County to approve sphere of influence amendments merely because an owner deems the property unfit for a specific crop return. Napa County's landmark zoning polices, including AP and AWOS are intended to protect all forms of agriculture.

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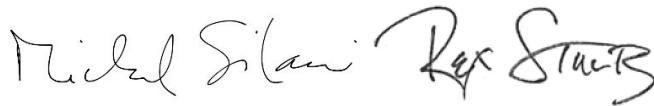
The Napa County Farm Bureau and Napa Valley Grapegrowers also attach their previous letters to the Commission regarding this matter.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter as set forth above.

Sincerely,



Peter Nissen, President  
Napa County Farm Bureau



Michael Silacci, President  
Napa Valley Grapegrowers

Rex Stults, VP of Industry Relations  
Napa Valley Vintners



Michelle Benvenuto, Executive Director  
Winegrowers of Napa County