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## EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors, County Staff and District Director

I am reaching out to you regarding the project coming before Sonoma County Design Review Committee November 2, 2022, for the Sonoma Raceway expansion.

The upgrades proposed are all very nice. If it comes to fruition it will be an impressive upgrade for the Sonoma Raceway.

Today I am asking for your help as a small business owner who has been renting shop space at the track since 2005. The proposal presents the information as though the current small business spaces are being replaced with like-for-like, but that is not the case. This is a complete change of use. The long existing motorsports serving industrial workshops are being replaced with personal car collection garages / condos.

As stated in the proposal there are currently 61 industrial workshops that are rented to small businesses in the affected area, buildings A, B and C. Small businesses that have survived the pandemic, and in general provide racing supportive services such as welding, fabrication, body work and race-prep shops. Many of the businesses have been located at Sonoma Raceway for decades.

In the construction of the new personal museum garage spaces proposed, **all of these existing small businesses will be evicted.** There are no provisions in the new design to relocate any of the small businesses to a new location on the property. This is up to 61 businesses that will close. Functional options do not exist to move.

All we are asking is your consideration of our plight. Given that the square footage of the museum garages has been greatly increased in the new plans being presented on November 2nd, can a provision be required to repurpose some of the existing upper buildings or build new buildings at the top of the property to accommodate the business that would prefer to stay at the track and be able to survive?

Thank you for your consideration,

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