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## **EXTERNAL**

Dear Mr. Helfrich and Ms. Gorin,

My name is Carlos Rivas. My wife (Yasmine Coupal) and I have a property in the Schellville Colony (2530 Acacia Avenue). My understanding is that there will be a public hearing to discuss whether or not to ban vacation rentals (i.e., AirBnB, Vrbo) in our neighborhood (Schellville Chicken Colony) tomorrow, March 16th. We are not planning on renting our property or part of our property in the near future but would like to keep this option open. We do not see any real issues with letting property owners rent their properties in this neighborhood for vacation purposes. In fact, our neighbors across the street AirBnb their property on a regular basis and we do not have a problem with this. This neighborhood is situated on a flat land with access to [highway 12 \(carneros highway\)](#) and ramal road. It is 10 minutes away from Downtown Sonoma and many well known wineries. This is a fabulous location for tourists visiting Sonoma to stay and have quick access to restaurants, local shops and wineries, all less than an hour away from San Francisco. We understand that there are other neighborhoods in Sonoma County that prohibit this type of rentals because of safety conditions or parking issues. As far as we are concerned, none of these are issues in the Schellville Chicken Colony.

We will not be able to attend the public hearing tomorrow but we would greatly appreciate it if our thoughts and views are taken into account.

We would be more than happy to further discuss if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Carlos Rivas and Yasmine Coupal

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