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**From:** Bettina Sichel <bettina@laurelglenvineyard.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 1:28 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn project

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Dear Cecily - I am writing to ask you to approve Chris and Karen's project, turning their beloved neighborhood restaurant into a bar and upscale handout spot for Glen Ellen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards - Bettina (small business owner in Glen Ellen)

*Bettina A. Sichel*

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**From:** Blake Hillegas  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** Planner  
**Cc:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** RE: Glen Ellen Inn project approval

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Thanks, Cecily was going to carry this one forward to the finish as it is through review routing.

**Blake Hillegas**

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**From:** Scott Hunsperger <Scott.Hunsperger@sonoma-county.org> **On Behalf Of** Planner  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:34 AM  
**To:** Blake Hillegas <Blake.Hillegas@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Glen Ellen Inn project approval

I'm not sure who this got reassigned to with Eduardo leaving. Please forward to the appropriate Planner.

Thanks.

Scott Hunsperger

Planner II

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**From:** Emily Faucette <[emilyfaucette985@gmail.com](mailto:emilyfaucette985@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2022 5:36 AM  
**To:** Planner <[planner@sonoma-county.org](mailto:planner@sonoma-county.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Glen Ellen Inn project approval

Forwarding this in Cecily Condon's absence.

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**From:** **Emily Faucette** <[emilyfaucette985@gmail.com](mailto:emilyfaucette985@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 4, 2022, 5:31 AM  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn project approval  
**To:** <[cecily.condon@sonoma-county.org](mailto:cecily.condon@sonoma-county.org)>  
**Cc:** Greg <[gregfaucette@yahoo.com](mailto:gregfaucette@yahoo.com)>

Dear Planner Condon,

I am writing in regards to the August 22 Sonoma County Supervisors, to express my support for adding three rooms for lodging and re-opening the bar. As a resident of Sonoma for the past 7 years, we considered the Glen Ellen Inn our go-to local spot for a drink to unwind. There are few places as special in either Sonoma or Glen Ellen, and their presence has been missed since Covid. Please consider supporting this project.

Best,  
Emily and Greg Faucette  
97 Hooker Avenue

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**From:** Eric Luse <eric@ericross.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn

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Hi Cecily,

I would like to share a note about the Glen Ellen's Inn planned project. I've known Karen and Chris Bertrand for 20 plus years. The manner in which they have run the Inn, especially pre-COVID, has consistently been a responsible and positive addition in Glen Ellen.

The downtown project will bring much needed low impact overnight dwellings for visitors and a much missed meeting place for locals without having to bring yet another car onto the roadways.

Looking forward to having their project move forward for Glen Ellen and Sonoma! Sincerely, Eric Luse

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Thanks, Eric

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**From:** moeg@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 4:04 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn

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To those who must decide,

I am not a resident of Glen Ellen, but I feel a part of the community as I have traveled north three or four times a year over the past twenty years to visit family and friends. On every trip a dinner at the Glen Ellen Inn was a high point. I got to know Chris and Karen and their daughter over the years and always looked forward to catching up with them. It has been brought to my attention that they are looking to reopen in a slightly different format which sounds very exciting. I wish to voice my support and hope that you too will support them as they have supported the community for more than twenty years. Glen Ellen has been through a lot these past few years I think this is a positive step that the community needs.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Moegling, D.D.S.  
Friend of Glen Ellen

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**From:** Bennett, Holly <Holly.Bennett@Sothebys.Realty>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn Project

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Cecily,

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know that I hope this project is approved.

I live just up the street and actually access my street off Carquinez which is directly across from the Glen Ellen Inn. Having them reopen with a bar would add to our local opportunities to gather with friends and family and bring some life back to the community. Allowing a few more rooms for tourist and guest can only be a bonus.

It's more the full-time housing issue that would create traffic and congestion problems at this intersection.

Chris and Karen have my 100% support!

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Jerold Tierney & Jeanne Barrett  
15236 Arnold Drive  
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

To:  
Cecily Condon  
Sonoma County Planning Dept.  
2550 Ventura Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Cecily,

My wife and I moved to Glen Ellen in 1977 (45 years) when it was transforming from small vacation cottages, with access to the springs, to an inexpensive community of mostly young couples and children.

I have been following this application in the Kenwood Press and occasionally talking with the Bertrands. In the recent Kenwood Press I read about the restrictions on new vacation rentals, which I think is appropriate considering lack of housing. We need more Inn rooms to accommodate visitors which are vital to our small community businesses. The Glen Ellen INN provides a small number of quality rooms that are more affordable than other accommodations in our town. The location is ideal for walking to our store, French bakery, saloon, gift shop, tasting rooms and restaurants.

We really hope this application will be viewed as a positive for Glen Ellen and approved by the Planning Commission and by the Board of Supervisors if it is required to go there.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of a set of initials.

Jerold Tierney &  
Jeanne Barrett  
707 337-2842

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**From:** Joan Little <sonomajoan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:29 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Fwd: Feedback for Glen Ellen Project

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>  
> Hello Cecily,  
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> We are contacting you today because we would like to let you know we are in full support for the expansion of the Glen Ellen Inn.  
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> When my husband and I first established our business, Little Vineyards Family Winery, in Glen Ellen in 2000, one of our favorite places to eat was the Glen Ellen Inn. We never understood why it was called the Glen Ellen Inn because it was the best martini and oyster bar in our local community.  
  
> They have been closed through Covid and have emerged with a new business model. Small business's like us have had to adjust through the tough times. We encourage the planning department to give Karen and Chris Bertrand a green light to proceed with their plans.  
  
> Thank you for your time and attention.  
  
> Sincerely, Joan and Rich Little

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**From:** Mike Witkowski <mwitkowski@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:41 AM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Cc:** Susan Gorin  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn project

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Cecily,

As a long time resident of Glen Ellen, We urge the County to approve the expansion of the Glen Ellen Inn. Their project is small and fits with the character of Glen Ellen. The owners have been good neighbors and have had to fight to survive through the 2017 fire and Covid Pandemic.

Thank you,  
Mike and Jane Witkowski  
5217 O Donnell Lane  
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

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**From:** Squire Fridell <squire@glenlyonwinery.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 3:52 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** From Squire Fridell-resident Glen Ellen

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Hello!

It has come to our attention that Chris and Karen Berthoud are scheduled for a possible reopening of the Glen Ellen Inn, in a different format. We wholeheartedly support their plans and would like to go on record with our YES! Vote! They operated their restaurant for 29 glorious years and were a community staple here in Glen Ellen. We all cried when they had to shut down after the devastating fires of October 2017.

Their plans for a couple more rooms and a pouring bar are perfect and we urge the Supervisors to give a “thumbs up” and full support to their project!  
We only wish they’d decided to bring back their beloved restaurant, but this is “second best”!

These are great Glen Ellenites and have supported our little community for a long time. It’s time to support them!

Sincerely:

Squire and Suzy Fridell  
Resident  
Glen Ellen

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**From:** Stephanie McDermott <stephmcdermott@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn ~ Berthoud application

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To Whom it May Concern~

We understand that Chris and Karen Berthoud are attempting to reopen the Glen Ellen Inn with some additional space.

When this was brought to our attention we were overjoyed. The Glen Ellen Inn is one of the reasons we moved to Sonoma County, from Los Angeles over twenty years ago.

We fell in love with the restaurant in 1995 and it has been our favorite restaurant in Sonoma County until it sadly closed because of the Tubbs Fires. We have celebrated many memorable and meaningful occasions at the Glen Ellen Inn and Chris and Karen have always felt like family. We celebrated my in-law's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, my Mom's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and countless other birthdays and special occasions at the Glen Ellen Inn. We have truly been heartbroken since it closed because no other restaurant and no other owners have quite captured our hearts like the Glen Ellen Inn.

Their restaurant has an extensive and ambitious menu...Chris is an exceptional and imaginative chef and we are so privileged to have him in our midst. Karen is utterly charming ~warm and attentive to everyone that walks through their door. The Glen Ellen Inn dining experience is dramatic, refined, and a glorious secret. It is amazing that hidden in the little town of Glen Ellen is this extraordinary restaurant with one of Sonoma Counties most accomplished chefs. The Glen Elle Inn's menu celebrates the local region ~ the food, the wine and the depth of what Sonoma County offers to the most sophisticated epicurean.

As a business owner I also know how their business boosts the local economy by providing jobs as well as their use of local farms, wineries and businesses for their food products and supplies.

Please support their application to re-open the restaurant...Glen Ellen, and Sonoma County, are far richer with Chris and Karen Berthoud ~ the praise, love and adoration of this restaurant cannot be overstated.

Thank you for your time.

All the best,

*Stephanie & Mike McDermott*

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**From:** Stephen Khamsi <skhamsi@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 2:34 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn

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Dear Ms. Condon,

Just a quick note of support for the Glen Ellen Inn. I've lived in the neighborhood even before they opened their restaurant and cottages and -- to me and to everyone I know here in town -- it's been all to the good. I'm a relative, yet all the neighbors will surely say the same.

Enjoy your day,  
Stephen

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**From:** Meadowcroft Wines <tom@meadowcroftwines.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glenn Ellen Inn

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I have been friends and a supporter of Karen and Chris Bertrand's Inn and restaurant for many years. They are great part of the community and I hope that their plans will be approved. We need to have places like the Glenn Ellen Inn where hospitality of local sonoma people can be enjoyed and appreciated.

Thank you, Tom

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**From:** Ty Caton <ty@tycaton.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Cecily Condon  
**Subject:** Glen Ellen Inn Project!

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Cecily,  
I've been told Chris and Karen's project to add more rooms and re-open their bar has gotten a meeting. This is great news. The area could use this and I support this request and give it a huge thumbs up! Thank you so much!

Ty Caton

**Ty R Caton**

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