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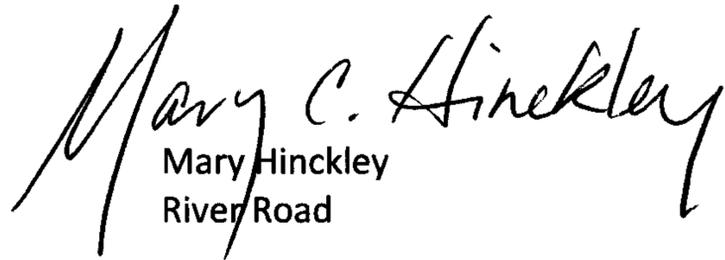
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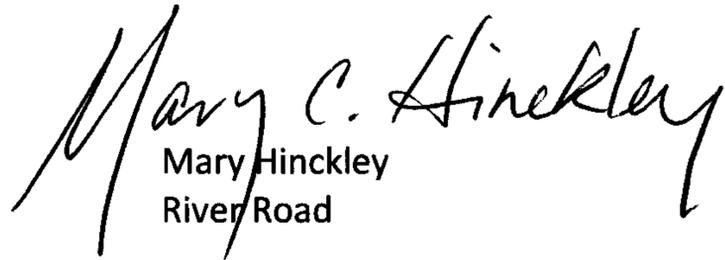
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March 7, 2022

To: Katrina Braehmer, Planner, Permit Sonoma

Re: Permit application PLP20-0007 3400 Slusser Rd, Windsor

The Sonoma County Chapter of Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) was made aware of the above-referenced permit application for a new winery with tasting room at the former Nunes Dairy site, zoned Land Intensive Agriculture (LIA) because of its prime soils for agricultural production.

We have several concerns about this application. First, as we have stated in previous comment letters, we feel that no permits for winery event centers should be approved while the new Winery Events ordinance is still pending. The need for a revised ordinance has been acknowledged by the county since before 2016 and we have submitted numerous letters with suggestions on what is needed to improve the ordinance, and to comply with General Plan goals and zoning restrictions. The public has been promised the completion of the revised ordinance many times, recently that it would be adopted by the end of last year. Continuing to grant permits for winery events is to both ignore and exacerbate the widely acknowledged impacts these events create, as well as continuing to erode protections for agricultural lands effectively reducing viable prime production acreage.

Secondly, we are particularly concerned that the proposed event center with 20 events (16 promotional, 4 industry) per year with a maximum of 200 attendees, would have an enormous negative impact on River Road, which has already become a very dangerous thoroughfare. There have been several very serious accidents, including fatalities, on this road in recent years. This is one of very few roads to access the coast and remote western Sonoma County communities so is a critical evacuation and emergency vehicle route during our now all too common disasters. In addition to the proliferation of wine tasting rooms and event centers bringing more tourists to this region, Santa Rosa Jr. College is moving their entire Ag/ Natural Resources Department, including all of those classes, to Shone Farm, so River Road will need to accommodate substantial traffic increase for these purposes.

This significantly increased traffic will also increase the Vehicle Miles Traveled in the county, which the County has pledged to decrease to meet its climate goals and to meet State mandates.

Intensive public use of this site would also radically change the rural character of this sparsely developed local community.

Thank you for considering our views.

Wendy Krupnick
Vice president, CAFF Sonoma County

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