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To: LandmarksCommission

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My wife and I along with our six person winery team located at Montgomery Road, Sebastopol just a few miles the town of Freestone; are in strong support of this project. We host 1,000's of visitors per year at the winery, and at tasting across the US and around the word – many visitors need places to stay, and we have a real shortage of interesting, high end hotels, and destination restaurants – especially in west Sonoma. These visitors also visit Freestone and would welcome the opportunity to eat, drink and experience the Freestone House. Additional, this will be a great venue to showcase our wine, and other local winemakers and food growers.

On a personnel note, we are excited to frequent the hotel and bring our many friends by. I am bike rider and instead of looking at a vacant, derelict building – we look forward to stopping into the Freestone House and visiting their gardens on a regular basis. Freestone is a tired place with little to do. This thoughtfully designed and executed project which is owned and managed by proven professionals will be great for locals, tourists, and all of Sonoma County's residents as it will generate additional tax revenue for the County, (which hopefully you will use to ix our roads, to provide a better experience for tourists and locals..)

I look forward to attending the hearings, and being as supportive as possible of this project.

Thank you in advance, for your support o the Freestone House,

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