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Public Comments

From: [Joseph Leach](#)
To: [Hawkes, Trevor](#)
Cc: [Maya DeRosa](#); [Aaron Hecock](#); [Eric Janzen](#); [Ethan Walsh](#)
Subject: FW: Napa County Board of Supervisors - Notice of Public Hearing
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:14:46 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-Seal White](#)
[Public Hearing Notice - Inn at the Abbey DA.pdf](#)

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Mr. Hawkes,

Upon review of the attached Public Hearing Notice for the Development Agreement terms for the referenced project, the City would like the County to consider the applicant be engaged in discussion surround the rehabilitation of the aging water main/service to this parcel, located outside the City limits.

Please let me know the recommended process to facilitate this discussion... i.e. directly with the applicant in advance of the public forum AND/OR within the public forum.

Cordially,

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From: MeetingClerk <MeetingClerk@countyofnapa.org>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:59 PM
Cc: Hawkes, Trevor <trevor.hawkes@countyofnapa.org>
Subject: [External] Napa County Board of Supervisors - Notice of Public Hearing

1. *INN AT THE ABBEY, USE PERMIT MAJOR MODIFICATION #P19-00038-MOD*
2. *AN ORDINANCE REZONING SITES IDENTIFIED FOR MULTIPLE-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE OF THE NAPA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE NAPA COUNTY CODE*

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May 8, 2024

David and Katherine Wignall
1154 Lodi Lane
Saint Helena, California 94574

RE: Proposed Inn at the Abbey Hotel Project c/o Trevor Hawkes, County of Napa

To whom it may concern,

We are writing, as longtime Valley residents and neighbors sharing a property line, to express our support for the proposed Inn at the Abbey Hotel project at Freemark Abbey. We believe the Jackson family has engaged with the surrounding community, solicited feedback, and addressed concerns fairly in their latest proposal. The Freemark Abbey property has historically been a hub of activity with restaurants, retail shops, a brewery, wine tasting rooms, an art gallery, and a motel. The proposed hotel project will beautify the property, restore vitality, and improve the neighborhood.

Additionally, the Jackson family's conscientious engagement with the community, coupled with their proven track record as friendly and responsible neighbors, makes me confident in their ability to enhance the area while preserving its essence. The aid provided by their fire team to many of us during the fires in 2020 and their post fire mitigation efforts are just a small sample of their commitment to making our neighborhood a better place.

Finally, our family acquired our Lodi Lane property in 1997 when it housed, what many locals knew as the Lodi Farm Center, previously the Lodi Schoolhouse, constructed in 1870 on land donated by Sam Brannon of Calistoga fame. Over the years we have transformed the property, which included the full restoration of the Lodi Schoolhouse, into what we believe, is our own Valley treasure. If the Jackson family Inn at the Abbey Hotel project were anything but thoughtfully and tastefully designed and presented, we would be the first to raise objection. We have none.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine and David Wignall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine and David Wignall

From: [Ann Colgin](#)
To: [Hawkes, Trevor](#)
Subject: The Inn at the Abbey
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:04:29 PM

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Dear Mr. Hawkes

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Inn at the Abbey Hotel project at Freemark Abbey. I believe the Jackson family has engaged with the surrounding community, solicited feedback, and addressed concerns fairly in their latest proposal. The Freemark Abbey property has historically been a hub of activity with restaurants, retail shops, a brewery, wine tasting rooms, an art gallery, and a motel. The proposed hotel project will beautify the property, restore vitality and improve the neighborhood.

Additionally, the Jackson family's conscientious engagement with the community, coupled with their proven track record as responsible neighbors, makes me confident in their ability to enhance the area while preserving its essence. Their fire team provided aid to many of us during the fires in 2020, and their fire mitigation work substantially benefits our neighborhood. The addition of a thoughtfully designed hotel will greatly improve the existing restaurant, winery and tasting room, and as neighbors, we are looking forward to the positive changes this project will bring.

Warm Regards,
Ann

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Winegrowers of Napa County

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Napa Valley Transportation Authority
City of Vallejo/Solano County
NVT/ATAC Public Works Planners
Active Transportation Advisory
Committees of Napa County (ATAC)
Napa County Regional Park &
Open Space District
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Napa County Law Enforcement
Napa County Sheriff's Department
City of Napa Police Department
California Highway Patrol
Napa Valley College
Caltrans District 4

ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPS

Visit Napa Valley
Napa Valley Chambers of Commerce
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ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUPS

Sierra Club Napa Group
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Friends of the Napa River

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY INTEREST GROUPS

Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Health, Wellness & Medical Coalition
Youth Development/Safety Education
Napa Valley State Parks Association
Runners of Napa Valley
Rotary Clubs of Napa Valley
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February 18, 2024

Napa County Board of Supervisors
Napa County Administration
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Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the Jackson family and share their engagement with the Napa Valley Vine Trail and the Napa County community.

The Jackson family takes the road to climate positive as one of their primary endeavors. They closely monitor their carbon footprint. As far back as 2014, they embraced the vision of building an alternative transportation corridor through the Napa Valley

The Jackson family generously donated an easement along their property. They collaborated closely with engineers to ensure the Napa Valley Vine Trail fit safely along their property. In addition, they supported an interpretive sign that educates trail users on the influence of women winemakers and amplified the mystery of ghost wineries.

Their team also actively participated in the development of the AG RESPECT landowners messaging. They collaborated with other landowners and the AG Commissioner to pilot a new program that will connect our community and inspire visitors to preserve our heritage and participate in building a sustainable farming community for generations.

The Napa Valley Vine Trail could not be completed without the generous support of Landowners. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the Jackson family and their unwavering commitment to the sustainability of Napa Valley.

Thank you for taking time to review our letter. If I can provide any further information, please contact my office at (707) 252-3547 x 200.

Sincerely,

Shawn Casey-White

Shawn Casey-White
Executive Director